

The Troop Newsletter

Troop 306 – Avon Indiana

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Geocaching Washington Township Park

Initially, we were going to go Ice fishing at the Russels, but thankfully winter had made an early departure and there was no ice. Therefore, we decided to go geocaching at Washington Township Park. We arrived at 1:00, and Mr. Jackson handed out maps with information about the geocaches. Since there were so many of us there, we had to split up into three groups. Our group went to find a geocache number five. We searched for awhile, but didn't find anything so we eventually looked for geocache number two. We found it wedged in a tree in a film canister. It was a small piece of paper on which you could write your name. Then we searched for number three by a bridge. While we looked for it we met Mr. Jackson's team. We decided to join forces and look for it. We found it covered by some logs. We swapped a Cadillac hubcap and a notebook, for a yo-yo and something else that was so unforgettable, that I can't remember. All of us decided to find one last geocache. We found this one in a peanut-butter jar stuffed in a small hollow log. Finally we headed back to the shelter and departed around 3:00.

Crossover

Right after geocaching at Washington Township Park, some webelos crossed over and received the arrow of light award. It started at 5:00 and many members of Troop 306 were present. Several of our scouts serve as Den Chiefs for this pack. First, they had some members of the Order of the Arrow come in who did a great job leading or performing the ceremony.



Member of the order of the Arrow

It lasted about five minutes and then they crossed over the bridge that they made at our scout hut one weekend prior to this event. Some of us assisted them in the construction of this bridge.



Scouts lined up by the bridge

After that we ate a scrumptious meal. There were many games played, popcorn given away to some lucky winners, and a few den chiefs put on a skit. (How come all boy-scout skits including Troop 306, always seem to end with 'Squirrel' chasing somebody?)

The event was emceed by our very own 'Pork Chop'. Entertainment was provided, again by our own Captain Clean. With leaders like these, it is obvious why so many of these boys pledge to continue the scouting adventure with the best troop on the west side of town. Welcome new scouts to Troop 306.



Sir Squirrel

At times it was hard to tell who was having the most fun the cub and weblo scouts, or the members of Troop 306.

Definitions

Crossover : When webelos earn the arrow of light, they are allowed to crossover from cub-scouts into boy-scouts.

Order of the Arrow : An honorary order for boy scouts above first class, whose members perform certain ceremonies such as the crossover.

Geocaching : Some parks set up geocaches, which are usually some container with a log and things that you can trade.

Kids Pick the Funniest Poems

My First Poem

This week at school in Language Arts,
We studied poetry.
"It's your turn now," Ms. Cratchett said,
"To write a poem for me."
So here I sit, it's after school,
I'm at the kitchen table.
I want to get this over with
As quickly as I'm able.
Now, every poet uses words like
"Lo," "Forsooth," "sublime."
The reason, if you ask me,
Is they need them for a rhyme.
So they come up with weird old words
That no one uses now,
That make the students cough and gag
And teachers say, "Oh, wow!"
Here's a few more antique words:
"Bemoan," "methinks," "foray."
I'm not sure what they really mean,
I think I'll get an A.
Well, that's enough, I'm done with this,
I hope you didn't choke;
This poem might be a classic
Years after we both croak.

Fun and Games

***** Attempt to solve the following riddles *****

- 1.) What is between heaven and earth?
- 2.) Brad stared through the dirty soot-smearred window on the 22nd floor of the office tower. Overcome with depression he slid the window open and jumped through it. It was a sheer drop outside the building to the ground. Miraculously after he landed he was completely unhurt. Since there was nothing to cushion his fall or slow his descent, how could he have survived the fall?
- 3.) I am something when I am not known, but I am am nothing when I am known. What am I?

The answers are at the end of the newsletter.

Safety Rules!

All of the sudden, your friend starts choking. What is the most important tool you have in such an emergency? This month's discussion will be a rather short, but important one. At my star, board of review, this question was put to me in a different scenario, but just as life threatening as this. The answer usually judged as right, and the one I gave, is your knowledge. This is a good answer because without the knowledge of what to do in any particular emergency, you can't help the victim. After much thinking afterwards, I've changed my answer only slightly. After all, without your hands and feet, it would be difficult to execute even the best or most well thought out action plan to assist the victim. Therefore, I now believe there is not just one most important tool in an emergency, but two working in synergy, your mind and your body.

Joke of the Month

The Warden

A game warden was driving down the road when he came upon a young boy carrying a wild turkey under his arm.

He stopped and asked the boy, 'Where did you get that turkey?'

The boy replied, 'What turkey?'

The game warden said, 'That turkey you're carrying under your arm.'

The boy looks down and said, 'Well, lookee here, a turkey done roasted under my arm!'

The game warden said, 'Now look, you know turkey season is closed, so whatever you do to that turkey, I'm going to do to you.'

If you break his leg, I'm gonna break your leg. If you break his wing, I'll break your arm. Whatever you do to him, I'll do to you. So, what are you gonna do with him?'

The little boy said, 'I guess I'll just kiss his rear and let him go!'

Thanks for reading - Ben Ricks
"Until we meet again, at the Hut"

Upcoming Troop 306 Events

Mar 28-29

Camping at Russel's ([Download](#) Permission Form)

Apr 18

Hendricks Cleanup - Stream Clean-up

Apr 21

Summer Camp Balance Due

Apr 21

Court of Honor

Apr 24-26

Spring Camporee

May 02

Troop 306 Car Wash

May 09

Troop 306 Yard Sale

May 16-17

Camping at Versailles State Park

Jun 03-07

Family Trip to St. Louis

Jun 13

Volunteer at Kidney Walk

Jul 12-18

Boy Scout Summer Camp at Camp Krietenstein

Aug 22-23

Camping at Clifty Falls

Sep 26-27

Backpacking Trip

Oct 23-25

Battle of Belzer at Camp Belzer

Nov 21-22

Camping at McCormick's Creek

Dec 05-06

Camping at Scout Hut

Dec 14

Troop Christmas Party

Riddle Answers: 1.) And 2.) Brad was so sick and tired of window washing; he opened the window and jumped inside. 3) A riddle