



Boy Scout Troop 104 Newsletter- Dec 05-Jan 06

PINNACLE HIKE

About 14 scouts participated in the annual hike to the Pinnacle in October. The weather was good and the view was spectacular. We hiked to "Sharp Mountain" by bushwacking through the woods and camped directly behind the rock face that can be seen from Route 78. Although it was windy, the morning view of the valley was great.

WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE

Take a look at the schedule for the winter. We plan to get a few campouts in before the busy spring season. Winter camping takes some extra preparation to be sure that enough warm clothing and layers of clothing are along. Also, a good sleeping back is essential. Where possible, we'll have indoor sleeping arrangements but spending a winter night in a tent builds character. Be Prepared.

HAMBURG PARADE FLOAT

The parade float was a big success and we all had a good time building it and riding or walking it through the parade. The patrols did a great job in preparing their portions of the float and we appreciate the individuals and organizations that donated time or supplies.

DECEMBER IS "CITIZENSHIP" MONTH

The topics for the month will generally be related to citizenship (flag etiquette, Valley Forge camp, etc.)

Scoutmaster's Corner:

All scouts should bring their Scout Handbooks to every meeting and to every camp or event. There are plenty of opportunities to complete rank advancements at these events and it's best to do them and sign them off immediately.

- Mr. Finke

Calendar:

December 7, 7:00 PM Troop Meeting
Where: Mt. Zion Church
Agenda: Flag Ceremony training. Flag retirement ceremony. Letter writing to troops.
Uniform: Class A's

Dec 10-11 Valley Forge Campout
When: Leave Mt. Zion Church at 8 AM on Saturday morning, returning Sunday AM by 9 AM.
Where: Tent camping at Valley Forge Park.
Cost: to be determined but probably <\$15 each (food).
Uniform: Bring Class A's for visiting the museums, etc. Also bring plenty of warm clothing and a good sleeping bag for winter camping. Fire wood is needed.

December 12, 7:00 PM Troop Committee Mtg.
Where: Mt. Zion
Agenda: All Leaders and interested adults welcome

December 14, 7:00 PM Troop Meeting
Where: Mt. Zion Church
Agenda: Merit Badge and advancement night. All scouts should bring Scout Handbooks and be prepared to work on some advancement.
Uniform: Class A's

December 21, 7:00 PM Troop Meeting
Where: Mt. Zion Church
Agenda: Christmas Party. Short movie, some games including "Power Plant" patrol game.
Uniform: Class A's

December 25, 2005 Merry Christmas

~~December 28 Troop Meeting Cancelled~~

January 4, 7:00 PM Troop Meeting
Where: Mt. Zion Church
Agenda: Klondike Stations practice including First Aid, knot-tying, etc.
Uniform: Class A's.

January 11, 7:00 PM Troop Meeting
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Uniform: Class A's.

January 18, 7:00 PM Troop Meeting
Where: Mt. Zion Church
Agenda: Railroading Presentation. Merit Badge and Advancement night.
Uniform: Class A's.

Jan 21 -22 Klondike Trail Camp
Where: Hawk Mountain Scout Reservation
When: Leave Mt. Zion Church at 8 AM on Saturday morning, returning Sunday AM by 9 AM.
Agenda: Scout Skills stations with scoring and competition with other troops and patrols in the Council.
Cost: to be determined but probably <\$15 each (food).
Uniform: Bring Class B's.

Sunday, February 5 Scout Sunday
Where: All scouts to attend church at Mt. Zion to say thanks to our Charter Organization and participate in the service.
Uniform: Class A's