

Troop 236 Newsletter

Schooley's Mtn. NJ

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Merryheart

January 20-21, 2007

Merryheart was another excellent trip this year. We had an amazing turnout. Tons of scouts went and we had some Webelos come. They were there to see if they wanted to be in our troop... and those kids actually ended up coming to our troop. CONGRATS to the scouts who helped persuade the Webelos to come to our troop.

The Draghi's did it again. They made an excellent feast, if I do say so myself... AND Chris and Craig Draghi won the "Golden Heart" Award which is an award given to someone or some scouts who demonstrates the scout oath and law in his everyday life. Congratulations!

Everyone had tons of fun. The older scouts ran the scout skills stations that we always do and the Webelos and younger scouts seemed to enjoy them a lot. Plus, they also seemed to learn a lot from those scout skill stations.

All in all... Merryheart '07 was better than ever.

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Klondike

January 26-28, 2007

Klondike: the most competitive campout amongst all of the other troops in Boy Scout history...

Although this year's Klondike was not held at Jack Frost Mtn. it was still an admirable trip. Troop 236 had two patrols. One was called Team J-Mag, after our scoutmaster: Mr. Maguire. The second patrol was the traditional, Screaming Eagles.

In the morning, we were doing a little rugged, but we were successful in setting out on time. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough snow to slide our sleds on, but I give Mr. Maguire a round of applause for putting wheels on our sleds. I did notice, as I would think everyone else did, some troops who did not have wheels and had to drag their sleds through grass and rocks and just horrible terrain. THANK YOU MR. MAGUIRE!!!

In the end, the Screaming Eagles finished, but Team J-Mag only had 1 left to do, but was unable to complete it.

Once the winners were announced, we found out that the Screaming Eagles won 2nd place (congratulations), and later (at a P.L.C. meeting) we found out that Team J-Mag had come in 20th place (not bad, considering there were about 60 other teams there).

If you were unable to attend last year's Klondike... make it an extreme effort to make it to this year's Klondike. It will be a trip you'll never forget.

Winnebago

March 10-11, 2007

Winnebago is always a fun trip. It's a trip you go on as a Cub Scout. It is also a trip you go on as a Boy Scout. Luckily, we had plenty of snow on this trip. Although it wasn't the point of the trip, the younger scouts had tons of fun playing on the ice and snow.

Mr. Maguire once again was able to take us across the icy lake... literally! We walked across part of the lake and walked onto Snake Island (for those of you who don't know what or where Snake Island is... it's a very small island covered in snakes *in the summer* located in the far corner of the lake). The scouts had a blast, even the older ones. We saw many animal tracks such as the fox. The Winnebago hiking trip is such a learning experience... it also helps you get to know the winter life.

The food was excellent, the cabin was excellent... **the whole trip was excellent!** If you didn't go this year, go next year please... it is a wonderful trip to experience.

Steamtown

March 30-31, 2007

I was not personally there... but I got a insight on the trip from Tom Maguire (thank you). When they got there, they built a large campfire before going to bed.

In the morning, the younger scouts made an amazing breakfast! Disappointingly though, it took them about 3 hrs to clean up. After breakfast was finished and properly cleaned up, they headed out to Steamtown. When they got there, they learned tons of things about trains: how they work, info, the history... etc... Some of the scouts got to watch a movie about the history of trains and it's origin. It was very interesting!

After viewing the museum, they left for home (and on the way home... they got some ice cream... ☺).

To make a long story short: Steamtown is an excellent trip in which the scouts should attend... especially if you're into trains and things like that.

GO NEXT YEAR!!!