

Appalachian Trail Hike

On June 25-28, Timothy Green, Chris O'Neill, Jonathan Silverberg and Sam Seddinger (from Troop 805) went along with Mr. Smith and hiked a twenty-one mile stretch of the Appalachian Trail from Maxpatch Mountain to Hot Springs, NC.



On July 19-21, at Camp Coker, Davis Hall, Garrett Hogan, Chris O'Neill, and Jonathan Silverberg completed their "Ordeal" and were inducted into the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts of America's National Society of Honor Campers.

First Troop meeting of the New School Year: Monday August 26, at Lakeside Baptist Church, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Full Uniform. (Gathering Period is at 6:15.) Don't Be Late!

September 13-15 - Camping Trip — Qualify for Archery Merit Badge with Mr. Jones, featuring new Dutch Oven recipes and preparation for Chicora Fall District Camporee.

CAMP COKER, JUNE 16-22: GREAT WEATHER, ADVANCEMENT & FUN

After camp wide retreat on Wednesday evening, standing from left to right: Chris O'Neill, Chris Danes, Jonathan Silverberg. Kneeling from left to right: Steven Goebel, J.C. Campbell, Alex Hartman, Philip Thompson, Steven Miller, Ben Jones, Joshua Stevenson, Stuart Hill, Davis Hall, Justin Ayersman



First of all, Chris Danes did a fine job as summer camp Senior Patrol Leader. This year, we stayed at Elk Campsite which is right near the dining hall and showers. Summer camp is a time for merit badge classes, and for the newer Scouts, lots of basic training. In addition to a whole lot of progress towards the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class, Scouts completed the requirements for a variety of merit badges including: Climbing, Motorboating, Swimming, First Aid, Environmental Science, Shot Gun Shooting, Emergency Preparedness, Wood Carving, Archery, Fishing, Finger Printing, Bird Study, and Indian Lore.

Justin Ayersman and Philip Thompson were the first two Scouts in our troop to finish the mile swim. They had to get up early and practice several mornings which took discipline and perseverance. Good job, guys!



Steven Miller learning to lay tinder.

Though the meals at Camp Coker are good, the Dutch Oven cobbler Scouts baked at night were always a welcome treat. Wood tools and fire building skills were improved, and Scouts used hot



Ben, Chris and cherry cobbler.

spark kits to light all the fires for cooking cobbler, evening campfires, and for free-time fire building practice. It was a good week at summer camp!



Our first evening of camp, Alex Hartman and Steven Goebel put together a wash station (always a good project for that First Class Camp Gadget Requirement). Thanks to our lashed-together camp improvements, our troop received an award for the most improved site at camp.