



# Troop 251 Hooter Gazette

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## Troop 251 Goes Xtreme at Campaganza!

Campaganza was everything the planners said it would be, yet nothing like what we could have imagined! On September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, eleven scouts from Troop 251, along with 10,000 of their closest Scouting friends, descended upon Moraine State Park for a celebration of BSA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the likes of which has not been seen for, well, a hundred years.

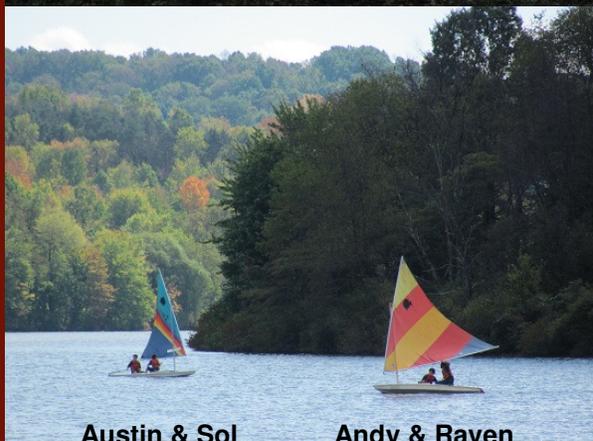


The adventure began on Wednesday night when the boys loaded their gear into the trailer for delivery to Moraine State Park. On Thursday, Mr. Fuller towed the trailer into Sub-Camp #4, where it sat until the scouts arrived by bus on Friday night to unpack and set up camp. **Jon L., Austin G., Trevor, Andy, Solomon, Kevin B., Raven, Adam, Justin, Jacob, and Kyle**, carrying minimal provisions, set up camp in Sub-Camp #4, Site 17, on the ridgeline above Lake Arthur. Sub-Camp #4 was populated by units from the Westmoreland-Fayette Council; our 100'x100' site was shared with Troop 230 from Harrison City. Tents of every size and shape covered practically every square foot of cleared ground as far as the eye could see.

Friday night was fairly relaxed. We climbed into the sleeping bags early because we knew it would be a dark-hours wake-up on Saturday. By



Sub-Camp #4, Site 17—Rear



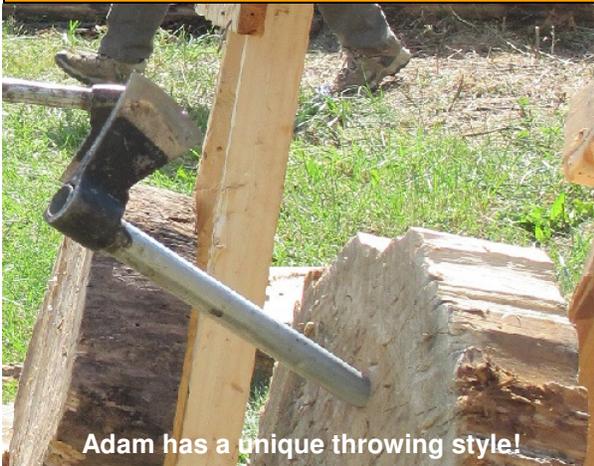
Austin & Sol

Andy & Raven



Solomon at McConnell's Mill

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Adam has a unique throwing style!



Scouts gathering at the arena



the time the sun rose at 0712, the troop was already enjoying a cereal breakfast and getting ready to move out. A little after 0815 we joined into the long parade of scouts marching toward the main activity area.

The troop split into two groups led by Mr. Chenot and Mr. R. Gray. The morning was spent at various activities, ranging from amateur radio to kayak lessons on Lake Arthur. **Sol**, **Adam**, and Mr. Fuller volunteered the first two hours of the day with the OA Service Corps, helping out at the Cub Scout BMX activity. Two of the groups got back together in late morning to try their hand at small boat sailing. They soon learned that sailing away from shore was a lot easier than sailing against the wind to get back!

Once back on shore, the group split again, with half of the boys catching a bus to the shooting range, and the other half travelling to McConnell's Mill for some serious rock climbing. Mr. Gray's patrol was already enroute to the gun range when Mr. Chenot's patrol caught their bus. At the range, the two patrols took aim with .22's, shotguns, and muzzle loaders. **Kevin** reportedly did well with the muzzle loader, putting a ball right through the bulls-eye.

Then it was back to camp for a quick dinner of penne pasta with meatballs, prepared by **Adam** and **Raven**. As we ate our dinner, we could hear the voice of country singer Sarah Marince, who was on-stage just beyond the trees at the northern edge of our Sub-Camp.

When we arrived at the arena — an open field with a stage and huge video screen at one end — a promo for Northern Tier High Adventure Base was playing on the screen. Soon, guitarist Tyler Bryant took the stage to kick off a great nighttime outdoor rock concert that featured Smash Mouth performing a number of their hits, including "Walking on the Sun" and "All Star."

The day concluded with a fireworks display that rivals any seen in this region in recent years. It started with a pyrotechnic representation of the BSA *fleur-de-lis*, and ended with a raucous grand finale that brought waves of cheers from the crowd.

## Upcoming Events

### Halloween Party

October 28

Join us for a ghoulishly good time, with plenty of treats ... and a few tricks! *Webelos welcome!*

### IRWIN LIGHT-UP NIGHT

November 18

Rumor has it we're building a penguin float this year! We'd better get started!

### Christmas Hike

December 27

That's the tentative date for our popular annual urban hike. Will it be downtown again, or some equally interesting location? Wherever we go, plan on going ice skating!



**Attention Webelos Leaders!** It's that time of the year again, when Webelos II's should be checking out the Boy Scout Troops in the area, and making their decision about bridging.

It's important to find a troop that matches the personality and needs of the individual. We, at Troop 251, would like to invite you to bring your den to one of our upcoming meetings, so that the boys can see for themselves what Troop 251 is all about. If you are interested in visiting, please see the "Contact Us" page of this web site for more information.

## Popcorn

Our popcorn sale is in full swing! There's still plenty of time to get out there and sell !!!

Remember, the more you sell, the more you earn toward summer camp or other scouting expenses.



**Service is its own reward.**

**Help where you can.**

## Chairman's Corner

Major kudos to the folks who planned and executed the Campaganza weekend! The program appeared to run flawlessly despite the large number of campers and visitors. The 10,000 figure is the one most often used, but larger numbers have also been heard. With over 130 activities, vendors, and displays, the weekend could have been a logistical nightmare. As it turned out, Campaganza was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for those in attendance. A hearty Troop 251 "Thank you!" to those who made it happen.

I would also like to thank our two Assistant Scoutmasters, Mr. Chenot and Mr. R. Gray, who, it must be pointed out, *did not lose one Scout* at Campaganza! Thanks also to Mrs. Sudsina, who made sure that everyone going had an official troop t-shirt. We saw a few other troops with green shirts, but the owl logo was unmistakably ours. And I want to thank our Scouts for showing the rest of the Northeast Region, Area IV, that 251 is a troop that knows how to have fun, and get it done!

- Chuck Fuller, Committee Chair, Troop 251 BSA

## Write for the Hooter!

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