



# TROOP 240 NEWS

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## Schedule

**October** - Theme: Knots

Program: Hawks

Games: Sharks

Setup: Dragons

Cleanup: Duct Tape Penguins

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> to Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - OA Fall Fellowship

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> - menus, duty rosters, knot board, knot relay

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - no school

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - lashings, chariot races

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> - Fall camporee

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> - PLC

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - lashings, mouse trap

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> - popcorn forms due, menus, duty roster

**November** - Theme: Cooking

Program: Sharks

Games: Dragons

Setup: Duct Tape Penguins

Cleanup: Hawks

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> - menus due, stove use and safety

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> - Merit Badge University

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - Pancake Breakfast

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - Patrol cook off, check patrol boxes

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> - campout (horseback riding)

Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> - PLC

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> - Webelos open house, popcorn pickup

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thanksgiving - no meeting

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - popcorn money due, planning meeting

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## Fundraiser - Popcorn

Sell, sell, sell that popcorn!!! Don't forget to wear your uniform and be polite. Order forms are due by Thursday, October 26th, the popcorn will be ready for pickup on Thursday, November 16th, and the money will be due by Thursday, November 30th. If you have any problems or questions please call Tina Pellegrin @ 278 - 7378.

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## Pancake Breakfast

Troop 240's annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be Sunday, November 5, from 9am to 12:30 here in the large hall at Bethany. Scouts that sell tickets in advance will be eligible for prizes. Each Scout will receive a packet with all of the details. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Fitzgerald at 227-6936.

## Scoutmaster Change

I agreed last spring to serve as the Boy Scout Program Chairman for the Lighthouse district. I have stepped down as Scoutmaster, so that I can focus on these new responsibilities, and also have time to return to working with the National Youth Leadership Training program.

Dan Newhart has agreed to be the new Scoutmaster. Dan and I have been working on this transition for several months, and I know Dan will do a great job. He also has a great team of youth and adult leaders to make this year's program a success. I will continue to be involved with the troop, as the advisor for the life scouts working on the Eagle Scout rank, and as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

I would like to thank the scouts for everything I have learned from them, as Scoutmaster the past three years. It has been exciting to watch the boys grow. I would also like to thank the parents for your continuing support to provide a successful program for the boys.

Best wishes, Mr. J

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## Kevin Schmidt's Eagle Project



My Eagle Project involves work to enhance the existing wildlife observation platform located in Burger Park in the northwest section of the Town of Greece. Burger Park is part of the Braddocks Bay Wildlife Conservation Area. It's located off of Hogan Point Road near Braddocks Bay. People can get there by taking North Greece Road past the Ontario State Parkway to Hogan Point Road (one of the last roads before reaching Lake Ontario).

The 68 acres of land located in Burger Park were purchased by New York State in 2001 as an extension of the Braddocks Bay Wildlife Conservation Area. The Town of Greece installed a wildlife observation platform about 5 years ago to allow people to do bird watching



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and wildlife observations inside the park. The Town of Greece has been interested in having the weeds removed from underneath the elevated platform and to have a weed barrier and landscaping stones placed under the platform for weed control. In addition, the town wanted to have a set of benches installed on the platform to allow people to have an area to sit while using the observation area. The wildlife platform is used by local schools for field trips and also by people in the community who enjoy watching wildlife in the wetlands of Braddocks Bay.

My project was completed last weekend when we installed the benches on the platform. The project was done over the course of 5 work days and involved a total of 22 different people in the work. 10 scouts from Troop 240 participated in the 130 hour long project. They helped in the weeding, laying of the weed barrier, and the moving of 10 tons of landscaping stone under the platform for weed control. The bench construction work was done by my parents, Mr. Chebby and myself.

