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# TROOP 174 NEWSLETTER

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March 2008

## Winter Trips a Success for Scouts and Venture Crew!

**Lake Placid Skiing Trip  
New York  
January 18 – 22, 2008**



The Scully's, Manchester's, the Krug's, Mr. Fogle, the Reichler's and Chris, Kelly, Abby and the Child's braved the frigid 4 – 17 degrees temperature of Lake Placid as they skied and snowboarded Whiteface Mountain. Many Crew members tried (and enjoyed) cross-country skiing for the first time. Maybe we weren't quite Olympic material but there is always next year.



Mr. Scully, Kirk, Chris, Mrs. Reichler and Dana watched the Ski Jumping Contest. Kirk, Chris and Dana used the VIP Passes won by Kirk to get first class food and front row seats at the Ski Jumping Contest. OH Yeah!

**Mad River Glen Ski Trip  
Vermont  
February 22 – 24, 2008**



Known for its tree skiing and single chair, Mad River Glen offered up superb powder skiing for Brendan and Will Scully, Corey Reichler, Mrs. Reichler, Mr. Fogle, Abby and the Child's. The O'Donnell family graciously offered their winter accommodations so that Troop 174 could take advantage of the snow. All there agreed it was well worth the trip!

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**\*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*** Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Scout Meeting is at Homewood Suites, Farmington. It's Swim and Scuba Night 6:30pm – 9:00pm.



Now is the time to work on Merit Badges in preparation for the next Court of Honor  
**June 4, 2008**



## **Troop 174 Helps a Fellow Scout in Need.**

Efforts are underway to help the Bubnash Family. Mike Bubnash is a Troop 174 Eagle Scout and past Crew 176 member who was involved in a serious car accident over a year ago that left him slowly recovering from a coma. He has been to hospitals in Connecticut and Boston and is currently in a rehabilitation center in New Hampshire.

He will be returning home in early May when Medicaid funding ceases. The family needs as much help as possible to assist with the costs to prepare their home to accommodate Mike as he is currently confined to a wheelchair. Renovating a bathroom, bedroom, entry-way and looking into a lift to transport Mike up and down stairs are being considered.

Adult troop leaders, parents of scouts and older scouts are going to help build an access ramp for Mike prior to his return home.

Details about Mike and his current condition are at [www.MikeGetWell.com](http://www.MikeGetWell.com) If you wish further information about the access ramp project and any other scout efforts to help the Bubnash family, see Mr. Fogle or Mr. Collins at the next scout meeting.

## **Summer Camp June 29 – July 5, 2008**



Our week of fun at Camp Workcoeman on beautiful West Hill Lake in Winsted, CT, begins

this year on Sunday, June 29, and runs through Saturday, July 5. Summer camp provides a great opportunity for the Scouts to learn new skills, earn merit badges, complete steps toward advancement, and build memories to last a lifetime.

Waterfront activities include swimming, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, rowing, snorkeling, fishing, and watermelon polo. Other camp activities include an excellent nature program, pioneering, arts and crafts, climbing wall, basketball, volleyball, archery, rifle and shotgun shooting, wilderness skills, plus much more.

We have a Family Picnic at our camp site ("Kahagon") on Wednesday evening, July 2. Parents and siblings are welcome to visit and see how well the Scouts are doing.

Cost for the seven days, including all programs and facilities and three prepared meals a day in the dining hall is a very reasonable \$305 (due Friday, May 30). There is also a \$40 discount for siblings. If the cost is a hardship, assistance is available and can be discussed with the Scoutmaster.

Scouts must have a Medical Form completed by their physician from a physical exam no more than 36 months prior to date of camp (12 months for anyone 40+ years old). Copies of the form are available on the camp website if you have a physical scheduled.

There is also an abundance of information and forms on the camp website: <http://www.campworkcoeman.org>

We will begin taking "reservations" in the next few weeks. Please reply or call Mr. Johnson at #651-0223 if you have any questions.

## March Scout of the Month



Kevin McCann is this month's Scout of the Month. The Patrol Leader's Council voted him for the superb job he's doing leading the Tadpoles into scouting.



## Mandatory School Service Project Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

It's time to give back to the town of Simsbury as our thanks for using the Latimer Lane facility all year.

Everyone should come prepared to do various types of yard-work ie: raking, pruning, sweeping sand from the parking lots, etc. Work will start at 6:00 pm and go until scouts are dismissed by the supervising adults.

## Mt. Monadnock Hike April 12, 2008



Many people living in Simsbury have hiked to Heublein Tower, but wouldn't you like to hike to the top of the second most summited mountain top in the world over 2000 feet above

sea level? (Japan's Mt. Fuji is the first because I know you were wondering!)

From the summit of majestic Mt. Monadnock in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, at 3,165 feet above sea level and well above the tree line, you can see seven states. It is not easy, but all Scouts in Troop 174 can reach the top if they desire. All you have to do is **return a Permission Slip and \$5 per camper to the Troop Meeting on April 3, 2008.** (And complete the hike on April 12!)

This trip involves "car camping" at the base of the mountain, plus a relatively strenuous, but not very long hike with a "day-pack." Some say it is the "best of both worlds" as we will sweat a bit to reach the summit, but be able to camp in comfort just a short walk from the parking lot. Please call Tim Johnson at 651-0223 for further information.

## Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar



*Antique & Collectibles Show  
April 5, 2008*



*Scoutmaster  
Fundamentals  
(A 2-Day course)  
April 5, 2008 &  
May 17, 2008*



*Purgatory Chasm  
May 10, 2008*



*Memorial Day Parade  
May 26, 2008*



*Appalachian Trail Hike  
June 2008*

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Connecticut Rivers Council  
Golf Outing for Scouting  
Fundraiser  
May 21, 2008**



Come out on May 21<sup>st</sup> to the Topstone Golf Course in South Windsor. Enjoy eighteen rounds of golf and support scouting! There are eight different levels of sponsorship. Registration is at 9am and Shotgun Start is at 10am.

Entries are due by May 14<sup>th</sup> so sign up soon. Online registration can be found at [www.ctrivers.org](http://www.ctrivers.org)



Please continue to support Big Y. They generously donate all unredeemed bottle and can receipts to our troop.