

TROOP 188 TIMES

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FALL FUN CAMPOUT

by John Heikes

A few weekends ago our Troop went on the Fall Fun Campout. Though it was a smaller than normal turnout we had a lot of fun. Because of the turnout, we divided into just two patrols that were led by Nic and Eamonn. Nic's patrol was called Queso de Governmente (The Government of Cheese). Eamonn's patrol was known by three different names: The Losers, the Flaming Losers, and the Tuscan Raiders.

The first full day at Camp Jeffery we did a range of activities. First we worked on advancement. Those who finished early went over to the Cub Camp to help Mr. Martin move tents into the dining hall for the winter. Our reward was ice cream. When we got back to camp we just hung out until a brave scout (Lancaster) lobbed a snowball into the adult camp. Quickly the adults started to organize an attack. Their organization paid off when they began to chase us down the hill. Their tactic was to tackle one kid and then throw many snowballs at them. Sadly the adults won the fight.

The last activity of the day was organized by Nic, Kelly, and Eamonn. It was a competition between The Quesos, Tuscan Raiders, and the adults. First we had to find three logs that had been hidden in the forest. Then we ran into Kelly with a broken arm and had to put a splint on it. Next we had to make a stretcher and blindly carry someone to Tower Rock and find a hatchet. Last we tied knots between two trees and then built a small fire to burn through the string. We made a dash to the finish. In third place were the adults. In second place were the Tuscan Raiders. And the winners were the Quesos.

The day was capped off when we went to Coral Rock Lodge to watch the Lunar Eclipse. There were clouds, but they quickly went away after we got there. This was really cool.

When the campout was over we had collected 19 frost points or 99 Jaime points (every degree below room temperature). When we got back to Linton it was nice coming back to sixty degree weather. The Fall Fun Campout was great!

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS FOR KLONDIKE



Klondike is a lot of fun if you stay warm and dry. Since temperatures can get to -20 F with wind and wet snow, proper equipment is a must! Following is a list of required gear that could do double duty as holiday gifts. Remember to purchase only wool and synthetic fabrics (like polypropylene) that keep you warm when wet - NO COTTON!



- wool blanket
- sleeping bag (rated -10 to 0 F)
- polypropylene liner socks - 3 pair
- heavy socks - 5 pair
- long underwear tops and bottoms - 3 pair
- wool pants or snow pants
- fleece or wool jacket or vest
- sorel - type boots (insulated and waterproof)
- blaclava or face mask
- gloves and liners - 2 pair

Joshua Adams
 Art
Noah Adams
 Art
Ian Barry
 Tenderfoot
Jason Clark
 2nd Class
 Rifle Shooting
Paul Colasuonno
 Tenderfoot
Matt Collins
 Leatherwork
Ryan Cutter
 1st Class
Eric Edwards
 Life
 Personal Fitness*
Joshua Ginsborg
 Tenderfoot
Nathan Keen
 Camping*
Daniel Kotsides
 1st Class
Brad Kurtz
 Tenderfoot
Ian Lancaster
 Tenderfoot
 2nd Class
Jason Lewis
 Scout
Zach Lund
 Golf
David Mares
 Golf
Erasmus Martin
 Cit. in Community*
 Cit. in World*
 Personal Management*
 Special Award: World Conservation
Ryan Nash
 Tenderfoot
Andrew Nicholas
 Camping*
Rick Ramirez
 1st Class
 Camping*
 Environmental Science*
 Pioneering
Ryan Ramirez
 1st Class
Sean Skinner
 Golf
Andrew Stauffer
 Scout
 Tenderfoot
Stephen Stoddard
 Scout

Tony Tovar
 Basketry
 Communications*
Matthew Whitney
 Tenderfoot
Alex Yasumura
 Scout
 Tenderfoot
Kyle Zimmer
 Tenderfoot

Adult Leader Awards:

Andy Fooks	2 year Service Star
Gerri Fooks	5 year Service Star
Craig Heikes	1 year Service Star
Chip Keon	1 year Service Star
Jaime Mares	1 year Service Star
Terry Martin	9 year Service Star
Matt Rosing	1 year Service Star
Kerry Walron	2 year Service Star

* Denotes Eagle Requirement

**Denotes Special Awards



A WORD FROM YOUR SPL . . .

When I was given an opportunity to write about anything I wanted, I knew it was a good time for me to share something very important to me. Every week, I try to find an event to which I look forward. No matter what else is going on, I would always see Tuesday nights set aside for Scouts, and nothing would be more important than to arrive at 7:00 (or 6:00 in some cases) and always try to have the best time possible with a really great group of people. I sometimes realize that through all the experiences, I am privileged. Never take for granted the opportunities offered to you and always try to enjoy every minute of it. -David Mares

DUTCH OVEN COOK-OFF

by Chip Keen

During this year's Fall Camporee at BDSR, the patrols of Troop 188 held their first ever Dutch Oven Cook-off. Each patrol was challenged to plan a main course, side dish and dessert to be cooked in a cast iron dutch oven. Patrols would be judged on the food recipes they prepared, and for team work while preparing their meals and cleanup afterwards. The judges were randomly picked scouts from each of the patrols.

