

# Troop 61 Newsletter

## March 2010

### Half a paragraph about TMR

By Paul

In March our camping trip is to TMR scout camp! We will be sleeping in lean-tos on the trip. During our trip it says the only facility attributes we get is vehicle access. The camp site we will be staying in is trout pond. As you have probably guessed there is a pond next to us. For any fish lovers the pond is great for fishing. The site is equipped with 6 lean-tos, a reflector stove and the famous TMR red dot trail.

### SoMe WoRdS fRoM tHe CoMmItTeE cHaIr

By the Committee Chair (that's Mrs. Anouna)

Central New Jersey Rifle Club will be having their annual youth day on Saturday, May 14. This is a non -Scout event for youth ages 10 and up interested in learning gun safely. Many stations are available for practice. The event is free with prior registration, but there are only 60 spaces available for either the AM or PM session. A parent or guardian must attend with every youth.

After our 50th anniversary in 2010, with many guests & assorted dignitaries, this year's picnic is all our own. Scouts should let their patrol leaders know what activities they most want to do: sports, games, contests, etc. Or, go to the next PLC to make your voice heard!

We haven't chosen a location yet - so please let your youth leaders know what matters most to you.

Also, an excerpt from “**Winter Camping Pad**” by T.C. WORLEY:

Winter camping rules! I am talking camping on the snow, in cold temps, in places like Minnesota, Wisconsin, or Montana even. But winter camping also demands a skill set not needed other times of the year, and you'd better have the right gear for the conditions or you may find yourself heartily disagreeing with me.

This winter I've counted on a camp pad made for the job. Pacific Outdoors' Peak OYL Mtn 4-season pad has kept me off the snow and warm.

<http://gearjunkie.com/winter-camping-pad>

# Senior Patrol Leader's Thoughts

By Efren

Since March's theme is all about bicycles (in preparation for the bike hike in April), and since most people not only own a bike, but know how to maintain it properly (hopefully, if not, then why not attend next month's meetings?), I decided that I would use this next page to talk about things in my mind that I have yet to talk about with people.

## 1. Advancement

People in the Tree House Patrol (and some within the newly-named Panda Patrol (you know who you are)), you need to step up your game. Yes, while we do not spend time on advancement requirements during meetings (except the knot tying, which we ALL should be good at by now), that does not mean you should neglect it. While some of the requirements are a little hard to accomplish or abstract (please don't go swimming outside), that does not mean you should abandon it completely. Ask people within your patrol (or the other patrol) if they want to work on it, or ask your Patrol Leader if you could spend some time working on some requirements. Bringing books have been lax so far, but people under 1<sup>st</sup> Class should still be bringing them (and even if you are above 1<sup>st</sup> Class, bringing your book isn't a bad idea). I would like to see more people at least turn 2<sup>nd</sup> Class by the end of the year, which is ample time to complete all those pesky requirements.

## 2. On my honor...

I will do my best,  
to memorize the Scout Oath,  
Scout Law, and Outdoor Code.  
To obey these sayings at all times,  
and to be able to say them whenever,  
wherever, and to whomever asks for it.

Seriously, ALL Scouts should be able to say these without hesitation. It's a requirement for you to earn Scout, which everyone is (or was). If you don't know it, memorize it, or else there will be hell to pay...

## 3. Campouts

Though I feel like a hypocrite due to missing the first 3 campouts of the year, I would still like more people to come during campouts. And yes, while it may be tiresome and boring to those "veterans" of camping, it is your job to find a way to make the campout fun. I am not a never-ending fountain of ideas, so find out for yourself what you would like to do. Once you know what you want to do, talk to your Patrol Leader and he will discuss with either me or Mr. G about approving your idea. Doing things as a patrol is even better, since it strengthens your bond as a patrol. So go ahead: talk, think, and voice your opinion. Don't be stupid, but have fun.

And those are (some) of my thoughts within the vast chaotic minefield that is Efren's brain. Woo.

## Scout Master's Minute-and-a-half

By Mr. Galbraith

On February 15 and 16 Nativity hosted a training class from the American Heart Association. So your Scoutmaster is now trained in lifesaver first aid with CPR and AED. For those of you that do not know AED stands for automatic external defibrillator. The AED delivers a charge to a person who's heart is no longer in regular rythym. The AED performs an analysis of the patient and tells the rescuer to either apply the shock or begin manual CPR. The church is exploring the purchase of an AED.

As your Scoutmaster I am one of several adult leaders charged with the well being of the members of the Troop. To this end I am also trained in Youth Protection, Hazardous Weather, Safe Swim and Safety Afloat. First Aid is an important part of Scouting. Over the years I've attended to several Scouts from our Troop and others that sustained injuries. I also had to attend to a civilian injured in a motor vehicle accident we came upon on one of our trips. We will be exploring the topic of first aid during the month of April. By the end of April I expect that all Scouts will have covered the topic and met all requirements set forth in the Scout Handbook.

In closing I would like to quote an odd observation I recently came across where you can pretty much rule out first aid. The author wrote: "you don't need a parachute to go skydiving....you need a parachute to go skydiving twice."

