



# Trail Signs



News from Troop 22

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## ACHIEVEMENTS



David Biggins received the God and Country religious award through his church, Church of the Saviour. Interested boys can earn religious awards. Each denomination and religion has specific requirements. Talk to your Religious Education minister for more information.

## PATROL CAMPOUTS

In November each Patrol was to plan and have its own campout.

The Dragonslayers went to Camp Butler in the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area Nov. 3-5. Besides biking 30 miles of the towpath, they also attended a Park presentation on coyotes. They ate very well, spending about \$120 on food for 8 people. Every meal included meat, especially the Meat Lover's Beagles (sic).

The Badgers, Hawks, and Stingrays all went to North Chagrin Reservation Nov. 10-12. Taking a leisurely approach to the weekend, they slept in, played lots of football and Capture the Flag. Carl Johnson set up an orienteering course that many of the younger Scouts traversed. This group also ate well, and also included Meat Lover's Beagles in the menu.

The Sharks went to Portage Lake State Park southeast of Akron Nov. 10-12. After biking about 21 miles on the towpath, they came back to camp and made 3-1/2 gallons of cider from 2-1/2 bushels of apples, using a cider press that Patrol Leader Myles Murray's uncle brought to the camp.

Travelling the farthest, the Raptors went to Hocking Hills Nov. 10-12. They hiked about eight miles of trails, ate jambalaya, and returned home happy.

The Griffins went to Chapin Park in Lake County Nov. 18-20. They hiked 10 miles, touring the caves and ledges with a Park guide for five miles, and hiking five miles of trails in the Park to fulfill a Second Class requirement for two of the Scouts. Their breakfast of choice was Meat Lover's Beagles.

## LAUREL HIGHLANDS BACKPACKER

The Troop's fall backpacker was a successful adventure for all 33 boys and 6 adults, but it was a special adventure for two Scouts who became separated from their Patrol, and for the half-dozen Park Rangers that spent Saturday night searching for them.

Searching began when the last Patrol straggled into camp at about 6:00 Saturday night and the two Scouts were not with them. Four Troop adults hiked the trails with the Rangers until a Ranger found the boys just after 11:30 at night. They had lost the trail, but when they realized they were off the trail had retraced their steps to the last place where they knew they were on the trail. With the sun setting, they decided to camp there instead of trying to hike in the dark. They boiled water to cook their noodles, erected a shelter with their two tarps, and were asleep in their sleeping bags when the Ranger found them. It was 12:30 a.m. before they were brought back into camp.

Losing a couple boys on a Troop backpacker spurred some discussion among the adults. Consensus opinion was that a) the Patrol should have stayed together; and, b) an adult should have been with each Patrol. Additional suggestions included:

- Whistles for each Scout;
- Personal first-aid kits for each Scout;
- Patrol first-aid kits for each Patrol;
- Pack shakedowns for all Scouts not yet First Class, rather than just for new Scouts.

Except for the unplanned adventure, the trip was great. Weather during the days was clear, sunny, and warm without being hot. Nights were cool and dry. Everyone enjoyed walking (*sans* packs) through the abandoned highway tunnel.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consider buying equipment from Troop 22 Enterprises for the holidays. The Troop store has sleeping bags, pads, cook sets, backpacks and more.

We also have light bulbs left over from the fundraiser that you are welcome to buy at meetings in upcoming weeks.



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## ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER

James Hewitt was re-introduced to the troop as the newest Assistant Scoutmaster. James turned 18 in November making him an adult. James, a senior at Cleveland Heights High School, had been an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader before his change of status. Like our other busy seniors, James finds time to commit to the Troop. In fact, James volunteered to coordinate and run the event that the Troop will judge at the district klondike derby.



## SUMMER CAMP JUNE 24-30, 2001

Troop 22 will attend Camp Seph Mack for summer camp in June. We were last there in 1998 and enjoyed their program. Seph Mack, 11 miles east of Indiana, Pennsylvania, features a wonderful lake for boating, swimming, and fishing. The camp will offer a full range of merit badges. Although other troops at camp use the dining hall our troop has arranged to cook at our own site. For those boys who attended Seph Mack last time, we will not be in the same site. This year we will be at the site closest to the center of camp. Plan ahead so that you can attend camp.

## KLONDIKE

Check out the events online at <http://members.nccw.net/adwolin/program01.htm>

## Troop 22 Calendar

Troop 22 Calendar	
<b>Campouts</b>	
Klondike Prep, Camp Butler	Dec. 8-10
Ski Trip, Cockaigne	Jan. 12-14
Klondike Derby, Beaumont	Feb. 2-4
<b>Troop Meetings</b>	
Permission slip and money due for Butler trip	Dec. 4
No Meetings	Dec. 25, Jan. 1
Permission slip and money due for Cockaigne ski trip	Jan. 8
Permission slip and money due for Klondike	Jan. 29
<b>Special Events</b>	
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast service project	Feb. 10-11
Scout Sunday	Feb. 25