

January 2017 – Weekly E-letters

Troop 716 - Weekly E-Letter 1/22/17

- We have a PLC at 6:30 as well as a Troop meeting this week.
- Please bring your \$50 deposit for summer camp if you haven't done so already. Full payment needs to be submitted by the end of February. Doug will be sending out an email regarding summer camp and payments in more detail very soon. Don't forget to use funds in your Scout account as well. Brian will send out an email with that info soon as well.
- If you are interested in going to Seabase in 2018, I need to know ASAP. We can enter a lottery, but it closes 2/15, however, I would like to enter adventures and dates by no later than this Wednesday. If you are interested and we get selected as lottery winners, a deposit will need to be sent to Seabase within 30 days of us winning. We will know in early March. This is a high adventure trip for 7 days, 6 nights, so boys need to be 14 or 13 and have completed 8th grade before we would leave, at least 1st Class, and be able to pass the BSA swim test. I don't know dates yet, but we would leave on a Friday or Saturday sometime between July 6-August 10, 2018. We could have 1 or 2 crews of 6-8 or 1 or 2 crews of 10-12. Costs would be between \$900-\$1,200 per person for the adventure. I believe there are other fees as well. I know I'm one of the adults going. Please get back to me if your interested.
- There won't be a weekly E-letter next Sunday and I won't be at the Troop meeting on 1/31/17 as I'm away for the week.

Hope to see you Tuesday!

Troop 716 - Weekly E-Letter 1/15/17

- We have Troop meeting this week.
- Please bring your \$50 deposit for summer camp. The boys have decided to go to Camp Ockanickon in eastern PA June 25-July 1.
- Scout Sunday will be held on February 12. I know our Troop calendar stated the 19th, but when I created the calendar back in July, I didn't know the date. Carroll district's new calendar has it on the 5th, but the United Methodist church always holds Scout Sunday on the 2nd Sunday of February (just learned that today). Please plan to attend in full Class A uniform. We will be responsible for hosting coffee hour after the service. We will need everyone in the Troop to participate in bringing something to share at coffee hour. If you can't be there, please bring something to the meeting on 2/7 and I will take it on your behalf. Mr. Brooks will be asking for readers and assistance with greeting. More will be coming on this, just wanted to get it on everyone's calendar. This is our way to show support back to the church for sponsoring our Troop.
- In addition to Scout Sunday being incorrect on the Troop calendar, Scouting for Food is also wrong as district finally released the dates and it's pretty late this year. Bag drop

off will be on March 18th and pick up on the 25th. We are supposed to be camping the weekend of 23-25, so anyone not camping will need to pick up the bags.

- PLC has been moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the month instead of the 1st as Justin thought it would help with our planning for the next month. Our next PLC will be on the January 24.
- Mr. Doug is working on securing us a cabin at Rodney for our February outing where they are holding a Paul Bunyan day on the 25th. This program sounds pretty neat. Boys will be able to cut down trees, work with axes, sharpen blades, and much more.
- The attached Troop calendar has all the above changes in it and more, so be sure to replace your existing one with the one attached.

Troop 716 - Weekly E-Letter 1/8/17

- We do not have a meeting this week.
- Ski trip wrap up with 11 scouts and 5 adults: We survived another cold weekend with no issues, which is always a huge plus. Our cabin camping/hitting the slopes adventure was great despite the extreme temps. We arrived at Camp Tuckahoe just before 7 pm Friday evening, got checked in, unloaded the cars, and we're in the cabin by 7:20. Of course it was cold in the cabin so number one priority was to get a fire going. We had a wood burning stove which turned out didn't really put out a lot of heat. We got a nice fire going, had a snack, hung out a bit, and turned in. The boys stayed up until about 11 talking and having a good time on/in their bunks. Jeff got up throughout the night to keep the stove stocked with wood and it was enough to take the chill out of the air, but it was still quite cold. I was glad to have my zero degree sleeping bag. We got up at 6:15 Saturday am, had scrambled eggs with sausage links and OJ, got cleaned up, and started to get ready putting on multiple layers to hit the slopes. We left camp at 8:15 and were at Ski Roundtop by 8:45. Doug did a great job getting all the details worked out prior to our arrival, so we just needed to get our lift, rental, lesson, and meal passes. We got our rentals, put on even more layers, and got on the slopes. Some of the boys took lessons, while others got right on the slopes. The conditions were great as they were making snow using almost every blower/maker they had. It wasn't that crowded either, which is always nice. You get down the hill and get right on the lift, hardly no waiting, especially on the harder slopes. The only down was the snow making process. Since they were making snow, you would go through the snow mist and in addition to it blinding you, it was extremely cold. It felt like little ice shards hitting you in the face, but overall, that was a minor annoyance. I'm just happy no one got hurt and all of us had a great time. The boys learned, upgraded their talents and tried new things. We all finished up around 5 and were back to the cabin by 6. JT wasn't feeling well, so Jeff and him left Saturday evening. Austin cooked cheese steaks subs with mac n cheese. We had dinner, cleaned up, had a snack and turned in early as everyone was wiped out after a long cold day. I don't think it got above 23 degrees and the great thing was I didn't hear anything about it. No one was complaining they were cold. Marty and

Dan didn't go to Roundtop, they stayed behind for a hike, a nap, and a nice relaxing day (I was kind of jealous). We were up at 6:45 this morning. with a nice crisp temp of 7. We got all packed up, had breakfast, cleaned the cabin, had a Scouts own service by Sean and Reda, a round of thorns and roses, were checked out by 9:15, and back at the Gatehouse at 10:30. Andrew was our acting SPL and he did a great job for his first official outing. Another big thanks to Marty, Dan, Jeff, and Doug for attending, driving, and braving the cold. We made yet another set of memories for our boys to reflect on and share. To the scouts that went, I hope you thanked your parents for this one, as it wasn't a cheap trip. If you didn't, please do so. I know everyone got their money worth though. We usually quit around 3 and boys were still going at up to 5. Although I'm quite sore today, it was a lot of fun and seeing the boys share their stories of their experience was pretty cool. We will definitely do this again as it's always a favorite, but I think we'll try another ski resort next year.

Have a great week!

Troop 716 - Weekly E-Letter 1/1/17

- Happy New Year!! Hard to believe 2017 is here already. I'm looking forward to another fun and productive year. I hope you all had a nice Christmas/Holiday Season.
- We have a PLC at 6:30 and a Troop meeting this week. We have a new theme of Winter camping with all kinds of stuff to do this month.
- We will be putting the finishing plans on our ski/cabin camp next weekend at this week's meeting as well. Remember, you don't have to ski to go on this outing. We have 2 adults not skiing and can stay on camp to work on advancement and do fun activities. Just a reminder, Web's are invited.
- I have attached the ski info and permission slip just in case you can't find it and want to go. Please bring it to Tuesday's meeting.