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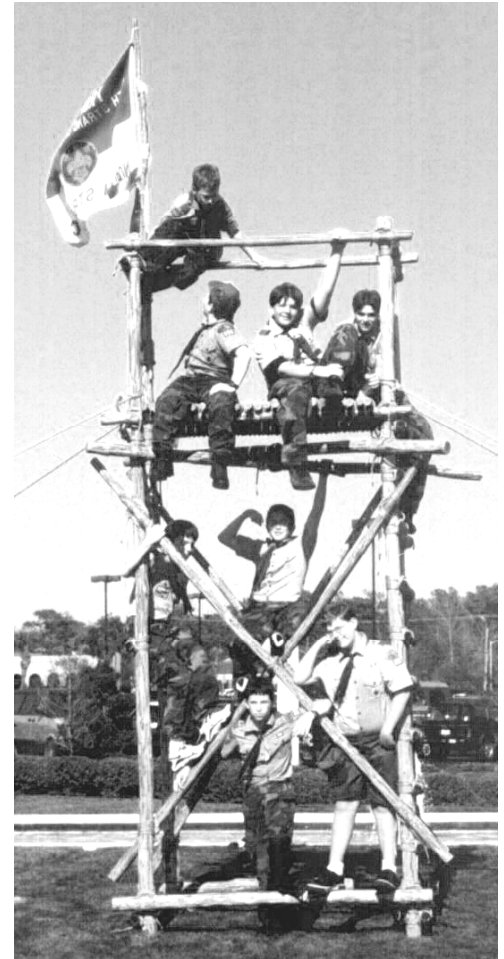
Mr. Lester's Camping Trip Review: Waccamaw Lake State Park, January 22-24

Well, it took over a year for it to have the audacity to rain on me, and from the look of the flooded grounds along Hwy. 701 on the trip back home, it rained on a lot more than just me and our campsite. Putting our ground cloths inside the tents was a really good idea, and most everybody in the troop had a dry sleep through the heavy downpour. Boy, once it got started, it just kept coming down and wouldn't let up.

I thought this was an excellent camping trip. We accomplished a lot of advancement and were very productive from the time we got there, on Friday afternoon, until the rain started Saturday night. Tony Speedling, Daniel Sloope, and Timothy Green worked on Wilderness Survival Merit Badge, and I hear Timothy stayed somewhat comfortable Friday night in the shelter he built. (He's lucky he didn't have to stay in it the following night.) I was extremely proud of the patrol cooks. Mealtimes were well organized, and cleanups were handled in good form. Here are just some of the eating highlights: on Friday night, Dan Mesich served up New York Strip Steaks with mashed potatoes and corn on the cob for the Panther Patrol. On Saturday morning, Cory Keibler prepared the famous Mountain Man Breakfast for the Scorpion Patrol. On Saturday night, Teddy Fontana cooked from scratch the really delicious beef, potato, bacon, onion, cheese and tomato puree concoction called "Slum Gullion" for the Cobra Patrol, and Kurt Lester fried some chicken strips, with corn on the cob, and green peas with cheese for the Raccoon Patrol.

Just after Saturday's dinner, we could tell the rain storm we all had been expecting was finally coming. Tautline hitches on the guylines of each dining fly were adjusted, and the rain flies over each tent were pulled tight. I felt the extreme wet weather was definitely a good challenge for all the Scouts and for the troop as a whole. I do wish it had been a little bit colder, though.

Thanks go out to Mr. Green and Mr. Scott, as always, for giving their time on this two-nighter. I know they both had fun. I continue to extend a welcome invitation to all other adults who care to join us for our next trip.



Steven Sloope, Will Hall, Jeff Bialecki, Tony Speedling, Charles Horton, Daniel Sloope, Timothy Green, Cory Keibler on the Signal Tower at Myrtle Square Mall during March, 1997 Scout Expo. Our next tower is scheduled to be a feature of our Troop Scout Show this February 27.

Boy Scout Troop 888 Scout Show CHICKEN BOG FEAST

All You Can Eat!

Saturday, February 27, 12:00-7:00 p.m.
St. Stephen's Church, 11th Ave. North, N.M.B.

Check out our Double Ladder Signal Tower,
Other Pioneering Projects, and Scouting Displays

— \$5.00 Admission —