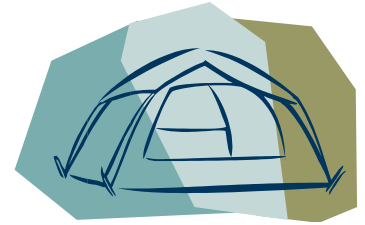




603 "Tent Talk"



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Upcoming Events:

- **Scout Sunday**
Pancake Breakfast—Feb 12
- **Camping**—Winter Camping, Feb 17-18th.
- **Merit Badge College**—February 25th
- **High Adventure Fund Raiser**—Merit Badge College

Snow Kidding!

By Mr. D

Well another January passed and another trip gone south. Well maybe if we had gone south we would have been OK. A nice picturesque campground with fresh powdery snow – a couple of pink flamingos and mint julep slushy. But it wasn't in the cards this year.

We all figured we would have the January weather beat. Stay at the church on Friday night and leave early Saturday to give us the best visibility in case of snow – yessss sir! We had the tiger by the tail this year. Except that there was no snow. At least not enough to cover the rocks on the slopes.

And even though we seem to know the fine doctors in that area very well thank to our yearly visit with Ethan's broken arms, a situation we were ready for as we packed over 300 pounds of bubble wrap, we were bound and determined to move our troop north for the weekend.

Plan B was in effect – A day at an indoor water park in the middle of January! Could be fun! We had a decent number of boys ready to go – fun loving adults to drive and participate – equipment packed and we were ready to go.

Except Mother Nature showed us her ironic sense of humor again.....

It snowed / iced late Friday night and into Saturday. We even called the snow plow driver up there to see if there was any chance of just going for it. Nope, game over, done, outta luck, blech.

But did it stop us from having a little fun? NOT AT ALL!! We all piled into the cars, drove to the local theater and spend a snowy, cold Saturday afternoon at the movies! While not the most scout like adventure – we still had some fun with good friends.

In all – Still a good weekend (and I got to sleep in a real bed on Saturday night – winner!)



Another First for Troop 603...

By Keith Harris

Early this month on Saturday, January 7 troop 603 held a lunch fundraiser at the merit badge college, to raise money for the crossbones to go on a hiking trip to Maine. This was the first time ever that anyone has done this and it turned out to be a huge success.

The way it was set up is that you

ordered the "lunch box" with a sandwich, chips and cookies in it then you had the ability to choose to have soup and an apple or a candy bar for an additional price. All of the food and other items that were used for this fundraiser were 100% free do to the charitable offerings of Wal-Mart, Costco, Acme, and Millburn orchard. We thank all of our

sponsors and customers for making this event such a success and we are pleased to inform everyone that there will be another lunch sale on Saturday, February 25 to continue to help raise money for the crossbones hiking trip to Maine.



Boy Scout Troop 603

We meet on Thursday Evenings at
(beginning at 7 pm)
Kingswood United Methodist Church
300 Marrows Rd Newark, DE

Email: scoutmaster@troop603.net



Boy Scout Troop 603 is a VERY ACTIVE troop. Activities include monthly camping trips, Coastal Cleanup, Zero 2 Hero, scouting for food, summer camp, high adventure opportunities, Court of Honor and much more.

Our troop leadership believes strongly in giving our children many experiences and opportunities that they might not otherwise have. It is the combined effort of our leadership and parents that allows this troop to be so successful.



Scout Master's Corner - A moment with Mr. D

My favorite camping month! Febrrrrrrr is great for Winter Survival camping! This year our boys will have the option to spend Saturday night in Shelters they build themselves! All seem to be looking forward to it! We also have Scout Sunday – which is our way celebrating the Scout virtue of being Reverent.

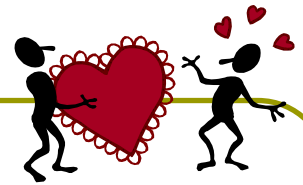
And It also gives us a chance to say THANK YOU to Kingswood UMC for all of their support. The boys will be staying overnight in the church hall on Saturday the 11th complete with as many electronics the place can hold – We will follow with a Sunday Breakfast for the congregation and our participation in that Sunday's service. Last year was a big success and I look forward to seeing everyone there again this year!

See you on the Trail!

We are on the Web!!

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Calendar Corner



FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Troop Meeting 7pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Troop Meeting 7pm	10	11 Scout Lock-in 7 pm
12 Scout Sunday Pancake Breakfast 8:15 am	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 PLC / Committee Mtg 7 pm	16 Troop Meeting 7pm	17	18 Cold Weather CAMPING— WINTER SURVIVAL
19	20 President's Day	21	22	23 Troop Meeting 7pm	24	25 Merit Badge College
26	27	28	29			

Things to Remember:

Committee Meetings - are held every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Parents are encouraged to attend.

All Troop Activities - Adults and youths must notify Barb Fretz if you will be attending. Permission Slips must be signed and returned before the due date so that final details can be made.

After Trips - Parents please make sure to pick-up your boys at the Brookside Shopping Center at 10:30 AM unless otherwise informed.

Rare Avian Species Sighted in Delaware

By John Gray



A rare avian species was sighted

This month an angry bird was sighted by the PLC of Troop 603. After laboring for days to catch the rare bird, the PLC brought them in so show the other boys.

The rest of the troop quickly took it as an opportunity for a quick and easy demolition job on the cardboard tower that had been erected in the center of the room.

Each patrol took turns throwing the birds at the tower till it collapsed.

A job well done indeed!

Unfortunately, after the tower collapsed the birds flew away.

Until next time, maybe there will be a larger tower and more birds for the PLC to destroy and capture.

