

## Camp Bob Hardin - June 13-19

This summer, Troop 888 returned to Camp Bob Hardin in Saluda, NC. This is a beautiful Scout camp, and a great place to get the legs in shape, for there are hills everywhere, and you can't help but do a lot of climbing during a week-long stay. In addition to daily advancement sessions for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks, the following merit badges were earned by troop members:



Scouts wash the troop bus on June 7 before camp.

Archery,  
Canoeing,  
Citizenship in  
the Nation,  
Citizenship in  
the World,  
Communication,  
Cooking,  
Environmental  
Science,  
First Aid,

Horsemanship, Leatherworking, Nature, Orienteering, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Swimming, Whitewater, and Wood Carving.



Back Row, left to right: Ms. Spatholt, Will Hall, Greg Spatholt, Michael O'Neill, Dan Mesich, Cory Keibler, Jason Hardee, Josh Southerland, Theodore Fontana, James Bumgardner, Tristian Addington, Mr. Green. Front Row, left to right: Justin Davidson, Kurt Lester, Matthew Silverberg, Avery Scott, Brandon Sipes, Steven Slooppe, Russell Spatholt, Travis Collins, Ian Barker, Hiram Ruiz. Kneeling: Jeff Silverberg, Timothy Green, Tripp Collins

This was Troop 888's fourth summer at a Scout camp, and though last summer at Camp Barstow might have been the hottest, this week at Camp Bob Hardin was by far the wettest—it rained for four of the six days. But, no one said Scouting was supposed to be easy and comfortable. On the contrary, Scouting gives boys an opportunity to make the best of any situation, wet or dry, hot or cold, and get through it as smoothly and safely as possible.

Because our troop had the largest attendance at camp, we were given two campsites—Apache and Blackfoot. Troop members divided into three bunk houses called Adirondacks, each housing up to eight Scouts. These three-sided shelters kept us all dry, in spite of the rainy weather, and it was obvious, that the boys enjoyed the camaraderie that went along with staying in the Adirondacks.

Besides the greatest amount of advancement of any summer camp, gained during this stay at Bob Hardin, those who went to camp should be commended for one more reason; they kept their bunks neater than ever before. That was no small chore!

## Five Scouts Called Out for the O.A.

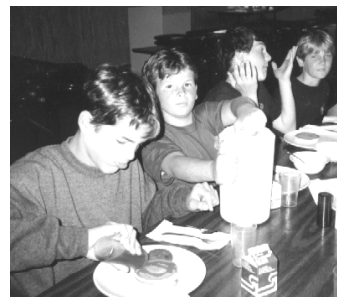


On a rainy Wednesday night, June 16, five members of Troop 888 were "grabbed" away from the audience during an Order of the Arrow



Newly tapped out candidates for the Order of the Arrow standing next to O.A. members present from our Troop.

campfire and tap out ceremony at Camp Bob Hardin. Jeff Silverberg, Will Hall, Michael O'Neill, Steven Slooppe, Dan Messich, and Geoff Britzke will undergo a special ordeal during a weekend at Camp Coker this Fall, as an induction into the Boy Scouts of America's national brotherhood of honor campers.



Members of "Blackfoot A" at Breakfast in the Dining Hall at Camp Bob Hardin.



Members of "Apache B" at Breakfast in the Dining Hall at Camp Bob Hardin.



Members of "Blackfoot B" at Breakfast in the Dining Hall at Camp Bob Hardin.

