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Schedule

August 24th – first PLC meeting for new scout year
August ??? – Bills preseason game - TBD

September - Theme: Teamwork / Canoeing
Program: Duct Tape Penguins Games: Hawks
Setup: Sharks Cleanup: Dragons
Sept. 7th – 1st day of school & 1st troop meeting – Talk about stretchers, and do a stretcher relay race
Sept. 12th - PLC Meeting
Sept. 14th - Menus due for campout – Family Feud Night
Sept. 21st - OA Elections – Board Game Night
Sept. 22nd & 23rd - Campout (Mendon Ponds – Canoeing)
Sept. 28th - Court of Awards, menus due for Oct campout

October - Theme: Knots
Program: Hawks Games: Sharks
Setup: Dragons Cleanup: Duct Tape Penguins
Sept 29th to Oct 1st – OA Fall Fellowship
Oct. 5th – popcorn sales begins
Oct. 6th & 9th – no school
Oct. 10th - PLC
Oct. 12th
Oct. 13th, 14th, 15th – Fall camporee
Oct. 26th

Help Wanted: Eagle Court of Honor

The troop is still looking for someone to step up and become an Eagle Committee Representative. If interested please call Danielle or any Committee member. Think of your future Eagle scout!



Canal/Pizza Hike By - Zach Hale

The day before we left on the April trip to Philadelphia, 12 scouts and 9 adults took part in the annual Pizza Hike. We started out around 7:15 AM at Henpeck Park on our long walk. We walked and walked and walked. We stopped several times to rest and have a drink. We finally made it to Brockport and made our way down to the Pizza Hut for some warm and tasty pizza.



Philadelphia – 2006

By – Nick Budinski

It all started early on Wednesday morning, April 19th, 2006 at Bethany Presbyterian Church. We finished packing and were on our way to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for our annual April trip.

After the first half-hour, anxiety had been flowing through the troop, but we still had a long 8-hour ride ahead of us. Even though, it was a long ride, the scouts found ways to pass the time. Making it a fun ride.

Finally, the 8 hours were up and the eager scouts had their tents up before you could say Philadelphia. The gear was unpacked and soon dinner was being cooked. After clean up, the scouts went off to play games. But then the long day was up and the scouts went to bed without any problems.

Early the next day, when the scouts woke up, some of them decided to go exploring. They found some unexpected guests – Buffalo.

The troop departed for the train that would take us into the city. We walked from the train station to Franklin Institute. There we visited many exhibits, including walking through the giant heart!

After we ate lunch, we set out on our hike to the Liberty Bell. From there, we headed to Benjamin Franklin's house. All that was left was the remains of the dug out. Right next to the house, was a museum about Franklin. One of the exhibits allowed us to dial a phone number and listen to a recording of famous people from the 1700s.

Then we took the subway to the stadium to watch the Philadelphia Phillies take on the Washington Nationals. We had time for dinner before the game started. It was a good game, unfortunately, the Phillies lost to the Nationals by the score of 10 – 4. Once again, we headed to the train station to catch a train to take us back to the campgrounds. We got back to our campgrounds around midnight, and the scouts were fast asleep in their tents, within what seemed to be about five seconds. But, what the scouts didn't know was that tomorrow would be even a longer day.

Around mid morning, the troop was off to visit the Valley

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Forge National Military Park. We watched a movie about the army's experience they had in the harsh, deadly winter at Valley Forge. After that, we headed out on our nine-mile hike. Even though, one patrol got off to a bumpy start, everyone had a great time. The last two patrols finished around 5:30 PM and the troop headed back to camp for dinner and to start to pack up.

When we woke up and found out it was raining, everyone seemed to be moving as fast as lighting to get everything packed up. We loaded the cars and set out on our eight-hour ride back to Rochester. I was amazed at how fast the week had gone. I think I can speak for everybody, when I say, "This trip was one of the best experiences of my life!"

The troop would like to give a "Thank You" shout out to Mr. B. for organizing an amazing trip!



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This year we have 22 Scouts and 9 Adults spending a week at our Council's summer camp, located in the Adirondacks, between Tupper and Cranberry Lakes. We will be taking off on Sunday July 16th and returning on Saturday July 22nd. This year we have rented a bus from Golden Memories with Troop 275 from Chili to transport the troop to and from camp. The exact time for pick up and drop off will be communicated once the itinerary has been completed.

Please continue to complete and turn in your medical and medication forms as they are completed prior to departure. On the date of departure we will need your current contact and emergency contact information for the time that we are at camp.

Just a reminder for those who are working on merit badges with pre-requisites. The pre-requisites need to be completed prior to camp with proper documentation or displays that must be shown to your merit badge counselor in order to complete the merit badge at camp.

If they are not completed prior to camp you run the risk of being bumped from the class.

Contact Dan Newhart with any questions.

Camping Corner

We have had a successful year with all of our outings. For the second continuous year the number of campers has increase.

We have purchased 4 new tents, a chef kit (utensils), and other components this past year in order to keep up with demand. We are looking at making further investments into replacing some of the older less reliable tents for next year. In addition to building new patrol boxes that will accommodate the items that a patrol routinely uses, such as a cook kit and chef kit.

The success of our Troop Fundraisers has allowed us the opportunity to meet our camping needs. Thank you all for your continued support.



Puffin's Dutch Oven Recipe

Morning Buns

Serves 8

2 cupcake tins & 2 reflector ovens (or dutch ovens)

Ingredients:

2 cans of 10 refrigerated biscuits

1/2 cup of chopped nuts (Optional)

1/3 cup granulated or brown sugar

1/4 cup margarine

1 tsp. cinnamon

Prepare and heat oven for moderate heat, about 15-20 coals (350-375 degrees)

In small cook pot, melt margarine over warm coals of cook stove. Open biscuit cans and separate biscuits. Combine cinnamon and sugar in small bowl. Dip each biscuit in melted margarine and then into the cinnamon sugar. Place biscuit in each cupcake and sprinkle with nuts.

Place pans in ovens and bake about 10-15 minutes, until buns are golden brown. That's it!