



## Troop 175 Event Report Mountain Man Weekend

When: April 16-18, 2004  
Where: Cutter Scout Camp

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### Scouts

Christo B, Adam B, Dane H, Ben M, Zach M, Ryan S, Sam W

### Adults

Mr. Boessenecker, Mr. Duddy, Mr. Merkel, Mr. Wood

### Location

Cutter Scout Reservation

### Trip Summary

Scout Christo B described the trip perfectly: "When we went on the Mountain Man trip, we did things most people would never get to do in a lifetime." This council sponsored event offered many unique events in the spirit of the "Mountain Men" that roved the newly acquired territories in the 1800's. Tomahawk throwing, black powder rifle shooting, and blacksmithing were just a few of the events featured at this fun filled event. Between these events, many of the scouts were able to work on rank advancement—two even earned their Totin' and Firem'n Chits!

We arrived on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cutter Scout Reservation where the troop met up with Tom D, who had prepared dinner and camp for us. Before chowing down on a Dutch Oven dinner, the Scouts set up their tents and gathered firewood for the campfire later that night.

The following morning we were treated to innovative and delicious omelets made by Dane H and Sam W. Immediately after breakfast, we proceeded to the raising of the flags where our troop, as it would two more times that weekend, was honored with leading the camp in the flag ceremony. Shortly after flags, the Scouts engaged in the numerous activities offered at the event. Meanwhile, Tom D and John Ba ran the gold panning activity that was so hugely popular, that the "gold nugget" supply ran out halfway through the day. At 12:00pm, the camp broke for a hearty lunch of real buffalo stew, straight from a cast iron cauldron. We then made our way to the activity field at 1:00pm where the camp engaged in the exciting game of Double-Ball. Based on a Native American game, Double Ball had Scouts flinging two strung together leather pouches over a goal with sticks they had gathered earlier in the day. At 2:00pm, the troop headed down to the Blacksmith shop where they made forks using the blacksmithing skills of old, anvil and all. We then headed back to camp where remained for the rest of the day, working on rank advancement, cooking dinner, and just hanging out. At 8:00pm we headed to an exceptionally entertaining campfire, after which we made s'mores and held a campfire of our own. After a long, and exciting day, we finally called it a night and hit our sleeping bags like logs.

The events did not end on Sunday though, for we had yet to participate in a Revolutionary War battle reenactment complete with cannons, muskets and a fort. After many a charge, retreat, and cannon fire, we headed back to camp to pack up and depart. Very content with our weekend, the troop finally left Camp Cutter for home. Once again, another successful trip.

Written by Christo B and Ben W



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Sam W Takes A Chip At Tomahawk Throwing



The Ben and Zach Test Their Marksmanship



Troop 175's Gold Mining Operation



Mmmmmm. . . Buffalo Stew



America's New Pastime: Double Ball



Charge!!!!