

Troop 61 Newsletter

May 2010

Dingman's Campground **With Rafting and/or Canoeing on the Delaware River**

Dingman's Campground is a camping area with 133 campsites for campers and tent camping located in Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania. The campground has many different areas, including forest, meadow, and the west bank of the Delaware River. Within a few miles of the campground, there is waterfall scenery, historical sites, and hiking trails. Also, there is canoeing, kayaking, and rafting available through the campground.



Many of the scouts went to Dingman's Campground last year. While there, the scouts went on a short hike around camp and then went swimming in the Delaware. Later the scouts went to see the waterfalls, which were very impressive, but there was a lot of walking! A maze of stairs went by the bottom of the waterfall then turned and went to the top where there was a view of the waterfall where the water was cascading down below.

In the past years, the troop has gone rafting on the Delaware, but this is the first year in many that the scouts will combine the rafting trip with a campout, and also the first time that there will be canoeing offered as well as rafting. It sounds like a lot of fun.

The Troop Librarian

By Josh

The troop librarian keeps track of all the merit badge books. If someone needs help with a merit badge, they can borrow one of the books, or if someone buys a merit badge book and finishes it, they can donate the book to the troop and the librarian will make sure it gets to the troop library.

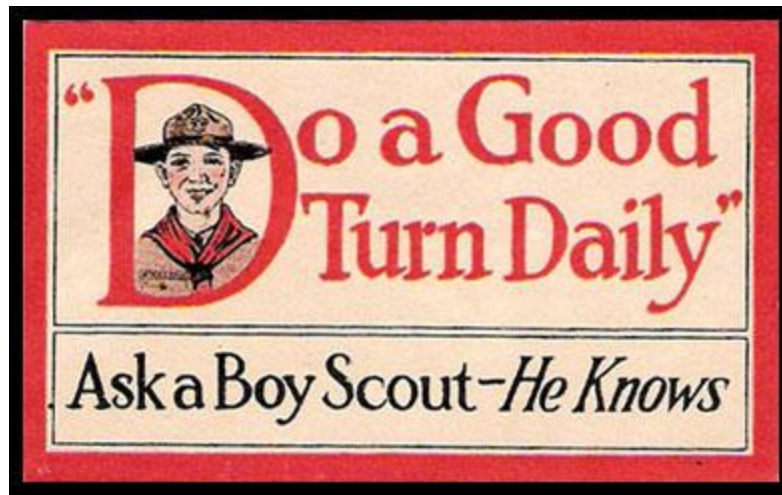
How Many Eagle Scouts?

By Mr. Weibel

The May 2009 Boys' Life has a story announcing the 2 millionth Eagle Scout in 100 years of Scouting. The 1 millionth Eagle Scout was awarded in 1982. There have been 100 million Boy Scouts in these 100 years. So that's about 2 percent of all Boy Scouts make Eagle! Troop 61 has been blessed with more than our share of Eagle Scouts!

A Good Turn

By Efren (With some commentary, sorry Efren, you kind of walked into it)



A Scout is helpful. It is one of the twelve traits on the Scout Law, and it is the basis for our slogan: Do a good turn daily. Of course, the Boy Scout organization offers a lot of ways to do a good turn, there are clean-ups and times to teach younger scouts. But there are also smaller, more personal good turns that we as Scouts should be making daily. And while it may be as simple as the clichéd (awesome word right there ← Sorry Efren, just had to say that) “helping the elderly person cross the street”, you should base your good turn on that simple cliché (omg he said it again!). A good turn is a random act of kindness, something that you go out of your way to do in order to help someone else that needs help. It also shouldn't be for your personal gain. Cleaning your room may be a good turn, but if it's just to avoid your parents nagging at you, then you're just doing it to avoid nagging or punishment. Of course, you may be doing it just because that nagging has finally registered into your brain, but that's beside the point (that would call for a face palm). We should always take the chance to help someone out when the opportunity shows itself. Of course, there are days when we just want to punt a kitten to the next city to make ourselves feel better, and that's understandable (Oh yeah that happens all the time!).

But always remember: A Scout is helpful.

Knots LAW: Helpful



6 Flags Great Adventure

Unfortunately, I did not receive any articles about 6 Flags, nor did I go, so we have no article for this topic. To make sure this doesn't happen again, please send an article or two to the troop scribe (that's me!).



