

TROOP 479

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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Okpik

What a fun outing! At first it looked like we may not have enough snow for it but as we worked we were able to make four snow caves for all the scouts. Later, a scavenger hunt took place. In the scavenger hunt we were given clues as to where hidden cards were on the property. After everyone was finished the card values were counted up for a prize. The campfire worked out really well and there were many great stories and skits performed! The next morning the snow huts were broken down and that was a lot of fun too! If you didn't go, I suggest going on the next Okpik campout!

Tidal Pool

Tidal Pool's coming right on up. It will take place at the Water Park of America on February 17th. Cool fact: They say it is the biggest indoor water park, but the Kalahari is bigger in square feet. The Water Park of America is bigger in **cubic** feet. In fact the family tube slide is about a mile long!

New Scouts

We are expecting about 20 new scouts! That is definitely going to increase the population of the troop a lot. There are pack cross-overs to our troop as you may have already seen in Mr. Kautz's email and could sign up to attend one. Be sure to welcome these new scouts into our troop!

Notices

- The OA (order of the arrow) election is coming up this month
- Troop elections is coming up on March 12th
- The Court of Honor will be on the March 26th meeting
- If you have an unfinished merit badge from Many Point, contact Mrs. King (should've gotten an email from her)
- SPL forms are due to Mr. Kautz by March 6th if you are interested in being one

Scoutmaster Moment

If you always do what you always did,
You'll always get what you always got.

You will be electing a new Senior Patrol Leader in just a couple weeks. Alex has worked hard for the past six months trying to move the troop forward and keep things interesting. This PLC has not kept doing the same old things – they've added new outings to the schedule, tried new things, and implemented new program components.

The latest new thing this PLC has decided to try is a Moccasin Making troop meeting in March. The Troop Muster and Patrol Coup beads are two examples of program changes and the Tidal Pool outing this month is a new outing. Trying new things is the only way to reach new heights.

With a new SPL, there will be new goals set, new events scheduled, and new things to try. Every scout that has earned the First Class rank is eligible to become SPL – will it be you? What new things will the troop try under your leadership?

It looks like we'll have around 12 new scouts joining the troop during the next month. Please welcome them and help them learn how you run your troop. They will be going on the Paul Bunyan outing in April for sure. Some may want to start out with skiing in March.

Scout On!