

The Troop Newsletter

Troop 306 - Avon Indiana

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Trip to Holiday World

Our adventure begins at the scout hut with Cody running head first into the side door, which luckily burst open, allowing him to continue running down the stairs and falling onto the grass. He pops up, announces that he is okay, and continues on with the game of "Chase the Fairy/ Laser light". Business as usual.

We left around 6:30 am, and spent two and a half to three hours in a car. Surprisingly, no one was super hyper when we arrived at the campsite. After everyone set up the tents and the dining fly, we ate sandwiches and chips. We found handprints around part of our campsite, before we enjoyed our surprise dessert - "Cookies". I know it was technically graffiti, but it looked cool.



We arrived at holiday world at noon their time (which is one hour less then our time). We separated into groups of two or more and rode the rides. Each group has an interesting story to tell about how well the buddy system worked out. Most groups got separated but some managed to stay together. At three to three -thirty we had to check in with Mr. Jackson at the clapping hands fountain.



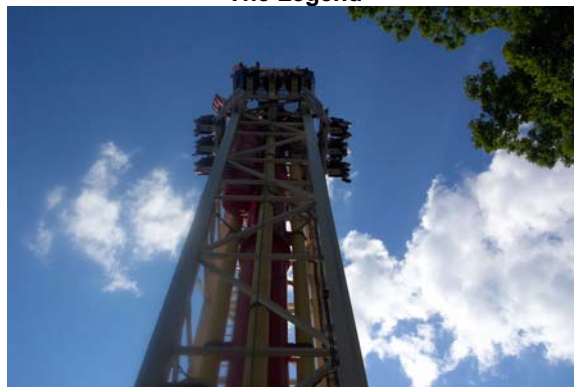
After we checked in we rode more rides. Some of the rides are pictured below:



The Voyage



The Legend



Liberty Launch



Revolution

All to soon we gathered to leave. Everyone ate a hobo dinner, which makes clean-up much easier. For those of you who don't know what a hobo dinner is, it's a hamburger patty with

onions, bell peppers, corn, or whatever else you want. Then we ate cake to celebrate Seth's birthday.



While we were eating cake, we saw a raccoon climbing a tree. After cake, we had the "retiring of the shoes", the shoes that have survived one too many campouts. Yes, I'm referring to John Raso's red and black ones, held together with duck-tape.



After we put in a few (and very few) good words for them, they shoes were put on the fire. They were pretty fire resistant . . . we discovered it is not easy getting rubber to ignite.



Kawooshhhhhh!!! Ending on that bright thought, and fire, we went to bed. The next day we packed up, formed a police line, and attended "Sunday school".

We traversed back home with one stop for lunch – that famous restaurant with the golden arches . . . Mc Donald's. We finally arrived at the scout hut at 3:00.



See you there next year or we'll seek a pack of armed and dangerous miniature Jackson's on you.

Safety Rules!

The Buddy System.

At Holiday World, we used the buddy system so we wouldn't get lost, but as I said earlier, most of us were separated or lost. I believe most of us were separated or lost because we did not use the buddy system properly. Here is a list of things you should remember when using the buddy system.

1. Set a meeting definite meeting place and an alternate meeting place in case you get lost.
2. If you do get lost, stay at the agreed meeting place for at least a half an hour.
3. If no one comes then go to the alternate meeting place
4. When in a large crowd, wear shirts that stand out like tie-dye shirts, or class B's
5. The smaller the group the less likely you will become separated.

Many Thanks to Mr. Moore for giving me the idea for this column.

Upcoming Events

Court of Honor /Cook Out Pitch In / Softball Game:

Sunday September 7, 2008

Softball game will start at 2:30pm

Dinner will be served at approx 5:00pm

Court of Honor will be following dinner

Parent Campout / 2009 Event Planning:

Sat & Sun Sept 13 & 14, 2008

Meeting, Dinner and Camping at Jim Russels Farm

Tentative time 2:00pm

Camping at Shades State Park

September 20-21, 2008

Shooting Campout

October 18-19, 2008

Caving Campout

November 8-9, 2008

Popcorn Information:

Popcorn Kernel: Bill & Kim Miller

Show & Sell Dates:

September 27 "Kick Off" Lowes in Avon

Each Scout is asked to sign up for a 2-3 hour window

2 Adults are required to be present at all times

October 4 Dicks Sporting Goods in Plainfield (Mall Side)

Times to follow

Fun & Games - "Fuels for a Fire"

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coal

drygrass

wood

oxygen

Leafs (my mistake
on the spelling.)

woodshavings

Gas **deadpyromaniacs**

Lint

clothing

*Obviously, I don't actually recommend any of the above . . . without adult supervision.
(- My dad mad me say this!)*

Until we meet again... at the hut!

Ben Ricks