



# Hooter Gazette

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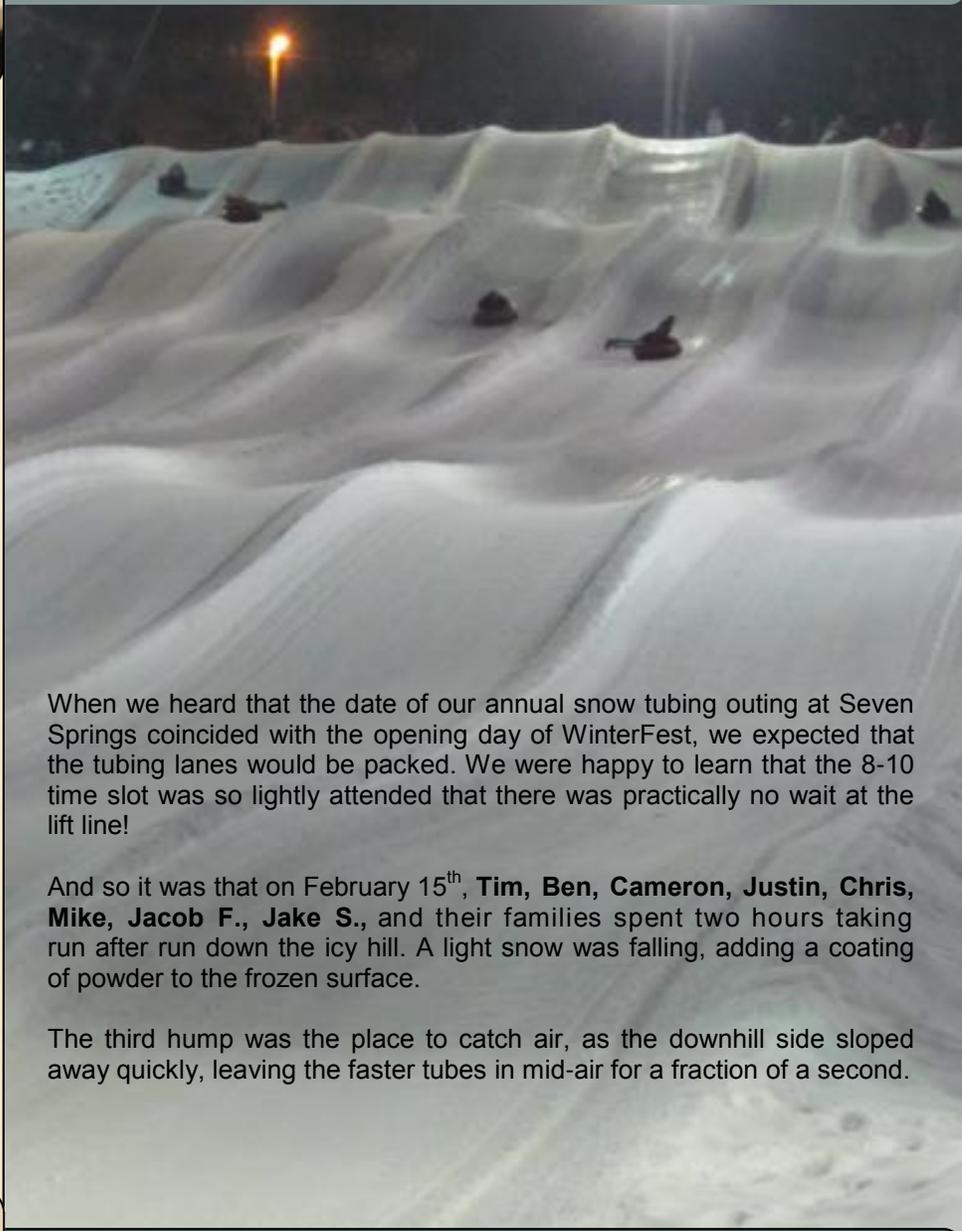
## On the Horizon



Mar 23	Wall Climbing
Apr 5-7	Spring Camporee
Apr 12-14	OA Weekend
Apr 13	Fugitive Tire Round-Up
Apr 20	Scouting for Food
Apr 27	Scouting for Food
May 19	Troop Shoot
Jul 7-13	Summer Camp
Summer 2014	Northern Tier

For detailed info on upcoming events, consult the troop calendar at [t251.org](http://t251.org).

