

# BOY SCOUT TROOP 888

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## Lake Waccamaw State Park "Scout's Choice" Camping Trip

S'mores, Dutch Oven Cobbler, Canoeing, and "Capture the Flag" in the woods are some of the ingredients making up a "Scout's Choice" Campout. On Friday, November 19, we loaded the bus and left from the Middle School, returning on Sunday, November 21st. Each patrol was able to set up



On Saturday, Matt Silverberg with Kurt Lester, and Theodore Fontana with James Bumgardner, angle for position during an informal canoe race at Lake Waccamaw State Park.

their site and cook dinner by lantern light on Friday night. Spirits were running high, and though all Scouts had to be in their tents by 11:00 p.m., as part of their "Scout's Choice" two-nighter they were allowed to sleep as late as they wanted on Saturday morning. (The only limitation was, patrol cooks would only have to cook breakfast once.)



Hiram Ruiz and Dominick Bezmen canoeing through some grassy water near shore.

taken to keep their patrol fires manageable and under control. Fire safety is and will always be one of the main concerns of our troop. Also, for those Scouts who attended this trip, keep up the good work in cleaning up and breaking camp, like you did on Sunday morning when it was time to pack up for home. Great job!

On Saturday, a few Scouts chose to work on advancement, but in between meals, most took turns canoeing on the lake, and for the greater part of the afternoon, played several games of "Capture the Flag" in the woods. This game is many times more challenging where there is a larger playing area and plenty of trees and brush to hide behind. Those Scouts who weren't part of their patrol's cook crew continued to play until it got too dark to see where they were running.

Because this was an "ice-chest trip," patrol menus contained some pretty fancy meals. The troop has come a long way since the days of Ramen Noodles for dinner and Pop Tarts for breakfast. Each patrol cooked up hearty food including steak and foil-cooked, baked potatoes for dinner, and French Toast and sausage, and eggs and bacon for breakfast.

Each patrol is also to be commended for the safety measures that were



Tripp Collins in the axe yard preparing fire wood for Saturday's dinner.



Jeff Silverberg, making coals for the Venture Crew's Saturday evening cooking fire.



Tony Speedling gives an account of what happened during "Capture the Flag" in the woods.