



Troop 175 Event Report SF Urban Hike

When: Feb. 13, 2005
Where: San Francisco

Scouts

Robbie Tjan, Sam Wood, Dane Hedstrom, Brian Healey, Jordan Goshorn, Zachary Merkel, Christo Bazzanella

Adults

John Bazzanella, Jeff Goshorn, Dan Yee, Barbara and Doug Merkel.

Location

Though the City of San Francisco

Trip Summary by Robbie Tjan

When I heard about the San Francisco hike, 10 miles didn't seem that hard, it actually sounded easy. We started from Foster City and drove to San Francisco. At the start, I just wanted to go to Chinatown, but it was one of the stops near the end of the trip. We started a couple of blocks away from the Ferry Building, which was on the shore of the San Francisco Bay. We walked along the water until we got to SBC Park the home of the San Francisco Giants. After we got to the ballpark, we saw blocks of cement that were about a yard apart. Not knowing how much harder the hike would be, we jumped from block to block on about 40 blocks of cement. After around 5 minutes of jumping on blocks, we stopped at a coffee shop where the parents got some coffee. The coffee shop, Red's Java House was said to be a landmark that wasn't destroyed when they remodeled everything around the area. We also saw a big bow and arrow in the ground and this was where we took one of our first pictures. We then walked through the downtown area and then up to the City Hall/Civil Center Area. From there we then walked up a bunch of steep hills to Nob Hill. We passed some famous hotels like the Mark Hopkins and St. Francis. We then went half way down the hills to stop at the cable car museum, where admission was free. There we saw the underground wires that went through parts of San Francisco where the cable cars run. After the museum, we continued to walk down towards Fisherman's Wharf where we saw an In-N-Out and there we stopped for lunch. After that we went through the Fisherman's Wharf area, to Fort Mason and up Russian Hill where we saw the ocean and the islands in the Bay. After that we walked down the "crookedest street in the world" Lombard Street then to Coit Tower, which was on another hilltop. We then finally made it to Chinatown but since we were a little behind schedule we only stayed there for around 20 minutes. In Chinatown we went to a fortune cookie factory and a souvenir/joke store, then we headed back to where our cars were. When we finally finished, we were sore, it sounded easy but we later found out that cement is harder to walk on than dirt.

During the trip, a club was started by Zack Merkel and John Bazzanella, it was called the "slant-walking club".



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Along the Embarcadero



The Merkels leading the San Francisco
Hill Climb



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On crooked Lombard Street



San Francisco City Hall



Coffee/Donut Stop



Cable Car Museum