



# PIONEER TIMES

TROOP 196

JANUARY 2007

## SCOUTMASTER CORNER

Poet Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote this poem:

One ship drives east  
and another drives west,  
With the selfsame winds that blow,  
'Tis the set of the sails and not the gales,  
Which tells us the way to go.

Have you ever noticed that two sailboats can sail in different directions in the same breeze? The trick is in knowing how to set your sails. The same wind can blow two sailboats completely different ways depending on how the skipper chooses.

That's true of Scouts' progress, too. Two scouts could join the Troop at the same time and still take different tacts toward participating in activities and working on rank advancements. One may enjoy working on basic requirements first while the other chooses to spend time on some extra merit badges that are of interest. Another may be involved in sports or hobbies and not make it to as many outings. Both scouts have the same opportunities to advance in the same troop. One of them may sail ahead, grabbing every opportunity. The other may set his sails differently and progress at a different speed. There are many goals to reach for and chances to explore. How far and how fast you go in scouting is up to you. Just remember that the journey can be as rewarding as the objectives. Sail on!

Yours in Scouting,  
*Dave Mack*  
Scoutmaster  
Troop 196



## OUTINGS

The backpack trip on the Appalachian Trail in Duncannon involved a steep climb and a cold night. Everyone had a good time and was rewarded with the chance to meet a hiker on his way south from Maine to Georgia to swap some stories and share the scenery.

Holiday Weekend at Camp Pioneer was full of games and merry making with time for patrols to try out the new propane bottles and trees with their camp stoves, decorate the camp and stay up later than they should have! Committee member turn out for supper was less than expected prompting some discussion on making this more of a family oriented dinner next year.

## Troop 196 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!! Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **OUTDOOR SOUND SYSTEM NEEDED**

Do you have access to a sound system that we could use outdoors for the weekend of the 50th Anniversary event? If so, please contact Marc or Barbara Tosiano at 728-1300.



### **SMOKER FOR WHOLE HOG NEEDED**

Do you have access to a smoker big enough for a whole hog? We can rent one mounted on a trailer for \$90. If you can save the Troop money for this expense, please contact Marc or Barbara Tosiano at 728-1300.





# Troop 196 Spaghetti Dinner !!

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2007**

Here is another date to save on your family calendar. The annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction is always a festive affair. The date will be here before you know it so now is the time to start making plans and start making sauce! Contact Cheryl Mack for additional information and look for sign up sheets to volunteer time, food, and fun. Information for this event will be mailed separately to each scout's family.

**Scout Leaders** - Take note that **Patrol Leader Council** meeting will be at the Tosiano's house this month (7-8 pm January 22<sup>nd</sup>) 5470 Eagles Ridge, Enola.

## BSA Blood Drive

**Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>**  
2000 Chestnut St. Camp Hill or

**Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
400 East Simpson St. Mechanicsburg or **both dates at Carlisle Donor Center** (by Nell's Market on Walnut Bottom Rd.)

More information is available on the sign up table.



☺ PRE-PLANNING SIGN UP ☺

All the events nominated during the planning weekend that did not make it on the calendar are on a sheet posted on the sign up table. As soon as two adults and two scouts have committed to an event and

contacted the Scoutmaster to set a date, the outing can be approved by the Troop Committee. At least one adult must be registered and trained.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🏠 **Camp Pioneer Klondike Jan 12-14th**  
Adults are needed to help with stations on Saturday or stay the whole weekend.
- 🏠 **High Adventure Cave Trip Jan. 20th.**  
Postponed until further notice.
- 🏠 **Patrol Leaders Council January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
7-8 pm at the Tosiano's house this month. 5470 Eagles Ridge, Enola.
- 🏠 **Troop Committee Meeting January 25<sup>th</sup>** at the Navy Depot Officer's Club just inside the Sporting Hill gate from 7:00-8:00 pm (come for dinner from 6-7).
- 🏠 **Flag Retiring Ceremony January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday 1-5 pm. at the Conodoguinet Youth Park.** The Troop will be formally retiring a large collection of flags that have built up. Feel free to bring any worn or tattered flags you may have to one of the Troop meetings beforehand.
- 🏠 **District Klondike February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
We will have the trailer loaded ahead of time and meet at the Hampden Facilities Building for departure at 6:30 am.
- 🏠 **High Adventure Winter Backpacking February 17-18** 14 year olds and above.
- 🏠 **February 19<sup>th</sup> Presidents Day Holiday**  
----- NO TROOP MEETING -----
- 🏠 **Ski Trip February 24th.**  
See sign up table for details.
- 🏠 **March 2-4 Pine Grove Furnace Patrol**  
Camp out. Be prepared for cold weather.
- 🏠 **March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spaghetti Dinner**
- 🏠 **March 23-25 Camp Pioneer Survival**  
Camping Experience!