

1. 8 Scouts participated in the weekend Freeze out at Mirror Lake State Park over the weekend. The Low Temperature was +7 Sunday morning. Would some of the Scouts who attended like to tell the troop some of the things you did on the campout?
2. The Patrol Leaders Council met last night and planned the month of February. We will be focusing on First Aid skills during the month, as well as continuing Woodworking Merit Badge. Starting February 12, we will be awarding points for uniform inspections. The best uniformed patrol will be rewarded. The worst uniformed patrol each week will be in charge of room clean up at the end of the meeting.
3. The 2007 Klondike Derby is this Saturday, February 3, at Cam-Rock County Park near Cambridge. We can field up to two patrols of 8 Scouts on Klondike sled. We'll meet at the church at 7:45 a.m. and should be home by 2:00. Permission slips and a sign up sheet are on the back table. The Klondike is a hugely fun sled race against other troops in the council. The theme, once again, is the Yukon Gold Rush. Please dress in many layers. Saturday is supposed to be quite cold. Layers, snow boots, and head gear are required.
4. This Sunday is Scout Sunday, February 4. Troop 53 will attend the 9:15 a.m. service here at McFarland Lutheran Church. Come in uniform at 9:00 a.m. to worship with our chartering organization. You may choose to attend your own religious service – please do so in your Scout uniform, as will thousands of Scouts across the country. Please bring the service program to the meeting to receive a Scout Sunday patch. This is a great way to show that a Scout is Reverent.
5. The Troop's Winter Court of Honor is next week, on Monday, February 5. Each patrol will present a skit. We will recognize all the awards given since last September. Please bring a dessert to share. We will also have a Friends of Scouting presentation and a Wood Badge ceremony. Wear your best uniform and your merit badge sash.
6. The Cascade Mountain ski outing is February 23 – 25. We will be camping at the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation in the Yellow Band Room (indoors) and skiing Cascade Mountain on Saturday the 24th of February. Ski cost for this outing is approximately \$50 for the day. Please sign up on the sign up sheet on the back table to indicate your interest so we can make a group reservation. EBSR will be fun to be at in the winter, and Cascade Mountain will be awesome. Lessons are available if you want to learn how to ski.
7. Patrol meetings tonight should rehearse the skit you will do at next week's court of honor. We'll review your skit at the end of patrol meeting time.
8. Are there any other announcements for the Good of the troop?