



Troop 175 Event Report The Fifty

When: Aug 1-8, 2003
Where: Florence Lake

Scouts

Randy B, Bobby B, Ben M, Tim P, Jeremy H, Robbie T, Adam L

Adults

Mr. Lee, Mr. Hamilton, Leif Hasselbach, Collin Hasselbach



Location

Blaney Meadows, Seldon Pass, Marie Lake, Bear Creek Meadows, Hilgard Meadows, Lake Italy, Italy Pass, Rosemarie Meadows, Sally Keys Lake, Blaney Meadows Hot Springs, Lake Florence

Trip Summary

The trip started with the usual six hour drive. As we were crossing Kaiser Pass it started to rain, then hail, then back to rain. It was dry while we were waiting for the ferry. When we arrived at Blaney Meadows it was only a light rain.

The next day was our toughest hike. Up to Sally Keys Lake where we experienced a moderate hail storm, then up and over Seldon Pass where it rained, hailed and everything else just as we got to the top. We quickly set up our camp near Marie Lake and got into dry clothes and our sleeping bags. Temperatures were below freezing that night.

We made several important discoveries on this trip. First of all you need to stay WAY to your left when going around Jumble Lake--otherwise you are jumping from boulder to boulder. Second, the view from the top of Muir Pass is beautiful even if you are sharing it with a six year old in Texas (how did he get there?). Lastly, there is a little bit of civilization at Hilgard Meadows (you will need to ask some one to find out what this means!).

We succumbed to the siren call of the hot springs on the way back and spent a lot of time swimming and soaking and healing our mosquito bites. We joined up with the base campers for a wonderful, non-dehydrated dinner. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



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The boat trip over



Setting up our first camp



Bobby really understands
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Beautiful views



Marie Lake



Muir Pass