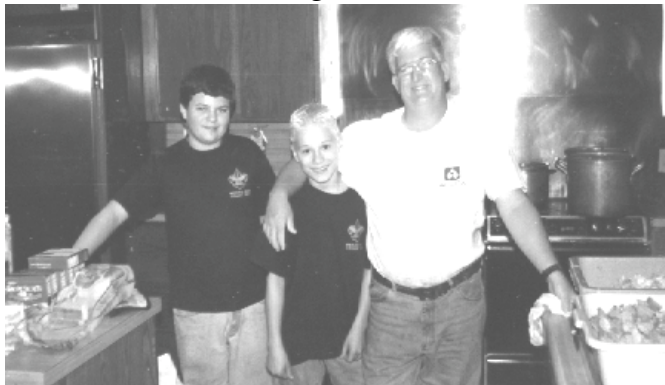


Scout Show Chicken Bog Fund Raiser

On Friday, February 26, twenty Scouts spent the night in the Parish Hall at St. Stephens. Many started arriving at 4:00 p.m. and after depositing their stuff inside, joined in lashing together the 14 Foot Double Ladder Signal Tower, as planned. About two hours, the tower was hoisted and anchored. This was the best participation in building a tower the troop has ever had, and much of the work was done by newer Scouts. Great job!

Each of the Scouts staying the night had a pizza dinner. Time was divided between watching rented videos brought over by Mr. Smith, playing basketball, and funning around in the classrooms transformed into bedrooms.



Master Grand Chicken Bog Wizard, Mr. Lester, pausing long enough to take a picture with two nearby kitchen helpers.

work! At the end of the day, both pioneering projects were disassembled and put away as part of a very successful group effort. Again, great job!

Back to the chicken bog, just before 12:00 noon, a lady came in and ordered twenty takeouts. That got us on our toes in a hurry! Soon after, Atlantic Chevrolet and Dew's Hardware ordered another ten takeouts each. Throughout the day, kitchen workers were kept mighty busy meeting the demand.

The troop needs to thank PYA/Monarch for providing and delivering all the food and supplies at such a terrific price. Also, we need to express our very great appreciation to Mrs. Willoughby for her tireless work in helping our Master Grand Chicken Bog Wizard, and also Mr. Horting for all his invaluable help. And, of course, there's no way we can ever thank Mr. Lester enough. He was still preparing food and watching pots of chicken boil at 2:00 a.m. Saturday morning. After only a tiny bit of sleep, there he was back coordinating everything by 7:30. Mr. Lester has had a lot of experience cooking over an open fire on camping trips, but this was the first time he ever had to be ready to serve 600 plates of chicken bog!

"Narc News"

(Mrs. Bezmen's Advancement Corner)

The swell of last month's achievement blitz seems to be at a calm point. The next couple of weeks will be spent working hard getting ready for the Camporee, March 19-21. Don't forget to check the boards to see what requirements you can fulfill during this camping trip to help you towards earning your next rank.

There's been a lot of interest expressed lately about earning merit badges. A list of all badges has been made and is with the troop librarian. If there is any particular merit badge that you are interested in, let me know so we can get you the necessary information.

Congratulations to our new Tenderfoot Scouts, Ian Barker and Matt Silverberg, and our new First Class Scout, Daniel Mesich. Its been a long, hard climb. Special congrats to Tony Speedling for being our newest Life Scout. Great job guys.

The next morning, after a pancake breakfast, crew assignments were handed out in order to get ready for serving chicken bog to customers from 12:00-7:00 p.m. The main room was turned into a dining area with troop displays, and a double A-Frame Monkey Bridge was put up west of the tower. This project was also completed with good lashing and good team-



On Top: Theodore Fontana, Shawn Collins, Steven Sloop, Below: Will Hall, Ian Barker, Jason Hardee, Frankie Starace, Dan Messich



James Bumgardner crossing the Double A-Frame Monkey Bridge built at February's Scout Show Chicken Bog Feast.

Other Troop News

Our next camping trip is March 19-21. All Scouts going camping will be picked up from school on Friday and bussed to the Spring Camporee at Loris Airport. Announcements about the camping trip will be passed out on Monday, March 8. All personal gear needs to be brought to the troop meeting to load onto the bus on Monday, March 15. Patrols should look forward to having fun, eating well, and competing with good patrol spirit.

All Scouts attending **Camp Bob Hardin, Boy Scout Summer Camp, June 13-19**, should register with Geoff Britzke and bring in \$25.00 deposit (if its not already in your account) on Monday, March 8.

Weekly Troop Meetings start at 6:30 p.m., but Scouts should **arrive by 6:15** to participate in the gathering period, get in gear for the meeting, and be ready for opening ceremony and announcements.

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