

# TROOP 479 NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2007

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## PAUL BUNYAN OUTING (written by Isaac U, Shark Patrol)

The Paul Bunyan outing was from April 20<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was at Camp Stewart near Siren, Wisconsin. We arrived on Friday night and set up our tents. After a restful night's sleep, we ate and started our activities. We learned how to use knives, axes, saws, and hatchets safely. Most of the new scouts, along with some older ones, got their Totin' Chip. We learned about knots and lashings as well. Later, it began to rain. We got our raincoats and kept having fun. After lunch, we went on an orienteering course the Panthers set up. After a while, it stopped raining. At night, we had the campfire led by Joe and Sam, which many people liked best out of everything we did. There were some great skits and songs, and everyone had a great time. In the morning, we packed up, did a reflection, and headed home. Despite the rain we got, everyone had a great time, and the Panthers did a great job planning the campout.



## Leave No Trace Workshops

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, six Scouts attended the first Leave No Trace Workshop. There are more coming up on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. The Leave No Trace workshops take place from 6:30 to 8:30 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. They are totally free!



### Scoutmaster Moment

Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.

It seems like there is a lot of education going on for the troop this month. The new scouts have been learning a lot about knives, knots, fires, tents, and becoming good patrolmates. I've been teaching CPR and First Aid. And, there's the Leave No Trace workshops for everyone to attend. Oh, I almost forgot, lots of end of year tests to look forward to in the next few weeks. 😊

In Scouts, we spend time learning skills in a safe setting like a troop or patrol meeting or on a weekend campout. As a scout advances to First Class, he masters those skills that will be used to survive on high adventure trips. On a barren mountainside in Wyoming at 10,000 feet is not the time to learn to light a backpacking stove or to recognize dangerous weather. We learn those things well before they are needed and then put them to use when its time.

Scout On!



### Patrol Sprit

Don't forget about the patrol spirit contest! Bring your patrol's flag to every patrol meeting and campout. Be at troop meetings! Attendance is important. Support the troop, and your patrol, by showing up at campouts and troop meetings.

Remember—if you win the Patrol Spirit contest, the adults could be washing your patrol's dishes on the next campout!

