



Troop 175 Event Report Base Camp 2004

When: Aug 8-14, 2004
Where: Boulder Creek
Scout Reservation

Scouts

Ryan F, Jackson F, Victor H, Brian H, Dane H, , Zachary L, Ryan S, Ryan T, Robbie T, Sam W

Adults

Mr. Duddy, Mr. Fadden, Mr. Foster, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Spartz, Mr. Tjan & Freakish Raccoons

Location

Boulder Creek Scout Reservation, Boulder Creek California

Trip Summary

At 2004 base camp our goal was to review some scout skills and work with Dutch oven cooking. Since the 50 Mile turned into a 50 Afloat, base camp was much closer than last year when it was at Florence Lake in the Southern sierra.

Day 1. We arrived at Boulder Creek after a 1 ½ hour drive from Foster City. We checked in with Sonny the park ranger and began to hike to our site with Mr. Fadden and Mr. Wood. Mr. Duddy drove the stuff in his trailer in his car to make it easier for us. Along the way, we got lost. It should have been a 45 minute hike but turned into a 2 hour hike. When we arrive we set up our tents and had lunch. Mr. Wood went home that night and Mr. Tjan came for one night. We finished the rest of the day relaxing.

Day 2. Mr. Duddy woke us promptly at 6:30 AM. We had breakfast. A while later, we began to work on the flag pole and the catapult. We spent the afternoon taking a very short hike. We stopped in an area to play tug of war. We had a Dutch oven dinner, keeping with our pioneering theme. After cleaning up, we went to bed late while staying around the camp fir.

Day 3. Mr. Duddy woke us promptly at 6:30 AM again. We had breakfast. We had the flag ceremony after breakfast. We reviewed first aide with Mr. Fadden and some interesting scenarios. We used ketchup for blood and had to stop the bleeding. It was harder than we thought to stop the bleeding because it was dirty and squirting out. After lunch we performed service hours by weeding. We pulled plants away from the road, so that cars could pass and not get scratched. We took a hike after the weeding. Then back at camp we built a trebuchet. We had dinner and Mr. Leonard came up (he also got lost hiking into camp) and Mr. Fadden went home.



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Day 4. Mr. Duddy woke us promptly at 6:30 AM again. We had breakfast. We had the flag ceremony after breakfast. We reviewed whip and rope fusing, and then built the A-frames for a monkey bridge. We tried to hike out to the pool, but got lost on the way. So we hiked back to the camp site, and went rode down to the pool. We went swimming and then took our first shower of the week. Mr. Spartz met us at the pool. We went to a site close to the pool where we could stay for the night. We set up our sleeping bags in the open and made aluminum foil chicken dinners. Ate s'mores and went to bed. Raccoons came and trashed our trash bags. What a night. It was really fun.

Day 5. We did not wake up early and got to sleep in! After a cold breakfast we hiked back to the base camp. Mr. Leonard left. We had a contest to see who could correctly find the way to go by using a map and compass. Brain H won the contest. When we got back to camp we had lunch. Mr. Foster arrived. We did additional service hours to help the community but not towards advancement. We helped to build part of a bridge and did more weed ripping. That night for dinner we cooked in the Dutch oven. We went to bed after the camp fire was out.

Day 6. Mr. Duddy woke us promptly at 6:30 AM again. We had breakfast. We had the flag ceremony after breakfast. After breakfast we hiked down to the pool. We took our second shower of the week and went swimming. When we were done, we played some games and hiked back to the site. Later that day we totally completed our monkey bridge. It kept on falling down though, so we used Mr. Duddy's car to hold it down. Going on it was a lot of fun because it swung back and for like a boat. We then had our Dutch oven dinner and cleaned up. Later that night we had our customary bonfire. As a treat, the adults brought ice cream for us. We stayed up and had a lot of fun and then went to sleep.

Day 7. We did not wake up too early, around 7:00. We had a quick breakfast and finished packing. We took everything apart and got into our cars. We drove down to the check in station and made sure we had all of our stuff. We hopped in our cars and drove home.

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