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A FULL FALL PROGRAM LEADS TO PLANS FOR AN ACTIVE 2003

On September 13-15, the troop camps in a field of wet, tall grass in Longs, near the Jone's residence where an archery range is set up. Along with archery, the themes of the camping trip are elaborate Dutch Oven Cooking and pioneering. A Double A-Frame Monkey Bridge is constructed made of laminated spars from the plans sent specially to us from Iowa by Adolph Peschke, the author of the Boy Scouts of America's Pioneering Merit Badge Pamphlet.



Phillip Thompson tests out the Double A-Frame Monkey Bridge.

Matt Silverberg is elected Senior Patrol Leader and a new regime of "boy run" meetings commence. The troop is divided into three patrols plus one corps of junior leaders. In November, this configuration is changed into two large patrols, the Leprechauns and the Wolves, plus the corps of Junior Leaders. The entire Patrol Leaders Council attends two Junior Leader training sessions at Matt's house. Some of the best weekly meetings in the troop's history are held. Troop meeting times are changed from 6:30-8:00 p.m. to 7:00-8:30 p.m. Garrett Hogan completes artwork for new patrol flags and Zack Yaple has the design air brushed onto cloth. The recording of patrol points during troop meetings resume with a prize for the highest scoring patrol at the end of each meeting and pizza at the end of each month. Patrol spirit is high.

On October 20, Tripp Collins, Timothy Green, Will Hall, Michael O'Neill, and Jeff Silverberg receive their Eagle Medals. Over 100 people attend a joint Court of Honor Ceremony and celebration in the fellowship hall at Lakeside Baptist Church featuring numerous, impressive presentations and a slide show of all five Scouts.

On November 22-24, the troop braves cold weather at Vereen Gardens. The themes of



(A watched pot does boil!) Justin Ayersman, Ben Jones, Garrett Hogan and JC Campbell staying warm.

the camping trip are orienteering and open-fire camp cooking. An old-fashioned crossbar, supported by two forked sticks, is set up to boil water for cooking, cleaning, and hot chocolate.

On December 2, Travis Collins, Justin Davidson, and Russell Spatholt prepare a Dutch Oven dinner for the Men's Club at Lakeside Baptist Church. The food was so good, the eaters give the cooks a round of applause.

On December 7, Philmont Scouts and Scouts needing their Second Class Hike complete a 5-miler to Camp Hardee where a First Class orienteering course is set up.



Using "Laminated Spars," Garrett Hogan lashes two A-Frames together for one side of the Double A-Frame Monkey Bridge.



Taylor Collins, working on First Class Cooking, serves up "Mountain Man Breakfast" on a Saturday morning in September.