

TROOP 479

MARCH NEWSLETTER

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Tidal Pool (by Charlie N)

On February 17, 2007, we went on a trip to the Water Park of America. We had almost the entire day to do anything we wanted to in the water park. You could go down the huge tube or body slides. You could relax in the lazy river. You could swim in the wave pool. Coolest of all you could go SURFING!!! They had an indoor surfing pool with water jets that shoot out water at high speed to surf on! That is a water park first.

It is said to be they largest water park in the world but the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells is the largest in sq. feet. The WPOA is the largest in cu. Feet. It is absolutely huge!

Ski Outing

The March ski outing is planned by the Indians and is at Powder Ridge Ski Area and Camp Stearns. At the outing there will be skiing all day and scouts will stay in a cabin. It will be taking place Saturday, March 17, at 8:00am. Scouts will be returned on Sunday at about 1:00am. If you wanted to go and haven't turned in a permission form it is too late!

New Scouts

About 20 new scouts have joined our troop! Their first troop meeting is the March 12th meeting and their first outing will be the ski outing. We want to make sure they feel welcome in the troop, so be sure to make them comfortable and their hand should be tired from shaking all of your hands!



Permission Forms

There are a whole lot of permission forms out for many different camping trips. At the March 12th meeting, "Paul Bunyan" outing permission forms will be available. Also the Sharks need permission forms for the June outing. The Many Point permission slips need to be signed and to Mr. Kautz. The high adventure trips for this summer (Utah and Big Horns) have the permission forms ready. The permission forms have the due dates. The permission forms can also be found on the troop website at www.troop479.org under "tools and forms" and then "calendar."

March Troop Meetings

Many big things are happening this month at the troop meetings. On March 12th, not only will there be new scouts, but we are going to be making moccasins as instructed by Joe V. The troop elections will also be held, and a new SPL will be elected along with OA elections. Only scouts first class and above may have a leadership position. Here are the following choices for a troop position:

- Chaplain
- OA (Order of the Arrow)
- Patrol leader
- SPL (Senior Patrol Leader)
- ASPL (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader)
- Scribe
- Historian
- Librarian
- Quartermaster
- Den Chief
- Troop Guide

The Court of Honor will happen on the March 26th meeting.

Scoutmaster Moment (By Mr. Kautz)

A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor.

As I mentioned last time, the troop has been trying new things over the past 6 months. That's the way to grow and improve. But, trying new things isn't easy – it takes extra effort and sometimes failure. The hope is that the failures are few and the knowledge learned from them helps us do better next time.

The new SPL that begins leading the troop on March 27 will have plenty of opportunities to learn and he'll make some mistakes along the way. I hope the scouts that have "been there, done that" will lend him some help, advice, or guidance when they sense things aren't going as they should. And, I hope the less experienced scouts show him the respect and support they will want when they take on the job some day.

Scout On!

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