

The Troop Newsletter

Troop 306 – Avon Indiana

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Winter Campout at the Scout Hut

Our campout at the hut begins at two. Everyone sets up their tents outside and plays around. Kelly rolls a large snowball in the snow. Despite his large snowball, it's not very good packing snow. Although you *could* throw little chunks at people. A few scouts explored the snowy woods. Others preferred to play inside. Either way it was a lot of fun.

After a delicious dinner (I can't exactly remember what it was.) and some chips, most of us played on the baseball fields. We wandered around talking, doing whatever we wanted. I helped set up a rope to trip people up. I started heading back when I saw a car pulling into the parking lot. It looked like a policeman. I don't know if it was but we didn't stay to find out! We ran back to the scout hut, and stayed inside for awhile.

Soon, it was time to head to our tents and get some rest. It was **very** cold that night, and sometimes hard to get to sleep. Sometime that morning, I awoke and couldn't get back to sleep. So I tried to start the fire, but was too cold and tired. I went inside the scout hut to warm up and turned the light on. I forgot that all the adults were sleeping in there! I quickly turned the light off, apologized, and went back to my tent. I left early that morning to go to church, but everyone else left around 10:00. The tents were left in the scout hut to dry.

At the Scout Hut

Prior to the campout, we collected our popcorn to deliver to the buyers. In preparation for Christmas, we raised some money for a family in need and sent them presents. We had a Christmas party with some yummy snacks.

In January, it was announced who sold the most popcorn. In third place was Fluffy, and he received a bonus of twenty-five dollars. I came in second place, and received a bonus of fifty dollars. Taylor Johnson received a bonus of seventy-five dollars.

Taylor and Fluffy did a great job, seeing as they had the same family members, from which to sell popcorn. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Miller for being our Popcorn "Kernal" – organizing this fundraiser for Troop 306.



January Skiing trip

I'm afraid I wasn't able to participate in the January skiing trip, so I have asked James Duymer to tell me details concerning the trip. They left around 7:00 and arrived two hours later at perfect north. Some skied some snowboarded and some tubed. For lunch, they had sloppy joes. Then they skied some more and ate dinner around 5:00 - 6:00, sloppy joes in a hotdog bun, and left there after. The funniest event all day I heard, was when Nick Huges used Conner Hensley's face as a cushion. I'm not quite sure how it happened, but apparently Conner received a humongous bruise

Safety Rules!

Today we will breach the topic of, the five most common signs of a heart attack.

1. Unusual sweating: If you notice someone sweating more than usual when doing normal activities, then they *might* be having a heart attack. You should ask if they are showing other symptoms of a heart attack.
2. Nauseous: If whomever is feeling nauseous, then they *might* be having a heart attack once again check for other symptoms.
3. Shortness of breath: If he/she is breathing irregularly, they *might* be having a heart attack. Check for other symptoms.
4. Uncomfortable pressure: If that person says they are hurting in a place close to their heart, then they are ***Probably*** having a heart attack.
5. Feeling of weakness: If that person is feeling weak, then call the doctor immediately.

To help you remember these signs, think F.U.U.N.S

Court of Honor

There were fewer badges and pins than usual at the winter court of honor. But there were lots of delicious food and desserts.



It was a great time for us scouts and families to socialize.



And Mr. Jackson made some announcements concerning this year's upcoming activities.



Definitions

Nauseous: Feeling like you're going to vomit.

Symptoms: A sign or an indication of disorder or disease.

Crocodile Tears (which my siblings are experts at shedding): Fake sadness.

Vomit: Puke

“Kids Pick the Funniest Poems”

Here is one of my favorite poems from this book.

I cannot go to school today,"
Said little Peggy Ann McKay.
"I have the measles and the mumps,
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.
My mouth is wet, my throat is dry,
I'm going blind in my right eye.
My tonsils are as big as rocks,
I've counted sixteen chicken pox
And there's one more--that's seventeen,
And don't you think my face looks green?
My leg is cut--my eyes are blue--
It might be instamatic flu.
I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,
I'm sure that my left leg is broke--
My hip hurts when I move my chin,
My belly button's caving in,
My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,
My 'pendix pains each time it rains.
My nose is cold, my toes are numb.
I have a sliver in my thumb.
My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,
I hardly whisper when I speak.
My tongue is filling up my mouth,
I think my hair is falling out.
My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight,
My temperature is one-o-eight.
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,
There is a hole inside my ear.
I have a hangnail, and my heart is--what?
What's that? What's that you say?
You say today is. . .Saturday?
G'bye, I'm going out to play!"

Favorite Jokes

A couple of New Jersey hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing. His eyes are rolled back in his head.

The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps to the operator: "*My friend is dead! What can I do?*"

The operator, in a calm soothing voice says: "*Just take it easy. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead.*"

There is a silence, then a shot is heard.

The guy's voice comes back on the line. He says: "*OK, now what?*"