



## **Troop 175 Event Report** **Beginner Backpack Trip**

**When:** May 1, 2 2004

**Where:** Henry Coe

### **Scouts**

Dane H., Sam W., Victor H., Matt B., Adam B., Zach M., Zach L., Reed L.

### **Adults**

Doug M., Kevin L., Carole H., Russell L., Brad H.

### **Location**

Henry Coe State Park

### **Trip Summary**

We had great weather and a nice campsite site (Manzanita Point Group site #2). Since there is not water at the camp we "trucked in" about 15 gals and used all most all of it! The boys really learned the importance of proper hydration.

We backpacked in 2.7 miles with a drop of about 400'. Quickly set up camp, had a "snack lunch" and after a brief map and compass review by Kevin L. we headed out for a day hike (no packs) to China Hole. That was a 2.2 mile trip with a drop of nearly 1000'! It was sunny and hot. The boys (and adults) really enjoyed cooling themselves off in the pond at China Hole. We relaxed and played there for over an hour. Then back up the 1000' to camp. It was hot and exhausting going and by the time we hit camp we'd drunk all of our water. But the boys were champs and there was little complaining. Lots of water was consumed back at camp (warm water never tasted so good).

The boys then prepared the soup and burrito dinner from the dehydrated supplies that Carole H. had prepared. The boys also learned to use 3 different types of pack stoves and spent time on advancement achievements. After dinner we had a nice fire, a few skits, some silly games, and a nice wrap-up of the days events.

The moon was bright and there was quite a bit of noise (including 6-8 wild turkeys) so little sleep was had. After a quick breakfast of oatmeal and cocoa we packed up and were back at the cars by 10:00 am.

A great trip.



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**The Adventurers**



**Hangin' at China Hole**



**Zach's cool dam**



**Coolin' them doggies**



**Russell & Brad checking eyelids for holes**



**Lord of the Flies?**