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January Lock-In Campout at St. Veronica's Church January 20-21, 2006

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On Friday, January 20, 2006, the Troop held a lock-in campout at St. Veronica's church. Instead of going to the Epiphany church, we just met at St. Veronica's. Scouts that attended were Jack C, Justin D, Matt W, Jake W, Jordan R, Brian M, Tim Y, Tim S, Peter G, Steven G, Ray D, Joey B, Tyler W and Paul D. We were also joined by some of the visiting Webelos from another Pack and including cubs from Pack 1257. Adult leaders that attended were Mrs. Godofsky, Mr. Kiel, Mr. Vitti, Mr. Bumgardner, and Mr. Miller. For dinner, we had subs from Subway, with three choices of ham, turkey, and turkey and ham. After dinner, most of the Scouts played outside for a good hour. For dessert, Mrs. Godofsky served us root beer floats. Then at 7:30PM, we had the opportunity to work some merit badges. The Merit Badges that were offered were Woodcarving and Fingerprinting. For

the Webelos activity, Mr. Saunders visited and discussed with them some of the basics skills of Boy Scouting. The Merit Badge sessions lasted to around 8:45PM then we went back outside to play. At 10:30PM, it was time to go to bed, but not all the lights went out so it was hard to sleep at times.

On Saturday morning, everybody was up by 7:00AM and we ate breakfast. The OWL's had eggs and sausage while the Scouts had bagels, cereal, bananas, milk, and orange juice. On this campout, the adults kept their promise and did ALL the KP, but I bet they are going to make us return the favor soon. From 7:30-9:00AM, the Scouts played outside the church. We departed St. Veronicas at 9:45AM to go to the Udvar-Hazy Space Center. At the museum, one of the Epiphany Church members, Mr. Edmunds, gave us a personal tour of the museum. On the

tour we saw Space Shuttle *Enterprise*, the Boeing B-29 Superfortress *Enola Gay*, Air France *Concorde*, and the SR-71 *Blackbird*. We also saw space pods, *Skylab*, WWII fighter planes, and helicopters. It was a pretty interesting tour. Unfortunately, we didn't see an I-MAX movie, which would have been great, but the tour was still good. We ate lunch at the McDonalds in the museum. From 1:00PM until 4:00PM, we went spent our time bowling at Chantilly Bowl America. We had an awesome time and I felt sad when it was time to go back to the church. At St. Veronica's, we prepared and ate a Mexican dinner. Each patrol had to make or do specific things in order to create the successful Fiesta. Some of these tasks included making filling the chip bowl, cutting meat, cooking taco beef, slicing vegetables, and making salsa. All the hard work paid off as the food was delicious. For dessert, we had chocolate cake. It too was appetizing. After dinner we watched a movie called *Cool Ridings*. The movie was about a Jamaican bobsledding team and the leaders thought it might put us in the mood for upcoming Winter Olympics. Most of the boys decided not to watch the movie. Instead they played a WWII game outside the church. At 9:30PM, we started to pack up or personal belonging and gear before our parents arrived to pick us up at 10:00PM.

I thought this was a good campout to go on and I enjoyed time I

spent with fellow scouts and leaders. The activities were fun, the location was good, and the food was scrumptious. On a scale of 1-10, I would give this campout a 7 because it was entertaining, interesting, and made the wintertime weekend fun.