



Ski Trip Report By Spencer Dobbins

As a tradition the troop always goes on a ski trip in the beginning of February. After a few discussions about the resort, we decided on Winterplace in West Virginia because we were going under the Old North State Council to get a deal on "Scouts on Skis" day. February 9, 2003 the soon-to-be skiers got an early start at 5:30 am. Most of the boys who usually got up later (me included) were still half asleep when we had to go. While Tim and Justin were talking, I awoke in time to see that the caravan was passing through a mountain by means of a tunnel. I was amazed to see that we were about half an hour to an hour away. We pulled into the parking lot of Winterplace. The cars had to be parked on a hill. The group separated into different lines to get ski boots, skis, and ski poles. The ski boots weighed a ton! Finally after two hours in line we got our stuff and headed to the slopes. We decided to skip the Merit Badge, Snow Sports, because of the long wait to get our ski gear. Hopefully, we can work on the badge next year. I stayed with Nigel and Justin while cruising the slopes. At lunch I had to take off the skis to go to the car to get my lunch. Trouble struck me as the car was locked. I had to clomp back to the lodge and buy lunch. I returned the ski lift and traveled to the highest hill with Nigel. After skiing for several hours, it was time for our tired troop to head home. The caravan left Winterplace at 6:00. The caravan stopped at a nearby Subway/Taco Bell to eat dinner. The Subway ran out of bread after I and Justin got a six-inch sub. Then all the people in the car fell asleep except for the driver and me. We arrived at the church at 10:00 and unloaded. This was a very fun but long ski trip. Can't wait until next year's trip.