



Troop 175 Event Report

Wente Summer Camp

When: July 18-24, 2004

Where: Willits, CA

Scouts

Christo Bazzanella, Matt Bazzanella, Adam Brown, Ben Duddy, Jackson Foster
Patrick Hamilton, Dane Hedstrom, Brian Healey, Johnno Hutar, Reed LeMans
Zachary Leonard, Ben Merkel, Zach Merkel, Matt Morris, Bryan Pollard, Ryan Spartz, Nick Williams, Sam Wood, Adam Yee

Adults

John Bazzanella, Lenore LeMans, Russell Leonard, Daryl Spartz, Ken Wood, Dan Yee

Location

Wente Scout Reservation, Willits, CA

Trip Summary

It was my first time at Wente and whew! What a trip! The very first thing anyone talks about is the food. It's not as bad as you might think, actually. The only problem is Gravy Day. *Ugh!* The whole day, all you eat is gravy and biscuits! I had to pass my swimming test first thing I got there. The lake was not too bad, clean and tepid and I swam my butt off and was dead tired when I got out, but I'd passed! That night, I was pretty hungry and the food was more than good enough to fill me up. The food table was where we had some of our best times. I remember one time when the guys took a wheat cracker and put ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, salt, and pepper on it all at once. Adam Yee and Nick Williams dared me to eat it. I said I'd eat it if everyone watching coughed up a dollar each as a joke. A second later, seven dollar bills were piled on the table and everyone was cheering: "Eat it! Eat it!" So I stared at the monstrosity and then gulped it down and earned myself seven bucks. Ha! Ha! I still remember that and laugh out loud. Both the first and last nights, we had a presentation from the camp councilors and we would crack up at their hysterical acts. I managed to sign up for five merit badges there and even earned my Wilderness Survival merit badge on the fly. I also gained a few necessary requirements for advancement. Dane Hedstrom taught me lashings. The Wente Relay Race was pretty awesome. Johnno Hutar, Sam Wood, and Ben Duddy helped us participate. Johnno ran, Ben kayaked, and Sam swam. Even though we didn't win, it was cool too watch. One of the coolest things about Wente is that there are multiple troops there. Maybe a dozen or so different troops! I made good friends with a guy named Zach from Troop 32. I met him while earning my Swimming Merit Badge. We would hang out all the time. He and I managed to complete the Ghost Kali Ama while we were there. The Ghost Kali Ama is a special scavenger hunt for stamps hidden randomly around camp. We had a great time and each of us earned a patch that I now have on my uniform. It's pretty cool because I'm the only one who has one. I was also with him when we earned the Wilderness Survival Badge. We stayed up most of the night by the campfire. Now that I think about it, it wasn't so much of a campfire as a bonfire! All the boys who were there stacked cardboard and wood up a good ten feet high and we lit it up! When we had to leave, he and I exchanged knives as tokens of goodwill. All in all, Wente was a great time. I'm definitely not going to forget that for a long time and I'm looking forward to the good times awaiting me in Wente 2005.



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Yummies!



Welcome to the club



Rockin' The Boat



Wheee!



Who else wants a bath?



C'mon in! The water's fine!



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Who wants dessert?



Wente Wildlife



King of the Hill



Doing our part



Reunion Tour



Camp At Ease