

Summer Camp Reports

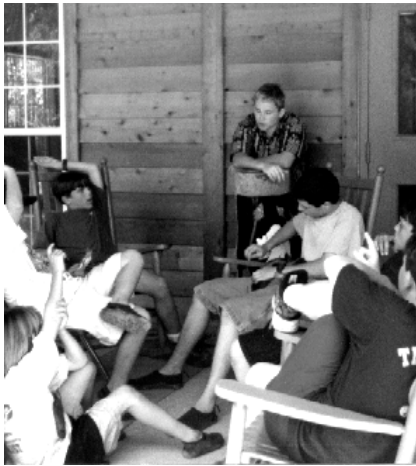
From June 7-13, Thirty-one Scouts from Troop 888 attended Camp Barstow, on Lake Murray, near Saluda, SC. This is the third Boy Scout Camp we've gone to in the last three summers, and it received a lot of mixed reviews. All and all, everyone had fun, and there was lot's of progress made towards higher ranks. As a whole,



Dan Messich, Greg Spatholt, Ashton Elliot, and Frankie Starace during a Canoeing Merit Badge class.

Scouts in our troop earned 18 Eagle-Required Merit Badges: 7 Citizenship in the Nation, 3 Citizenship in the World, 5 Environmental Science, and 3 Swimming. In addition, 83 "Elective" Merit Badges were earned: 2 Archery, 10 Art, 10 Basketry, 12 Canoeing, 5 Climbing and Rappelling, 1 Cooking, 6 Finger-printing, 1 Fish and Wildlife Management, 4 Fishing, 5 Leather-work, 3 Medicine, 5 Metalwork, 2 Motor-boating, 2 Reptile Study, 3 Rowing, 8 Small-Boat Sailing, 2 Water Skiing, and 2 Woodwork.

What follows are some things that troop members liked and some things that troop members didn't like



Senior Patrol leader Daniel Sloope leading a planning session.

about Camp Barstow:

Jesse

Hardee— "I got to start on merit badges and learn about new stuff, instead of staying home and just watching TV. I didn't like the scorpions and spiders, and would have liked if the showers were cleaner."

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Jesse Hardee, Josh McDaid, and Tristian Addington

Will Hall - "I liked my Merit Badge classes, especially Rowing Merit Badge. I also liked the stuff in the trading post. I didn't like the 'Troop 202 Flu.'"

Alex Rogers - "When I liked the food, they always had just a little bit of it, and when I didn't like the food, they always had a lot."

Jason Hardee - "I liked my Merit Badge counselors. I didn't like the tents—they were too small."

Teddy Fontana - "I liked the Merit Badges. I didn't like the smell in my tent."

Cory Keibler - "I thought the tents were cool. I didn't like the long walks to everywhere."

Justin Davidson - "I really liked going fishing down at the lake. I didn't care much for the guy who ran the swimming area."

Dominick Bezmen - "I liked playing Tetherball best of all. Like Will, I got the 'Troop 202 Flu,' which wasn't fun."

Max Walter -

"I liked the trading post. I didn't enjoy all those long walks to my Merit Badge classes."

Tripp

Collins - "I just liked the climbing tower better than everything else."

Jeff

Max Walter using a stick to cook the brim he caught over an open fire in our troop campsite.

Silverberg - "I liked a lot of the instructors and felt the climbing and rappelling tower was cool. I disliked the girls at the trading post and the lady from the ecology lodge."

Steven Sloope - "I liked the water skiing. I disliked the food, and Troop 202."

Timothy Green— "I liked Climbing and Rappelling Merit Badge and also Canoeing Merit Badge. I didn't think the food was all that good and also, Camp Barstow had way too many flies."

Daniel Sloope— "I liked Canoeing and Small Boat Sailing Merit Badges, staff members Zack and Eric, and also the trading post. On the other hand, I felt that some of the staff and other troops at camp could have behaved more maturely."

Michael O'Neill— "I liked my Merit Badge classes and meeting Ringo, and like most people, I disliked the lady from the ecology lodge and Troop 202."



Matt Silverberg rappelling down the climbing tower during a Climbing and Rappelling Merit Badge class.