## The Quest for Big Air



When we heard that the date of our annual snow tubing outing at Seven Springs coincided with the opening day of WinterFest, we expected that the tubing lanes would be packed. We were happy to learn that the 8-10 time slot was so lightly attended that there was practically no wait at the lift line!

And so it was that on February 15<sup>th</sup>, **Tim, Ben, Cameron, Justin, Chris, Mike, Jacob F., Jake S.**, and their families spent two hours taking run after run down the icy hill. A light snow was falling, adding a coating of powder to the frozen surface.

The third hump was the place to catch air, as the downhill side sloped away quickly, leaving the faster tubes in mid-air for a fraction of a second.

Welcome to Troop 251 — Joe, Ben, and Kevin !

## Scout Sunday at St. John's

Scout Sunday at St. John's holds special meaning for those of us who've been with the troop for awhile. On one level, it's a great opportunity to meet the members of the congregation, and to thank them for welcoming us into their church week after week. It's a chance to learn more about the United Church of Christ, and to remind ourselves that a scout is, indeed, reverent.

Beyond the present-day celebration, however, there is a memory that drives some of us to make sure that Scout Sunday at St. John's remains a part of our annual calendar. One of the best friends that Troop 251 ever had, Mr. Joseph Woleslagle, Sr., went to meet the Great Scoutmaster of all Scouts in January, 2009. Mr. Woleslagle was the Executive Officer of our Chartered Organization. He "gave" us the third floor at St. John's, and welcomed our use of the storage space in the basement. Many do not realize that Mr. Woleslagle was, at one time, a Scoutmaster, as was his son. His grandson earned his Eagle in Troop 251.

We learned after Mr. Woleslagle's passing that he had always wanted the troop to attend Scout Sunday services at St. John's. One month later, the troop, along with a number of leaders and Eagle Scouts, stood at attention for the first time at the rear of the chapel in honor of the man that *everyone* called "Mr. Woleslagle". We continue to honor him with our presence on Scout Sunday.

These days, we're much more involved, helping with the service as well as preparing and serving brunch to the congregation. This year, Troop 251 was represented by 13 Scouts, with 14 Leaders and family. Mr. Woleslagle would be pleased.



### Scoutmaster's Minute ...

### Setting Goals

This week at work we've been setting our goals for the upcoming year, and it makes me think of the goals that our scouts should be setting for themselves as well.

As you set goals for yourself this year, think about striving for more. Whether your goal is obtaining more merit badges, achieving your next rank advancement, getting better grades, or managing your time better. You need to set your goals or you can never achieve them.

You will set many goals on your way to becoming an Eagle Scout, but remember each goal you complete gets you one step closer to your ultimate goal. You must follow the steps to achieving your goals: (1) Set the goal, (2) create a plan to reach the goal, and (3) work the plan to accomplish your goals. When you follow these steps there is no goal you cannot accomplish.

I would also ask that you join me in welcoming the scouts that have recently joined our troop from their Cub Scout Packs: Kevin from Pack 250, Ben from Pack 293, and Joe from Pack 85 – **Welcome to Troop 251!**

- Mr. Michael Peschock, Scoutmaster

## Eagle Impact

Thanks to past 251 Scoutmaster, Mr. Snyder, our online Eagle Roster now has info on all but a handful of service projects dating back to 1989.

Be sure to check out the updated Eagle Roster page on the troop website — and the new map showing their locations. You may be surprised at the impact that 251 Eagles have had on this area!

## How Old is Troop 251?

According to records at Westmoreland Fayette Council, Troop 251 just completed its 480<sup>th</sup> month of operation. That's 40 years, placing our founding date in January, 1973.

Rumors persist, though, of an earlier existence dating to the 1960's, in Penn's Woods. If you have any information about the early days of Troop 251, please share it!

## Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

## Scout Law

A Scout is:  
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,  
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,  
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,  
Brave, Clean, Reverent

## Chairman's Corner

February is usually a slow month for the troop, and this month was no exception. We only managed to squeeze in a couple of activities — one pure fun, the other a little more serious in nature. It's worth noting that the latter saw the better attendance of the two. Of that, we can be proud. My thanks to everyone who came out to help with Scout Sunday.

Thanks also to those who joined us on the slopes at Seven Springs. We couldn't have asked for a better night on the tubes!



The results of the recent outdoor activity survey were quite surprising. Some of the things that we do frequently came out at the bottom of the list, while some simple things that we rarely do were ranked very highly by those who responded. This poses a number of questions for the PLC to sort through, and hopefully provides some input for their monthly activity plans.

- 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](mailto: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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