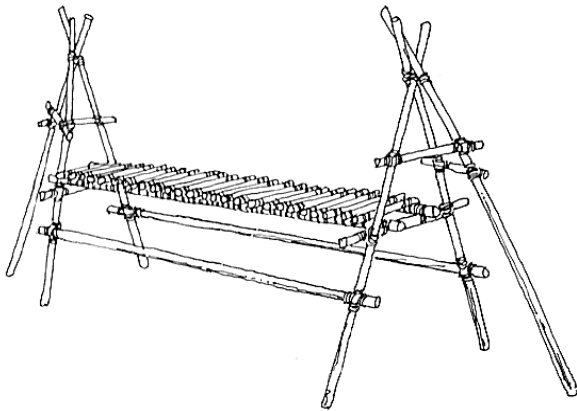


## FALL CAMPOREE ( Continued)

2nd place in "Cross-Cut Saw Race," and an Honorable Mention in the "First Aid Stretcher Race." A special congratulations is needed for Russell Spatholt and Travis Collins for the two 1st place canoe victories, and for Tripp Collins and myself in the cross-cut saw event.

I'd have to say my 2 favorite parts of the trip were, one: eating Justin's food (he makes really good Dutch oven deep dish pizza!) and two: wiping the floor with all the other troops by receiving THE SPECIAL RIBBON FOR OVERALL HIGHEST SCORE. Again, you guys, congrats and I hope to see you on our next trip in the New Year! MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY CHANUKAH and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

## NEW VERSION OF CHIPPEWA KITCHEN



One of our best camp gadgets to date is the double tripod Chippewa Kitchen. On Friday evening at the Camporee, it was put together under the direction of Tripp Collins who took the initiative to use a copy of the above diagram as a guide. The frame was lashed together with 6', 8' and 10' spars. The cooking platform consisted of the 3' ladder rungs and 3 1/2' floor pieces from our old towers. These were held in place with binder's twine using a "pigtail lashing" like making a raft. It took seven Scouts to carry the structure into position between the dining flies. After covering the platform with about 2" of mineral soil, it was used by the whole troop for all Dutch Oven and Foil Cooking. The platform yielded a good 16 square feet of cooking area. An 8-quart pot was hung from the 8' tripod over an open fire for boiling water.

## NARC'S NEWS

### Ms. Bezmen's Advancement Corner

Certain parts of some required merit badges can't be completed during the meetings. So, we are going to be establishing a lending library where you can check out the pamphlets for Personal Fitness, Personal Management, and Environmental Science for your personal use. Keep all the necessary logs and provide the information to the counsellor for that badge when you're ready.

One of the biggest stumbling blocks on the road to Eagle seems to be the paperwork. Feel free to bring it to a meeting and get all the help you need to complete it. Any questions you have please ask Mr. Green or any of the Assistant Scout Masters. We're all here to help you.

## TROOP EVENTS

**HOLIDAY TROOP MEETING:** December 18, bring a \$5.00 grab bag gift. Refreshments, fun, and video of Mountain Man Outpost.

**JANUARY BACKPACKING TRIP:** January 19-20 at Camp Hardee.

**FLORIDA TRIP:** To swim with the Manatees, March 25-28, still being planned.

**CAMP COKER:** Boy Scout Camp at Coker this summer. Dates are June 16-22!

**MOUNTAIN MAN OUTPOST:** Blue Ridge Mountain Council, August 4-10, 13 years and older.



At North Myrtle Beach City Hall on November 4, during the ceremony to dedicate the Blue Star Marker honoring our nation's veterans, five 11th grade Scouts from Troop 888 were on hand to lead the Pledge of Allegiance: Michael O'Neill, Jeff Silverberg, Tripp Collins, Greg Spatholt, Will Hall.

## PIONEERING MERIT BADGE

Once again, Troop 888 was asked to build a monkey bridge for Scout Day at Broadway at the Beach on November 10. It turned out to be a golden opportunity for Ian Barker, Justin Davidson, Chris Danes, Greg Spatholt, J.C. Campbell, Davis Hall, and Jonathan Silverberg to work on Pioneering Merit Badge. In the morning, the Scouts put up a tall single A-frame bridge and spent most of the rest of the day working on merit badge requirements.

## TROOP WEBSITE

If you haven't been there yet, check out our website. There are links to our: Troop Meetings, Camping Trips, Pioneering Projects, Troop Trips, Philmont '99, Scout Camps, New News, and Scouting Links.



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