

Troop 61 Newsletter



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Intrepid Sea Air & Space Museum

Featuring

Aircraft Carrier USS Intrepid

Submarine USS Growler

British Airways Concorde Jet

On March 6, Troop 61 went to Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum. Along with the troop came the Webelos from Pack 61. First, the scouts went on a tour of the USS Growler, a submarine. The Growler served from 1958 to 1964, a short time for a ship. The Growler was the fourth United States submarine that carried Regulus II Nuclear Guided Missiles. These missiles were capable of destroying an area the size of New York City. The only problem was that the missiles could only be fired above water. In 1964, the submarine was decommissioned in favor of submarines that could fire nuclear missiles underwater.



Next, the troop went to see the Concorde Jet. The Concorde Jet was a joint project between France and Britain to create the first successful supersonic passenger airline, that is, one that can travel faster than the speed of sound. The Concorde Jet can carry about 100 passengers across from New York to Paris in 3 and a half hours. The Concorde is no longer used because of the supersonic boom created when the plane breaks the sound barrier.

Finally, the scouts went to the USS Intrepid. The Intrepid currently has 4 levels

open for viewing, the Flight Deck, the Gallery, the Hanger Deck, and the Third Deck. The Scouts started on the Hanger Deck, where all of the planes would be kept when they were not being used. On the Hanger Deck, they had a few of the planes that might be kept on an aircraft carrier, some games related to an aircraft carrier and to flying, including a artificial G-Force machine. There was also a small movie theater set up and there were movies about some of the things that the Intrepid did while in service. The troop had lunch on the Third Deck, where the crew had meals and many slept. The Scouts then went up to the Flight Deck, where the planes would launch and land. There were many planes on display on the Flight Deck, including an



A-12 Blackbird. Also on the flight deck was the Portside Elevator was in use. The elevator moved planes from the Flight Deck to the Hanger Deck.

Some Facts about the Intrepid:

Length: 872 Feet

Width (At widest part): 147 ½ feet

Speed: 33 Knots (38 mph)

Manifest: 3,448 Crew

Guns: 12 five-inch guns, 68 40mm.guns

Aircraft: 80+

Class: Essex



You Want to Write?

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Safety First

*“As soon as you see a mistake and don’t fix it,
it becomes your mistake”*

By Efren

Safety, for some, is something we take for granted at times. When we act first before thinking about what our actions may do to us or those around us, is not considering the ‘safer’ alternative. Of course, for almost every action that we do, there is a ‘safe’ way to do it. So then, why do people get into accidents? One could just say “carelessness”, but that’s just an excuse. Some reasons why people do unsafe things:

- Taking chances: Whatever you do, don’t fool around when you are doing something dangerous – stay focused.
- Being unprepared: Just because you’re old enough doesn’t mean you should not wear a seatbelt or a helmet. Likewise, not using your fireplace or stove doesn’t mean you shouldn’t have a fire extinguisher.
- Fatigue: Staying up all night then operating heavy machinery is a big no-no. Make sure you’re sober and alert every time you work.
- Overconfidence: Who cares if you can swim a mile, run three miles, or have a driver’s license? Being overconfident will make you take more chances (wow, it all ties in together) and risk your life.
- Haste: Stop and think about what you are doing and what you need before doing it. If you are chopping things with a knife, do it at a pace you are comfortable with, rather than cutting your fingers.
- Lure of the forbidden: It says “Do not swim”, “For adults only”, or “Do not use without permission” for a reason. If it is forbidden for you, then do yourself a favor and just walk away.
- Not knowing the rules: It sounds like an excuse (and often times it is), but if you genuinely do not know the rules, then don’t be afraid to ask. Knowing the rules could be a difference between being hurt and staying safe.
- Ignoring the rules: Not knowing is one thing, but ignoring them totally is another. Blatantly disregarding the rules is probably the worst out of the entire list, since you already know the safety rules and yet jeopardize your safety anyway.

Preachy, yes, but people still get into unsafe situations anyway. This month is Safety, so we will review the safe ways of first aid, fire building, and others. Hopefully, everyone will learn safer ways to do things.



Have you seen me?

Jokes

Here are some bad jokes for your amusement:

What goes, "Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, THUNK"?
A man laughing his head off.

What do penguins eat?
Ice-burgers.

What do you call a penguin in the city?
Lost.

A fish swims into concrete and says dam.

A guy walks into a bar and says ouch.

What is NBC?
A dumb way to start the alphabet.

Why did the banana go out with the prune?
Because he couldn't get a date.

What happens when you unbutton your belly button?
Your butt will fall off.



Calendar

03/17/10 Wednesday Round Table Trinity Church 7:30
03/22/10 Monday Spring COH
03/29/10 Monday No Meeting. Spring Break.
04/04/10 Sunday PLC Nativity Church 7:30
04/16/10 Friday WEBELOS Cross Over
04/19/10 Monday Key Meeting with new Scouts
04/21/10 Wednesday Round Table Trinity Church 7:30
04/23/10 Friday Great Adventure Camporee
04/24/10 Saturday Great Adventure Camporee
04/25/10 Sunday Great Adventure Camporee
05/02/10 Sunday PLC Nativity Church 7:30
05/15/10 Saturday Community Clean Up
05/19/10 Wednesday Round Table Trinity Church 7:30
05/21/10 Friday Dingman's Ferry Rafting Trip TBA
05/22/10 Saturday Dingman's Ferry Rafting Trip TBA
05/23/10 Sunday Dingman's Ferry Rafting Trip TBA
05/31/10 Monday Memorial Day No Meeting

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