Fortunately, Mr. Galbraith (yes, he just saved all you lives again) sent in this:

Great Adventure but what was for dinner?

Black Swamp Pasta

This is a big dish. I adjusted to two thirds and it still made a full Dutch Oven dinner. Here's the full course:

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 3 16oz boxes of pasta
- 5 14oz cans of tomato sauce
- 3 3oz packs of pepperoni (I had Shoprite slice it fresh)
- 1 bell pepper, diced
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 4oz cans of sliced mushrooms
- 3 16oz packs of shredded mozzarella cheese

I boiled the pasta and set it aside while heating coals for the Dutch Oven
Then browned the ground beef in the oven over 40 coals. Removed excess grease.
Then layered the ingredients in the order shown above in the oven. My version made two layers.
The full recipe in a larger oven would make 3 layers
Cooked the layered dish for one hour with fresh coals. Ten under the oven and twenty on the lid.

It came out just perfect.

Patrol Section

Yes, we have a patrol section, where each patrol leader's article goes (unless it fits better someplace else of course). Currently we have three patrols, Wolverine, Eagle, and Tree House. The newest is the Tree House Patrol, so we'll start with them.

Tree House	Wolverine	Eagle
<p>By Paul</p> <p>We have a new patrol from our sister pack, Pack 61. This is a very enthusiastic group and will do their best to keep the troop alive. The members of this patrol are:</p> <p>Patrol leader: Paul, likes to climb trees</p> <p>Assistant patrol leader: Will, started scouts in England</p> <p>Scout: Patrick, is allergic to everything</p> <p>Scout: Louis, has at least 6 Facebook profiles</p> <p>Scout: Matt, loses things on roller coasters</p> <p>Scout: Jacob, fast runner (aren't we all?)</p> <p>Scout: Kenny, is good at fighting</p> <p>This is the new Treehouse Patrol</p>	<p>Unfortunately, I did not receive an article from the patrol leader, Bradford, or anyone else from the Wolverine Patrol</p>	<p>Now I can't say that there were no articles from people in the Eagle Patrol, but they were put in a different spot and there were no articles from Dan, the Eagle Patrol Leader.</p>

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Thank you for your time

South Jersey Eagle Projects

By Mr. Weibel

Last Fall, I attended two Eagle Projects for Troop 74 in the South Jersey Council, just south of Philadelphia in Woodbury Heights. Ray Kowalski restored the entrance to Glen Lake, including benches and fencing. Mike Atkinson planted a water-filtering rain garden at Glen Lake, replacing the fencing and filled in several wet areas near the parking area for the park.

On April 10, I attended their Eagle Banquet. After the presentation of colors and invocation, we heard the Voice of the Eagle telling how hard the Eagle is to achieve - Mike's older brother and Eagle Scout Ted. Then Ray's older brother and Eagle Scout Nick gave the Eagle charge to both scouts. There is a tradition that the mother of the last Eagle gives a corsage to the new Eagle mother - so Ted's (and Mike's) mom gave the corsage to Ray's (and Nick's) mom. Then Ray received his Eagle. Then Ray's (and Nick's) mom gave the corsage back to Mike's (and Ted's) mom. Then the Congressman made a speech, and so did the Mayor. Then the new Eagle gave a speech (which we also do). Then the benediction and retiring of the colors - and we had cake and punch.

Troop 74 is 58 years old; they celebrated their 50th anniversary as a Troop about 8 years ago. This June, our troop - Troop 61 - will be 50 years old and it will be our turn to celebrate!

And Now for Something Completely Different...

