

# TROOP 479

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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## Ski Outing

The ski outing was very well planned out and the sharks were in charge of the outing. We all stayed at Game haven Scout Reserve in a cabin. We started out by playing games in the morning such as football and there was an even an obstacle course there so we competed on the obstacle course. There was also a very neat castle fort that was there that we played on. It even had a secret passageway! After lunch we headed over to steeplechase for skiing. Even though there was only one run open and a bunny hill because of the snow many still had a lot of fun. There were many jumps on the hill too! The ski outing was a blast!

## Okpik Outing

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FUN?! The Okpik outing is coming up this month in January. We will build snow huts to sleep in, and we will have a great time playing games and learning stuff, even if we don't get enough snow for a snow hut! Here's some information:

When: January 20-21, 2007

Times: Arrive at EPPC at 7:15am and leave at 7:30am

Cost: \$5.00

Where: At Camp Adam (Chris's cabin)

Permission forms on the [www.troop479.org](http://www.troop479.org) website. (Due at the January 8<sup>th</sup> troop meeting)

## New Scouts

New scouts to add on to our troop are coming in February at the Blue & Gold Banquet! Five to ten scouts will probably be joining our troop. They

might come to the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, and definitely the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The new scouts will be joining us on our "Paul Bunyan" outing in April as being their first outing. We want to be sure to welcome them to the troop!

## Important Notices

- Patrol Inventory sheets are due to Jake Arvidson at the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting
- "Troop muster" (where the troop takes pictures of the scouts) on the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is a **very** important meeting to attend
- On February 12<sup>th</sup> the troop is going to have a troop meeting at Staring Lake Park to sled, play games, discuss some troop things, etc.

## Scoutmaster Moment (Obviously by Mr. Kautz)

If someone asked you who owns Troop 479, what would you say?

Who chooses where the troop camps, what activities we do, how we spend our time?

Who determines that we always recite the pledge of allegiance, scout law, scout oath, and outdoor code at every troop meeting?

Who says we have elections twice a year in March and September?

Who schedules our meetings to be from 7 to 8:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month?

Troop 479 is kind of like a little country. Every scout is a citizen and every patrol leader is a senator. The SPL was elected to lead the

country and his team controls how the country prospers and grows during his term. The scoutmaster staff and troop committee are just support people with two main goals: make sure its safe and make it happen. If we do more than that, then we need you to tell us to back off.

All of those questions above should be answered with: 'The Scouts'

As a group, you all determine the direction of the troop and the life of the troop depends completely on your efforts. Whether you have a leadership position or not, you are the troop.

In this new year of 2007, I hope each of you take a few minutes to talk with your family about what you want to get from scouting and how you will drive the troop towards your goals. I personally am excited about all the brand new things scheduled for this year and my goal is to camp out at least 30 nights – what's your goal?

Scout On and Happy New Year!

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