



Troop 251 Hooter Gazette



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Please welcome into the troop: Evan, George, and Tim !!!

Cold Weather Camp

Given the way that the winter has gone so far, *who'd'a'thunk* that it would be in the 60's in February, and in the 40's on the 19th — the first day of our *cold weather* camp!?! Suddenly, the idea of camping in the backyard seemed a lot less appealing than it did when the yard was snow-covered.

But the Fullers' backyard is not your typical urban plot. Soon the boys were exploring the wooded hillside in search of a level spot large enough to accommodate six tents. They decided to make camp on the old logging road, not far below the ridge line. Just wide enough for a two-man tent, the road curves along the hillside for about 2 miles, branching off in several different directions.



scout **Tim** — and their leaders, Messrs. Peshock, Chenot, and McCormley, along with Mr. Powell, headed to White Oak Park for some orienteering practice.

Tents pitched, the boys — **Austin P., Zane, Trevor, Ben, Kevin, Brandon, Matt, Raven, Adam, Andy,** and new

Arriving back at camp, it was time for a hot lunch and an evening of games in the open field at the bottom of the hill.

As the sun disappeared behind the hill on which they were camped, the temperatures began to fall. The low of 19 °F wouldn't hit until long after the guys had settled in for the night.

Before heading up to the tents, **Austin and Ben** cooked a hearty



meal of hot dogs and spaghetti, washed down with plenty of hot chocolate.

The photo below, taken around midnight, shows the location of the camp. Only the light from the lantern can be seen through the trees.



Our cold weather camp was a success, and a lot of fun!

Observations on the Application of Kinetic Load to a Pressurized Annular Vessel on an Inclined Wavy Plane of Glaciated Hydrogen Oxide

Did I just read a two-line, pseudo-scientific headline in the *Hooter Gazette*?!? *What's that about!?!*

Let's break it down, shall we?

Observations — *It's a story about*
Application of Kinetic Load — *jumping on*
Pressurized Annular Vessel — *an inner tube*
at the top of
Inclined Wavy Plane — *a hill with bumps*
made of
Glaciated — *layers of frozen*
Hydrogen Oxide — *water*

In other words,

Snow Tubing!



On Friday night, Feb 4th, over 50 scouts, family, and friends showed up at Seven Springs for two hours of some of the best snow tubing this side of the Rockies. The temperatures over the preceding few weeks had hovered around freezing, creating what seemed like layers of smooth ice from the top of the hill to the bottom. Many tubers found themselves running the full length of the track and into the wall at the end, despite having dragged their toes for over half the ride.

One group of five, on the "fastest" of the upper slopes, reportedly found it necessary to jettison one of their own and to drag him like a boat anchor in order to stay in control. Sort of.

And the headline? That's the result of *your editor being stuck at home with strep while everyone else was out having fun snow tubing!*

Pie Toss

Top popcorn sellers took turns lobbing pies at laughing leaders at the 2/10 troop meeting. Mrs. Sudsy, Mr. Flaherty, Mr. Morgart, Mr. Fuller, and Mr. Peschock were the chosen targets. Visiting Webelos **George** threw the last pie ... at **Austin P.!**



Interestingly, skin seems to attract pies. No one with a full head of hair took hits like these! At least clean-up is easy for those of us so blessed.

Troop 251 Serves Up Scout Sunday Brunch for St. John's

It is widely reported that Scout Sunday was started by the BSA in the mid-1940's. Not so frequently told is that Scout Sunday was only one of seven days in "Scout Week", an early community outreach program that focused each day on one of the seven "methods" of Scouting in use at the time.

Scout Sunday survives to this day, and serves as a reminder that *a Scout is reverent*, and that he has a *Duty to God*. In addition, it serves to make Scouting visible to the community, or, in our case, to the good people of St. John's.

Our first Scout Sunday observance at St. John's in recent years was in 2009, a tribute to Mr. Woleslagle. He spent many years in Scouting and was truly our friend at the church. Officially, he was our Chartered Organization Executive, but those who knew him recognized much more than that in his

love of Scouting.

Our plans of annual attendance fell victim to the snows of 2010 when St. John's was forced to cancel services on Scout Sunday. This year, Troop 251 was represented by **Jon, Drew, Kevin B., Mitch, Andy, Zane, Austin P.,** and **Adam**, who commanded the color guard and led the congregation in the Pledge of Allegiance. One lone Cub Scout, **Allen**, from Pack 257, participated in the posting of the colors. Allen is the grandson of our current C.O. Executive, Mr. Harrison.

Following the service, Rev. Claudia Papenmeier extended our invitation for everyone to join us in the dining room for brunch. The menu, prepared by troop committee members, consisted of a sausage, potato, and cheese scramble, and baked French toast.

2011 Camp Fees

\$290 per scout

- \$50 deposit due 3/5.
- Balance due to troop 5/5.
- Multiple scouts from the same family: \$40 discount for the second scout.
- The first two leaders are free; additional leaders pay half the camper fee

For more details, see the full schedule published in the February issue of *Smoke Signals*, Council's monthly newsletter.

Photo by Mrs. Bratkowski.



"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Scout Sunday at St. John's.

Mark Your Calendars

March 6
Court of Honor

March 12
7 Springs Ski Trip

April 2 & 9
Scouting for Food

April 29 & 30
Fish 'n Fun

May 13 & 14
Spring Camporee

June 26 — July 2
Summer Camp

Wanted

Photos, newsletters, documents, and stories concerning the history of Troop 251, or of other troops that have met at St. John's through the years. Please contact hooter@t251.org.

March 12th
Seven Springs Ski Trip



Chairman's Corner

First things, first: a hearty and well-deserved *Thank You!* to the scouts, leaders, former leaders, and parents who came out to St. John's for Scout Sunday. The congregation there truly appreciates any little thing that we do for them, and I heard nothing but praise for your efforts that day!

And thanks to Mrs. Sudsy for organizing the snow tubing trip. She's done that so many times, now, she makes it look easy. In keeping with recent trends, this year's attendance was the largest in recent history. It's great to see all of the guys enjoying troop activities.

Last but not least, hats off to the leaders and scouts who braved the cold to staple their tents to a hillside for a night of camping, and make it look like fun! Hopefully we'll do more of that in the future.

- Chuck Fuller, Committee Chair, Troop 251 BSA

Write for the Hooter!

Your editor cannot be everywhere that the troop goes. Please send reports of events and activities to hooter@t251.org. Not only will it help to keep everyone informed, it's also a good opportunity to develop your writing skills! Articles from Scouts, Scouters, and parents are all welcome!

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