

1. The 2007 Klondike Derby is this Saturday, February 17, 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 8:00 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. Layers, snow boots, and head gear are required.
2. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.
3. Patrol meetings tonight should plan your patrol menus for the Cascade Mountain ski outing. While we will be camping indoors, all cooking will be done outdoors. This is a good opportunity to cook over an open fire if you still need that requirement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.
4. A big thank you to the Scouts who assisted Cub Scout Pack 53 last Saturday with the Pinewood Derby. Would a couple of you like to stand up and tell the troop a little at what the Pinewood Derby is like these days?
5. We want to welcome all the Webelos 2's and their parents who are with us tonight to visit Troop 53. Welcome. Tonight, we will cover some First Aid skills and compete in one of our favorite games – lighting matches with hatchets.
6. The Troop Order of the Arrow election will now be held on Monday, March 12. An Order of the Arrow election team will be here that night to run the election. In order to be elected to be a nominee to the Order of the Arrow, a Scout must be at least 1<sup>st</sup> Class in rank, have camped at least 15 nights outdoors with the troop, and shown Scout Spirit.
7. The next Patrol Leaders Council is coming up in two weeks, Sunday, February 25. The Patrol Leaders Council meets here at McFarland Lutheran Church at 6:00 p.m. to eat dinner and plan the troop's activities for the coming month. Patrol Leaders and troop officers are expected to attend.
8. Are there any other announcements for the Good of the troop?