### Check out the Troop Website!!!

<http://www.pack61eastbrunswick.org/Troop61/troop61.html>

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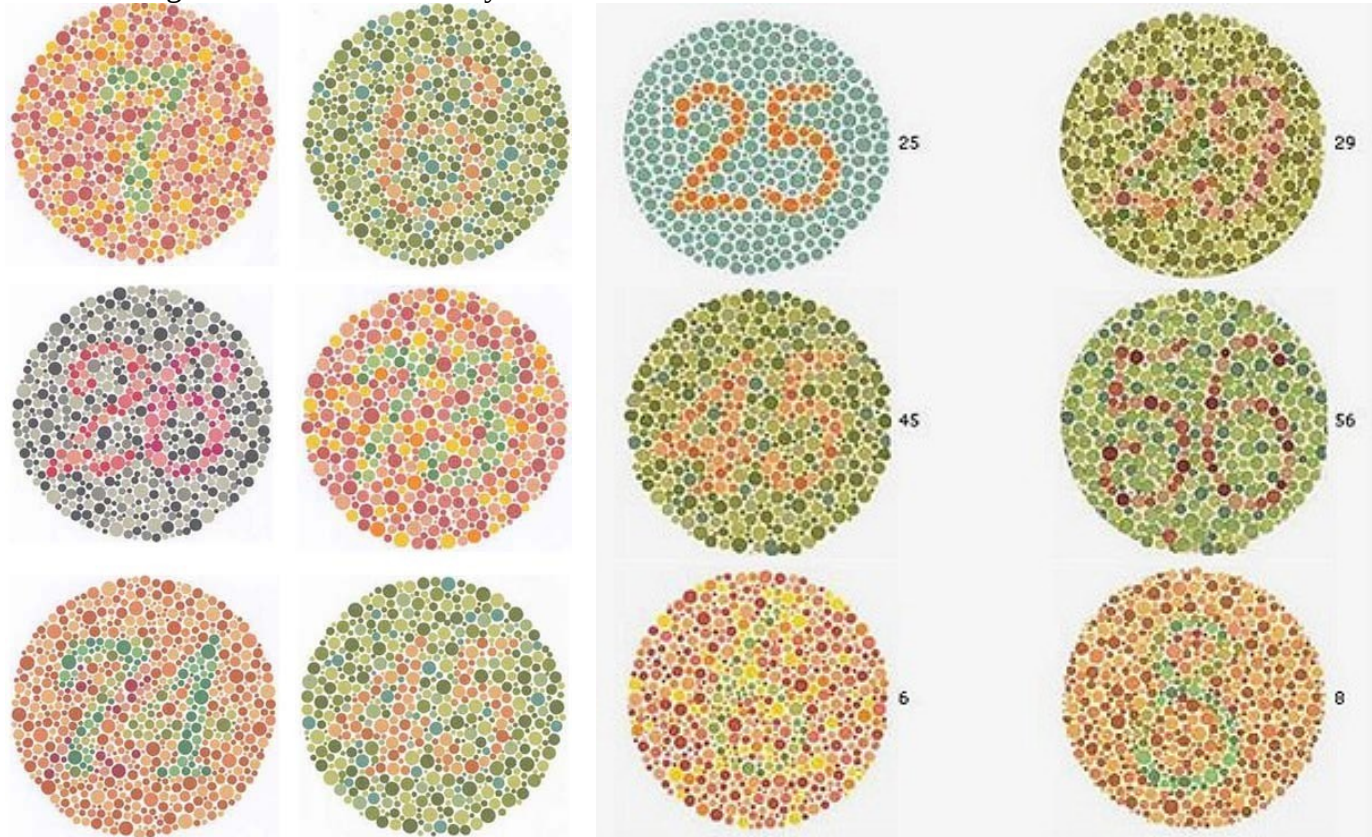
If you would like to fill this space with and article, picture, or a random string of letters that you believe is a sentence, please contact James, or send an e-mail to [janouna@comcast.net](mailto:janouna@comcast.net).

Thank you, have a nice day!

## And Now for Something Completely Different

By Efen

Here's something that really is completely different. The first are some Ishihara color tests. Try and figure out which numbers you can see:



The next is a really simple puzzle. All you have to do is say the COLOR of the text, and not the text itself. For example, if this is the word: **BLUE**, you would say RED, not blue.

Here are thirty of them. Try to say them all in under a minute.

**RED BLUE BLACK GREEN YELLOW ORANGE RED**  
**PURPLE**

**GREEN BLACK YELLOW ORANGE BLUE PURPLE**

**BLACK RED GREEN BLUE RED BLUE BLACK**

**ORANGE YELLOW GREEN BLACK RED PURPLE**

**ORANGE RED GREEN**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bike Month		1.	2. Read Across America Day/Dr. Suess Birthday	3.	4. New Moon	5.
6. PLC @ Nativity	7.	8. Marti Gras	9. Ash Wednesday	10. Waxing Crescent	11. TMR Lean-To Camping	12. TMR Lean-To Camping
13. TMR Lean-To Camping; Daylight Savings Time Begins; First Quarter	14. Spring Court of Honor	15.	16. Waxing Gibbous	17. St. Patrick's Day	18.	19. Full Moon
20. First Day of Spring; Purim	21.	22. Waning Gibbous	23.	24.	25.	26. Efren's Eagle Project Day 1; Last Quarter
27.	28. Begin Scouting for Food	29. Waning Crescent	30.	31.		

## April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
First Aid Month					1. Alpine Scout Reservation Bike Trip; April Fool's Day	2. Alpine Scout Reservation Bike Trip
3. Alpine Scout Reservation Bike Trip; PLC; New Moon	4.	5.	6.	7.	8. Waxing Crescent	9. Efren's Eagle Project Day 2
10.	11. First Quarter	12.	13.	14. Waxing Gibbous	15.	16.
17. Palm Sunday; Full Moon	18. No School (yay!)	19. No School (yay!); Passover	20. No School (yay!)	21. No School (yay!)	22. No School (yay!); Good Friday; Earth Day; Waning Gibbous	23.
24. Easter Sunday	25. Last Quarter	26.	27. Administrative Professionals Day	28. Waning Crescent	29.	30. Community Clean-Up