



Troop 7 Scouting Newsletter

SNOWHILL CAMPOUT On February 15th, nine scouts and five adults set out to Snowhill in Dover, Mass. for a weekend of frozen fun. Sunday morning we set off to brave deep snow and subzero temperatures. Upon hiking in to our cabin, we checked a thermometer that was on the wall. It was just as cold outside as it was inside. We immediately started a fire in the wood-burning stove to warm up the cabin. Someone happened to spill water on the floor when carrying in our supplies, and we instantly had an indoor skating rink. It wasn't until six hours later and a fair amount of adding wood into the stove that we finally got the temperature of the cabin to above freezing. By dinnertime the temperature in the cabin was a comfortable 55 degrees.

During the day we hiked to a watchtower on the ridge. We had such a great view of Boston and the surrounding area that we decided on a return trip after dinner to see the stars in the night sky and the lights of Boston. The scouts worked hard on their lashings that day and made drying racks which came in handy to dry all of their very wet clothing when they came in from sledding. Before bed we stoked up the stove with wood, hoping to keep the cabin warm. Even with a couple of wood refills in the night, it was still mighty cold come morning with a temperature of -3 degrees outside and around 30 degrees inside.

Everyone had a great time despite the cold. All the scouts made some progress on their advancement. Never once did we think of our fellow scouts that weekend who were down in Florida, basking in the hot sun. Who wants to sweat and get sunburned when you can have frostbite right here in New England!!?

APRIL 12 SERVICE PROJECT Please bring rakes, work gloves, tarps or old sheets and join us at 10:00 at Bethany Church.

PATRIOTIC MARCH Veterans, Scouts and flags to show support for our country and troops. See Mike Johns for details and rides.

ARBOR DAY On Saturday, April 19th Foxboro Scouting will be celebrating Arbor Day. Starting at 9:00 a.m. on the corner of Chestnut and Mechanic Streets we will be planting trees with money from the Pancake Breakfast Community Service Fund. Bring shovels and rakes, and hope it doesn't rain like two years ago (or snow??).

EASTERN MOUNTAIN SPORTS SPRING DISCOUNT DAY 20% discount for Scouts and Leaders -- bring your Scout ID Card!!

EAGLE SEMINAR Open to all parents, leaders, Life Scouts. A publication is available. Please see Steve Flattery.

ADULT OUTDOOR TRAINING See Alan Read if you're interested!

FOUNDER'S DAY Troop 7 marches in the parade in Class A uniform. We need somebody to design a float for the parade and some volunteers to work on the Miniature Golf holes sometime prior to Founders' Day.

SUMMER CAMP Information is now available for Summer Camp at Camp Yawgoog - July 6th through the 13th. The first payment was due 3/14 for \$50.00 to Joyce Lewis along with the registration form. The next payment of \$100.00 is due May 2. There will be an informational meeting on June 6th at 7:00 at Bethany with the last payment due. Adult volunteers are welcome!

Dick Byron is compiling a list of e-mail addresses and telephone numbers. Please give this information to Dick as soon as possible at DICKBYRON@Comcast.net.

PARENTS' MEETINGS Adults are invited and encouraged to participate in your Scouting program and to attend the monthly Parents' Meeting. Please note that the next Parents' Meeting will be May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Please let Lynn Burns know if you would like to put any Scouting news or scheduling information in the Troop 7 newsletter.