



## SMOKE SIGNALS

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Happy 4th, everybody. The sun is shining, it is supposed to be up in the mid-80s, and we are celebrating the 202 anniversary of our nation. Amid all the celebrating, and picnics, and fun of the holiday, why don't we all take a moment or two, to stop and consider just how lucky we are to be where we are, when we are. We all complain about things--that's to be expected--but, we really are pretty fortunate. Let's all enjoy today, and fully appreciate our good fortune, too.

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY  
TO YOU

### WEST CAMP

Scoutmasters: The Camp Director will again be patching tents today in Clark, Bridger and Bowie.

Field Sports--Come on down to shotgun Kev's skeet range. The best gunner in the West Camp will win the bronze bird award. Remember, shooting shotguns is a blast.

Silver Bullet--Dan McGuffin of Troop 13, has won the Silver Bullet for the past three days. Good work! Senior Patrol Leaders--don't forget to sign up for your troop shoot. BANG

July 3, 1978, in Balsam Forest, down in the vast land of Bogs, the archery range was zipping away, after the monsoons left the area. Mark Trendel, of Troop 150, won the "Archer of the Day", after fighting it out with Rusty Baker of Troop 13, for the top honor of 27 points at 20 yard target. Also, come on down and be in the Balloon shoot after 2:00 PM, July 4, 1978. Watch out for the Bowhunting Contest, Thursday.

Archery Administrator,  
"Bo" Hopkins

P.S. Too bad, Kevin, you're all wet for your late birthday!

NASPA Members: If you are a staff member who's been on staff for three years or more, you can become a member. Just contact President Mike Swanson about membership and a NASPA button.

Wilderness Survival People--Survival overnight Thursday. After Breakfast, check in at Scoutcraft--soon.

Comments from the Commissary: If you need celery for cooking merit badge, we keep plenty in stalk. Please lettuce serve you.

(UGH!)

(If you dare, read on!)

EAST-WEST

Formal retreat at the West Camp Flag Pole at 6:30. Picnic style dinner at 7:00. Movie to follow at about 8:00.

The "Bronze Tiger" and the "Minnesota Viking" have a new contender in the cold turkey race. He's the only provisional leader in West Camp to stop smoking since 9:00 yesterday morning. I ran into him chewing on some Copenhagen rapidly. (A popular item with the "Bronze Tiger".) Could this be the start of a new fad? Hello, Ranch Foremen. Hello, East Rifle Range, need any Copenhagen? Signed: "The Other Commissioner"

Barking spiders have been reported out near Whitney Campsite.

EAST CAMP

All minute-men (Scouts) of the Eastern Colonies should assemble at Lexington Green, (Dust Bowl) at eighteen hundred hours (6:00) in complete battle array (uniform). Captian Parker, (Tom McLean) will lead the Continental Troops toward Yorktown (West Camp) to accept the surrender of Cornwallace (Swannie) and his British Troops.

Scoutcraft-Come one, come all, and complete the highest monkey bridge ever to span an East Camp gorge. Pioneering merit badge people, now's your chance to polish off one of your toughest requirements. All who are interested, come to the Commissioner Site at 2:00 PM today.

East Scoutcraft wishes the United States a happy 202 birthday. Celebrate by coming down and showing the pioneering spirit that made America great!

Field Sports-Congratulations to all of the following Scouts who have earned awards in the NRA Qualification Shoots:

<u>Promarksman</u>		<u>Marksmen</u>	
F. Petykowski -	T-91	Jim Lasko	T-134
K. Sandrik	T-91	Bill Bischoff	T-91
Jim Lasko	T-134		
Jeff Dewar	T-188	<u>Marksmen-1st Class</u>	
John Beatman	T-195	Duane Gantz	T-73
Roger Braber	T-195	Bill Bischoff	T-91
Mike Egan	T-195		
Dan Lee	T-195	<u>Sharpshooter</u>	
		Bill Bischoff	T-91

Besides earning the sharpshooter distinction, Bill Bischoff has also earned the first & second bars and has almost completed his third bar with a high score, so far, of 40 from a sitting position.

(Shoot ahead)

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Jim Powell, T-19, shot a high score of 43 Monday afternoon. A hearty congratulations for a job very well done.

Troop 19 is at present in the lead for the watermelon with a high score of 382. Mohawk Village has a troop shoot today from 4:00-5:00. Sign up your troop now so that you can have a chance for a watermelon.

And, FINALLY! (Yeah!!!!) you can still get in on the NRA shoots. Just come down to F. S. and put a few holes in some paper.

P.S. (Sorry) You can pick up your NRA targets down at the rifle range today. Get them by this evening or they will be used to wallpaper the East Camp Staff showers.

Four score and seven years ago, my boss brought forth on this reservation a T.P. A T.P. so proud as to dare to give away free survival kits for any \$5.00 purchase.

P.S. The treasure hunt has been rescheduled.  
P.P.S. George Washington slept at East T.P.

Friendly Dave.

Anyone interested in trading patches, see Bill Beckey, SM, in Delaware Village.

#### FAMILY CAMP-

There will be a very exciting Nature Hike out to Muskrat Lake today at 1:00 PM. Make sure you wear shoes that can get wet and don't wear shorts.

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"One if by land, two if by sea, and I, on the opposite shore shall be, ready to ride and spread the alarm to every village, Middlesex farm"--Remember Paul George, John, "Mad Anthony", the "Swamp Fox", and all the others. They did it back then so that we could be here today.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!



PLEASE - KEEP

YOUR CAMP

CLEAN



Don't LITTER!

(An IMPORTANT Message From We Who Care)