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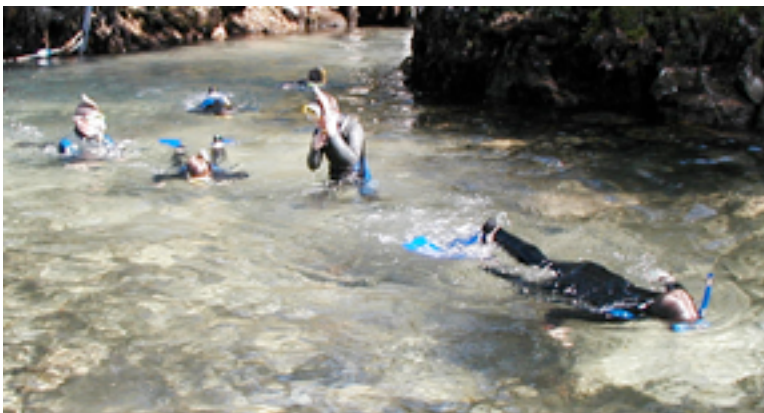
FLORIDA SNORKELING ADVENTURE, MARCH 25-27



Heading out for the first dive bright and early Tuesday morning, left side: Steven Miller, Justin Davidson, J.C. Campbell, Tailor Collins, Chris O'Neill, right side: Mr. Smith, Steven Goebel, Garrett Hogan, Stuart Hill, Davis Hall, Alex Hartman, Justin Ayersman, Philip Thompson

Though, due to warmer temperatures, there was only one real Manatee encounter, twelve Troop 888 Scouts enjoyed Homosassa Wildlife Park, two snorkeling sessions in the Crystal River, and a long, scenic snorkel dive in the clear waters of Rainbow River. There were lots of fish and underwater sights to see and for most, it was the first time experiencing a new underwater world.

We left Lakeside Baptist Church at 5:00 a.m. on Monday morning, and



Six Scouts returning to the boat after snorkeling "Three Sisters" on the Crystal River, Tuesday morning. Many commented that this was one of their favorite parts of the trip.

followed our guide, Captain Larry, owner of Nuhorizons Dive and



Monday dinner: Macaroni and Cheese, and Carrot Sticks with Ranch Dressing.

Travel, in our rented 15 passenger van, for the eight-hour drive to Crystal River, Florida. The "No-see-ums" (gnats) were terrible! After an early-evening swim, dinner, and a game of Flashlight Tag, we were in our tents pretty early so we could rest up for a full day of snorkeling on Tuesday. We even got to swim in the Gulf of Mexico early Tuesday evening before returning to camp. We had time for a final dive in the Crystal River on Wednesday morning, before starting on the trip back home.