

# BOY SCOUT TROOP 888

# NEWSLETTER

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## Scout Camp at Camp Thunder and Gerald I. Lawhorn Canoe Base

Most everyone who stayed at Camp Thunder thought it was the best Scout Camp yet. Seems like the camp liked us too. They even invited Kurt Lester to come back the week after and stay on as a Counselor in Training,, which to the benefit of our troop, he did. It was observing the wide variety of other troops at Camp Thunder that led to a new clamp down and overhauling of our own troop policies, all for our troop's benefit.

Here's how the TROOP COMPETITIONS went on Friday: Tug-o-War - 2nd Place  
Water Relay - 1st Place  
Swim Race - 1st Place  
Scoutmaster Belly Flop Contest (Mr. Lester) - 2nd Place, (but 1st place in style and technique).

### OVERALL: FIRST PLACE

#### Campsite Evaluations

Monday - 104/105

Tuesday - 103/105

Wednesday - 105/105

Thursday - 105/105

Friday - 105/105



CAMP THUNDER - THURSDAY NIGHT GROUP PHOTO FOLLOWING CAMPFIRE PROGRAM - (Kneeling from left to right): Ms. Spatholt, Travis Collins, Chris Danes, Ian Barker, Jeff Silverberg, Geoff Britzke, Russell Spatholt, Will Hall, Tim Green, Jonathan Silverberg, Kit Smith, Garret Hogan, Avery Scott, Chris O'Neill, (Standing from left to right): Mr. Green, Jason Hardee, Kurt Lester, Greg Spatholt, Brandon Sipes, Theodore Fontana, Tripp Collins, Davis Hall, James Bumgardner, Matt Silverberg, Michael O'Neill, Hiram Ruiz, Justin Davidson, Mr. Lester, Mr. Horting

## Our Senior Patrol Leader Looks Towards the Future of the Troop

In the last two years our troop has accomplished many things. However, we (the Patrol Leaders Council) feel that we have not even come close to our potential. The main reasons for this we feel are discipline, organization, and desire. I feel our many respectable accomplishments were far outnumbered these last two years by incidents where we fell short of doing our best to live up to the **Scout Oath** and **Law** and also to live by the **Outdoor Code**.

Discipline will be very important in the structure of Troop 888. During this coming year, **WE WON'T BE STRICT, JUST DISCIPLINED. WE WANT TO HAVE FUN.**

In order for us to have a productive and fun troop, we will need organization. This means we need lots of structure. Without discipline, this is next to impossible. There will be a change in the way we do things and our priorities (such as gaining basic Scout Skills before merit badges). And as we progress we will not only be the most fun troop around, but the best organized as well. **ORGANIZATION = TROOP 888.** (Continued on Page 2)



Rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee on Friday, June 30: Ms. Spatholt, Geoff Britzke, Ian Barker, Justin Davidson, Travis Collins, Russell Spatholt