Josh Adams and Steven Mares baked pizza for the Pedros, while Gage Waldron mixed uyp some peach cobbler for dessert.

The cooks from the Moose Patrol including Peter Mares, Kyle Zimmer and Paul Colasuonno also whipped up pizza, salad and a strawberry cobbler for their entry.

The reigning chef from the Pyros, Sean Skinner, made a special recipe of Kangaroo stew and a peach cobbler.

Nick Saltzgaber of the Phoenix patrol made teriyaki steak while Ian Berry helped with noodle casserole and coffeecake.

The adult patrol feasted on hot wings by non other than Jaime Mares, a chicken and rice casserole by Doug Cutter, baked beans from Ken Colasuonno and barbecue pork spare ribs by Chip Keen.

Despite all the bribes the judges were receiving during the competition, they found it very difficult to unanimously pick a clear winner of all categories. The teriyaki steak would just melt in your mouth. The kangaroo stew was surprisingly good as long as you didn't ask what was in it. The desserts were really awesome, except for the adults, who after pigging out on the main courses forgot all about cooking dessert. The adults made up for any lost points by excellent team work and doing the vest job ever on cleanup, since we cleaned not only our own dutch ovens, but those of everone else as well. Overall I would have to say that everyone at the campout was a winner. The scouts learned that without too much extra effort, good meals can be created with ingredients other than peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese and pop tarts. This was the first time everyone was seen walking around camp after dinner with full bellies and a satisfied look on their faces. Everyone got to sample a little of all the great recipes and yes even the adults shared some of our food with the scouts.

So now the time we have all been waiting for, the announcement to see who is going to be awarded the "Troop 188 Gourmet Chef" hat for the best of the Fall Camporee Dutch Oven Cook-off. And the winner is "????".



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COME ONE COME ALL! WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Join us at Terry Martin's house.

We meet the last Wednesday of the month.

For more info call 226-6196

All registered leaders and
all scout parents are
welcome!



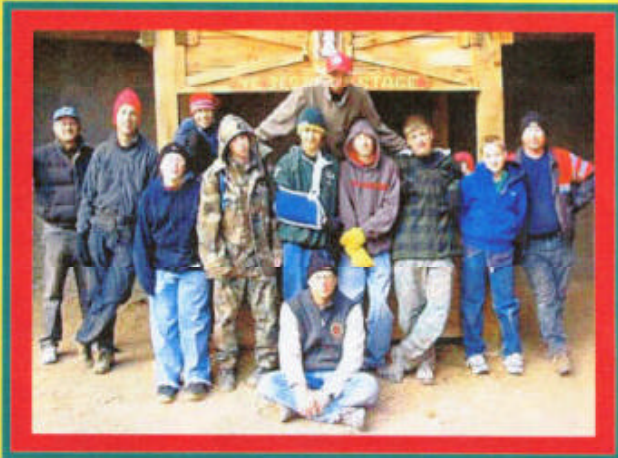
HAUNTED WEEKEND

by Eamonn Martin

For all 4 of the weekends in October, Troop 188 went up to Jack Nicol Cub Camp for the third annual Jack Nicol Haunted Weekend. This is where Cub Scouts come up to BDSR and participate in several activities throughout the day, which some of our members helped run. After that they feast on Terry Martin's Grayveyard Stew. For the Grand Finale, they go down to the Haunted Castle.

Our troop ran the Haunted Castle every week, but we did get a lot of help from random people that thought they would just drop in and give a helping hand. Every week we had anywhere from twenty to fifty people running the castle. Throughtout the castle we had everything from Mad Scientists to Zombies to Irish welcoming Monkeys in Cabana hats.

We had a few kids crying and a few kids laughing as well as everything in between. All in all I believe these few weekends were a huge success and I hope everyone had as good of a time doing this as I did. A huge thanks to everyone who helped make this the project that it was and I hope to see you all there next year.



GET TO KNOW — Nic Bastian



Patrol: Pico Rico
Rank: Life
Age: 17
Favorite Sport: Snowboarding
Favorite Movie: LOTR The Two Towers
Favorite Book: Eye of the World
Favorite Saying:
"The ignorant shall fall to the squirrels"

SCOUTMASTER'S

CORNER

The Court of Honor is the troop's way of recognizing a scout's advancement and achievements; and while advancement is not the primary focus of our troop, it is vital to keep a boy's interest in the scouting program. There are many opportunities for scouts to earn awards and be recognized. Merit Badge University, Troop Meetings, and Summer Camps are just a few. Camping trips usually involve some form of scout skill which can be signed off. Troop leaders are there to guide and teach scouts, but it is left to the individual boy to be aware of his standings, and be responsible for his own advancement. If you feel your scout needs information or assistance in advancing, please have him contact any registered troop leader.

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

*is December 16th.
\$5 maximum limit on gifts.*

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HOTO GALLERY



Fall Fun Campout



Haunted Weekend

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