

## Poinsett State Park (continued)

The primitive area at Poinsett is popular with Scout Troops. Because we arrived on Friday night, we had our pick of the sites. On Saturday night, our troop and a neighboring troop joined together for a campfire where we exchanged some stories and sang some songs. Afterwards, there was plenty of Dutch Oven cobbler—one peach, and a double-large strawberry cobbler prepared by Brandon.



A shot of the monkey bridge with a section of our campsite at Poinsett State Park near Sumter, SC.

## From The SPL

Food was definitely the high point of our last camping trip. I don't think the whole troop has ever eaten as well as they did on this camping trip. Our gourmet-cooking contest was a huge success. It was a hard decision choosing the winner, because all of the dinners were superb.



Senior Patrol Leader, Jeff Silverberg putting up a dining fly Friday night at Poinsett State Park.

Jonathan Silverberg, the Anaconda's chef, cooked up a whole four-course meal, with mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, rice, and ribs. Brandon Sipes, cooking for the Killer Bees, prepared shish kabob with beef, chicken, onions, green peppers, and carrots. And last, but certainly not least, Avery Scott, cooking for both the Rattlesnake and Scorpion Patrols, cooked a very original dish—Beef Stroganoff. Each dish in the contest was outstandingly

delicious. In fact, all the dishes had to be re-tasted. The entrees were judged from a 1-10 in the following three categories: taste, presentation, and originality. The most original award went to Avery, however, the winner of the gourmet-cooking contest was Jonathan and the Anaconda's. As a prize they will receive a camping chair for their patrol to use on camping trips.

Because of the success of this contest, our troop will be having many more contests in the future. So: Scouts, BE PREPARED for the next one!

## Summer Camp at Thunder Scout Reservation

Twenty-nine Scouts have signed up for camp, June 25-July 1. So far, sixteen are going on the 50-mile canoe trip on Georgia's Flint River, and thirteen are taking the merit badge program at Camp Thunder. We'll keep you posted.

## Signal Tower and Rifle Shooting Planned for March 24-26

Assistant Scoutmaster, Mr. Lester, who is a Rifle Shooting Merit Badge Counselor, will be conducting sessions at "Scoutland" in North Myrtle Beach, during March's camping trip. All Scouts will have an opportunity to learn about gun safety and to target shoot, and those Scouts taking the merit badge will be given a chance to qualify.

In response to the survey, the troop has decided to put up a fourteen-foot, Double Ladder Signal Tower on this trip. Enough Scouts have agreed to devote the time and pitch in with the actual construction, and it was unanimous that all Scouts want to spend time climbing it and "hang out" up on the platform.

On this camping trip, the troop will divide into two groups. One will stay in the established camping area within range of vehicle parking and certain conveniences. The other will make up a special crew, backpack a good distance into the woods and rough it. All activities will be available to both groups. Scouts can plan to participate with either group they want.

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

On March 18th, our sponsor, The North Strand Optimist Club, has invited us to march in the annual parade.



**THE SHORT AND THE LONG OF IT!** New Scout, Garrett Hogan stands along side Chaplain's Aid, Cory Keibler.

We will meet in the Lowe's parking lot at 9:30 that Saturday morning. Candy will be distributed. Unless they are marching with their school band, all Scouts are expected to participate. Older Scouts will ride on a float. There will be Pizza and ice cream at St. Stephen's following the parade.

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### Ms. Bezmen's Advancement Corner

As the advancement chairman I must tell you that I'm being kept quite busy these days. The boys are all advancing in rank and focusing on their individual records. These are the things that make my job rewarding. We have four Scouts that have begun planning and working on their Eagle projects which you will be hearing about soon. New skills instruction classes will begin in March and I thank the parents who have come forward to teach them. I would also like to thank all the adults who have helped in the past.