

Boy Scouts of America

Troop 280



January Skiing Trip

Before anything else is written, I would like to give a large thank you to Jake for taking notes and pictures while on this year's ski trip. Any mistakes made are mine in reading his information and not Jake's.

On Friday, January 16th, the troop met at Bede's near 7:30 in the evening. They left for Mr. Smith's cabin in Albrightsville of the Poconos once all arrived and packed the cars; the drive took two hours with a stop at Wawa along the way. Once at the cabin, everyone lugged their packs inside and the scouts watched half of the first *Lord of the Rings* movie in the loft, as tradition. From this point, everyone went to sleep.

The troop woke up at 6:30 the next morning to get an early start for the busy day ahead. Mr. Dodel had prepared a breakfast of French toast (with real sugar, I hope), bacon, and eggs. At 8:15, the skiers left for Big Boulder Mountain. They arrived there half an hour later, obtained ski tickets and equipment rental for those who needed them, and went off to the slopes. Everyone ate lunch in the snack bar at various times throughout the day. Close to five, the group left to return to the cabin. Meanwhile, those who didn't ski went bowling.



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Once all were at the house, some slept and others played games. 7:00 brought a dinner of chicken, penne pasta, and salad. The meal was cleaned up and everyone joined in a game of monopoly, even though some remained as audience. This ended around 10:30, and all were asleep by the next hour.



At 7:00 in the morning, everyone got up and had doughnuts, bagels, and leftovers for breakfast. Then the troop cleaned the house until leaving for 9:00 mass at Saint Peters. The cabin was finished when the scouts returned. Everybody packed their bags and left for home. On Route 903, Mr. Dodel's car slipped off the road, and it took both Dan and Mr. Smith's cars to bring things back in order. Through heavy rain and snow, the cars made it back to Bede's. Though I was unable to attend, the trip seems a clear choice for yearly tradition, as so many scouts and adults loves the time on the mountainside.

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