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## **January Skiing Trip**

This Friday night at 7:30, our troop left Saint Bede's for Albrightsville in the Poconos. The ride took about two hours or so, and there were maybe fifteen scouts and adults attending. A little before 10:00, we arrived at Mr. Smith's house, a previous Scoutmaster for our troop, who was kind enough to let us stay at his cabin. That night, all of the scouts watched *The Fellowship of the Ring*, the first film in the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, on the loft at the house around 10:30.

7:15 the next morning, the scouts woke up to eat breakfast, which was prepared by Mr. Dodel. There was bacon, eggs, French toast and Bagels. Snow from a few hours ago was blowing off of the rooftops in a fine powder by the window. After the meal, everyone got dressed for skiing at Big Boulder. Four youths stayed back with an adult as an alternative to skiing. They played board games and then went bowling at a local place. Also, the group gathered food at the store for dinner. When they came back, they helped Mr. Dodel prepare part of dinner and keep Van Holthenrichs company who had just arrived back at the house.

While skiing, Van had an accident, but there was no serious damage. While going down a hill, Van went up a jump, and it is said that he went over ten feet in the air, landing on his back. Van said that while in the air, he tried landing safely

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knowing he was going to fall, but missed. He was quickly taken down the slope and to the hospital to be checked on, but Van ended up fine.

After everyone came back to the house, the scouts watched *The Two Towers*, the sequel to the film watched the day before, while waiting for dinner. When it was ready, Spaghetti, salad, carrots and pork was eaten. The night carried on as the sky grew darker and colder. The snow on the ground seemed to be untouched and glowing in the dense trees. Later on, a few scouts played a board game, while others continued watching movies. *The Return of the King*, another *Lord of the Rings* film, went on long into the night until a little after midnight.

A luminous and pure snow fell like pieces of clouds the next morning. Danishes, bagels and French toast was had for breakfast around 7:30. Everyone packed up and helped clean the house for departure. The cars were packed by 8:30 and the troop attended a 9:00 mass. Afterwards, everyone went back to Bede's around 12:30. Although the trip was more luxury than camping, everyone enjoyed themselves, even Van, and was soon off to their own ways. The snow had stopped when we got back home as if to say the trip was over.