By Troop 61's Monty Python Liaison, Efren

Acronyms have now been butchered thanks to things like e-mail, instant messaging, and texting. However, there are still common acronyms that people still use that is not all that difficult. See if you can get all 50 of these correctly:

Places: 1. DC 2. LA 3. NYC 4. ZIP Time: 5. EST 6. CST 7. pm (7:00 pm) 8. am (7:00 am) 9. AD 10. BC 11. RSVP 12. ASAP	Electronics: 13. RAM 14. ROM 15. ATM 16. PIN 17. AI 18. VHS 19. PDA Government: 20. EPA 21. FDA 22. NASA 23. SWAT	Medical: 24. ER 25. ICU 26. AIDS 27. DNA 28. OD 29. OCD 30. MSG 31. LSD 32. OTC 33. PMS Television: 34. ESPN 35. PBS 36. ABC 37. HBO	Well Known Words/Phrases: 39. IQ 40. PTA 41. GPA 42. ID 43. FYI 44. SPF (sunscreen) 45. PSI 46. RIP 47. HAZ-MAT 48. PI 49. PVC (pipe) 50. AKA
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<p>Answers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. District of Columbia 2. Los Angeles 3. New York City 4. Zone Improvement Plan 5. Eastern Standard Time 6. Central Standard Time 7. post meridiem 8. ante meridiem 9. Anno Domini 10. Before Christ, Before Common era 11. Répondez, S'il Vous Plaît 12. As Soon As Possible 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Random Access Memory 14. Read Only Memory 15. Automated Teller Machine 16. Personal Identification Number 17. Artificial Intelligence 18. Video Home System 19. Personal Digital Assistant 20. Environmental Protection Agency 21. Food & Drug Administration 22. National Aeronautics and Space Administration 23. Special Weapons and Tactics 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 24. Emergency Room 25. Intensive Care Unit 26. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome 27. DeoxyriboNucleic Acid 28. OverDose 29. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder 30. MonoSodium Glutamate 31. Lysergic Acid Diethylamide 32. Over The Counter 33. PreMenstrual Syndrome 34. Entertainment & Sports Programming Network 35. Public Broadcasting Service 36. American Broadcasting Company 37. Home Box Office 38. Cable News Network 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 39. Intelligence Quotient 40. Parent Teacher Association 41. Grade Point Average 42. IDentification 43. For Your Information 44. Sun Protection Factor 45. Pounds per Square Inch 46. Rest In Peace 47. HAZardous MATerials 48. Private Investigator 49. PolyVinyl Chloride 50. Also Known As

Calendar

April, May and June

4/4/10	Sunday	Patrol Leader Conference Nativity Church 7:30
4/5/10	Monday	Meeting Plan TBA
4/12/10	Monday	Meeting Plan TBA
4/15/10	Thursday	Ctte meeting Nativity 7:30, moved to April 22nd
4/16/10	Friday	WEBLOS Cross Over, Spring Camporee at Thompson's Park
4/19/10	Monday	Key meeting with new Scouts
4/21/10	Wednesday	Round Table Trinity Church 7:30
4/22/10	Thursday	Shop for food for Great Adventure, Ctte meeting Nativity Church, 7:30
4/23/10	Friday	Great Adventure Camporee
4/24/10	Saturday	Great Adventure Camporee
4/25/10	Sunday	Great Adventure Camporee
4/26/10	Monday	Meeting Plan TBA
5/2/10	Sunday	Patrol Leader Conference Nativity Church 7:30
5/3/10	Monday	Meeting Plan TBA
5/8/10	Saturday	Car Wash 9AM at Nativity
5/10/10	Monday	Meeting Plan TBA
5/15/10	Saturday	Community Clean Up location TBA
5/17/10	Monday	Lawrence Brook Concert No Meeting
5/19/10	Wednesday	Round Table Trinity Church 7:30
5/20/10	Thursday	Ctte meeting Nativity 7:30
5/21/10	Friday	May event camping at Dingman's with Delaware rafting/canoeing
5/22/10	Saturday	May event camping at Dingman's with Delaware rafting/canoeing
5/23/10	Sunday	May event camping at Dingman's with Delaware rafting/canoeing
5/24/10	Monday	Meeting Plan TBA
5/31/10	Monday	Memorial Day no meeting
6/3/10	Thursday	Shopping for food for camp out
6/4/10	Friday	June event Gettysburg camping at Artillery Ridge
6/5/10	Saturday	June event Gettysburg camping at Artillery Ridge
6/6/10	Sunday	June event Gettysburg camping at Artillery Ridge
6/7/10	Monday	Meeting Plan TBA
6/12/10	Saturday	COH picnic, Troop 50th anniversary
6/14/10	Monday	Last meeting if needed
6/16/10	Wednesday	Round Table Trinity Church 7:30