## National Youth Leadership Training



By: Nick Budinski

NYLT(National Youth Leadership Training) was held for three weeks this summer at Camp Cutler in Naples New York. Three members of Troop 240 attended the third week or Course 3 of this year's NYLT. They were Nick Budinski, Ben Fitzgerald and Nick Newhart. Also there, during Course 3 from Troop 240 as leaders were Joe Chebby, Sean Pritzkau, Chris Gettings, Dan Gettings, Mr. Gettings, and Mr. Juba. Joe was an instructor; Sean was a troop guide and Dan, Chris, Mr. Gettings and Mr. Juba were part of the adult staff. Over the course of the week the campers learned how to lead a patrol in different ways. We were taught these skills in various ways. Some of these ways included, games, classes

and hands on stations. Our days included, a morning flag ceremony, classes, PLC, activities and preparing our patrol meals. A few of the nights included campfires in which both the staff and campers participated in skits. One of the last nights included an outpost campout, in which we had to pack up our necessities, and hike to a different campsite and spend the night. We set up our tents and cooked our dinner, which we got before we left. There were no counselors to depend on; it was just the patrol you belonged to. Overall, the week went fast, the weather was good (NO RAIN!), and we made new friends. It was sad to leave after the closing ceremony on Saturday morning. I would recommend this to everyone who meets the requirements for next summer.

## August Bike Trip



By: Mr. Cox

In August members of Troop 240 went on a three-day bike ride. The trip began and ended at Henpeck Park in Greece. The official mileage of the trip was 61 miles. The bicyclists were Steven Cox, Ben Fitzgerald, Dan Maggio, Eric Santini, Chris Gettings, Dan Gettings, Mr. Juba, Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Cox. The support team consisted of Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Juba, Mrs. Santini and Mr. Maggio. We rode 18 miles on the Canal Trail and Genesee Valley Greenway Trail the first day and camped at Scottsville on Mr. Chamot's property. Friday night we had pizza for dinner then walked up to Main Street and had ice-cream. Saturday morning we set out in a very light mist. We rode south on the GVG T for 1.5 miles then headed east on the Lehigh Valley trail. We rode a total of 19.5 miles and ended up at Mendon Ponds park where we camped for the night. We had a campfire with songs and s'mores. Rain dampened the fire and we all turned in early. Sunday morning we arose



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had breakfast and started making ready for our final leg of the journey. Just as we were getting ready to leave Dan Gettings was exercising his bicycle when he bent the rear wheel. Looking at the wheel, the adults were pretty sure Dan was riding home in a support vehicle. Dan and Chris on the other hand, were very determined that Dan and his bike were going to finish the ride. Tools came out. The wheel was removed. Dan and Chris stood on the wheel and somehow managed to get it somewhat straight. I have to say that straight here means not as bent as it was. They put the wheel back on, removed the rear brake pads so that it would rotate unhindered, put the tools away and said "We're ready to roll." I think the whole field repair took less than an hour. Dan rode the entire way back with the bent wheel and no rear brakes. I heard later that an older woman, in a car, pulled up next to Dan on the way out of the park to tell him his rear wheel looked real "wobbly". The final leg of the trip was 23.5 miles. Last year on our bike ride to Mendon Ponds Park we decided to create an award for outstanding performance in the face of adversity. We named the award the Iron Man Award. Last year's winner, the first recipient of the award, was Dan Maggio. This year's recipient of the Iron Man award is Ben Fitzgerald. Thanks everyone for making this trip a success.



## ***Dutch Oven Recipe***

### **Red Velvet Cake or "Waldorf Astoria Red Cake"**

Made by Mr. Cox for the adult patrol at our Berger Park campout from Cooking the Dutch Oven Way by Woody Woodruff  
1/2 cup shortening

1 1/2 cups sugar  
2 ounces red food coloring  
2 eggs  
1 tablespoon cocoa  
2 1/2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup buttermilk  
1 teaspoon vinegar  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
Cream the shortening and sugar.  
Add all the other ingredients and beat until smooth  
Pour into pan.  
If poured into two layer pans, cook 35 minutes at 350 deg F.  
Cooking time will be longer if poured into one pan.  
Frost with store bought frosting (Buttercream recommended) OR  
Making your own frosting:  
1 cup milk  
1/2 cup flour  
1 cup sugar  
1 cup shortening  
salt  
vinegar  
Cook the milk with the flour, stirring constantly. When thick, set aside until very cool.  
Cream the sugar and shortening. Add to the white sauce and beat until fluffy. Add vanilla and salt to taste.  
VARIATION: Add coconut to give it a different flavor.

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