

The Troop Newsletter

Troop 306 – Avon Indiana

September 2008
Historian - Benjamin Ricks

Mounds State Park

Our trip begins, with us greeting the cub scouts at the scout hut. Not much is going on, just lots of talking. We eventually get moving and set off to Mounds State Park. For those of you who have not heard, we were originally going to go to Shades State Park, but somebody - (Guess Who) - forgot to make reservations. Instead we are going to Mounds State Park.

We arrive and set up the tents and the dining fly. Before eating lunch, Mr. Jackson announces that he will be working with the cub scouts on learning some vital scout information, like how to use a knife safely.



He also announced that there would be a hike that evening. So we have sandwiches and cookies, very surprising - ("NOT"), and sit back and relax. There was not much activity, just playing cards, ultimate Frisbee, football, and people occasionally taking a hike. We had a hobo dinner again, and then headed to the trail. The guide took us to the mounds and explained their history. The park is called Mounds State Park, because it contains mounds that the Indians built. They were their sacred mounds, which they used to accurately measure the change in seasons. There is one mound where an Indian was buried, probably a great chief. After the guided tour, we slept in our tents until morning.

After a pleasant night's sleep, we cooked breakfast – "Eggs in a bag". We sprayed cooking oil in a paper bag, put eggs in it, and set it on some coals. There was oatmeal, grits, and hot chocolate for breakfast too. After breakfast we had chapel time, and because our Chaplin's Aid wasn't there, Daniel Jackson gave a modern version of the story in the book of Job- (pronounced "jobe"). Shortly after, we packed up and headed back to the scout hut.

The Heritage Festival

Each year we are asked to provide security for the booths that vendors set up the night before the Heritage Festival. We slept at Washington Township Park in the big white Kiwanis tent.

At first we played tag and hung out, that is, until the pizza came. After everyone devoured the pizza we watched DVD of Survivor Man via a projector onto the tent ceiling and ate the desserts that were brought. Then we watched some short Weird Al clips and I Robot.

We went to bed and were picked up by our parents in the morning. I don't know how much actual security we provided. But, just being there that night would have been enough to frighten off the most hardened criminal.

This year, we were also asked to set up a dance floor for a dance competition. All we had to do was move some tiles out of a van and onto the concrete basketball court at the park. Then, we slid the tiles into place and we were done.

This year marked the 10 year anniversary of the festival. There was a slide show and narration that accompanied the firework display that was very interesting and informative for all trivia buffs. The fireworks were very good again this year.

Following the fireworks, a much smaller crew of the older scouts and parents disassembled the dance floor and packed it away until next year.

Troop Elections

Every six months we have troop elections. In the elections you can run for three positions - (it used to be two), and you can present a two-minute speech about why you should be elected.

The results of this election are as follows:

SPL: Daniel Jackson
ASPL: Bobby Komis
Quartermaster: Dylan Hensley
Librarian: "Fluffy" Johnson
Historian: Benjamin Ricks
Scribe: Justin Sexton
Bugler: Vacant - no one ran
Chaplin's Aid: Conner Hensley

Plans were also discussed to reorganize patrols and elect patrol leaders at upcoming meeting. Many other scouts have taken training to become Den Chief's, (or mentors), for various local Weblo packs in the surrounding area. Note: this also qualifies as a leadership position, which is needed by all of us for our continued rank advancement.

At the Scout Hut

Recently we have been working on the Personal Management merit badge. We have been discussing with Mr. Beck about how the next president affects us, how should we save money, the recent downfall in our economy, et cetera....

Our homework was to make a 90 day record of what you made and what you spent, and to discuss with your family what you would cut back on if you had to make a "big" family purchase, such as a new TV or computer. Once you and your family discussed, we were to write a report a couple of paragraphs long, explaining what family budget cuts were required to meet the large expenditure.

Upcoming Events

Oct 04
POPCORN SALES at Dick's in Plainfield - All Day

Oct 18-19
Camping and Shooting Range

Oct 28
Troop 306 Halloween Party at the Scout Hut

Nov 08-09
Southern Indiana Caving Trip and Overnight Camping

Dec 16
Troop 306 Christmas Party at the Scout Hut (only 1 hr)

Popcorn Schedule

Saturday, September 27, 2008
Popcorn Sales Begin

Saturday, October 4, 2008
Show and sell at Dick's in Plainfield

Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Selling Blitz during the meeting

Sunday, October 12, 2008
Selling Blitz (meet at the Scout Hut at 2 PM)

Tuesday, November 4, 2008
Take orders are due

Dec 6-Dec 15
Scouts deliver popcorn and collect money

Tuesday, December 15, 2008
All popcorn money is due!!
➤ (No partial payments will be accepted.)

Safety Rules

In this column we shall discuss why and what should be in your first aid kit.

One of the most important things you should have in your first aid kit, are bandages. There are lots of different bandages to choose from.

Another thing you should have is gloves. Gloves are useful because they protect you from viruses and bacteria.

For more practical things you should probably have some scissors and duct tape. Duct tape is very useful for binding things, and lots of people recommend it in a first aid kit.

Then there are some optional things like calamine lotion, sunscreen, poison ivy medicines, painkillers, tissues, and personal medicines.

These are some helpful hints that will keep you and your fellow scout's safe on a campout.

Fun & Games

Word Scramble

1. NDASINI
2. DANGEBAS
3. OPROCNP
4. IRABLRINA
5. PIMACGN
6. ITAGEHER
7. METSAQUARRRET
8. OUMNS
9. TIROHSY
10. LITES

**Until we meet again...
at the Scout Hut!**