

Scouting Tour 2008 - 2009

“Scouting Rocks”

July- Summer Camp at Ransburg

42 boys, 22 new scouts, hiking, swimming, archery, and adventure. A late night canoe trip with pizza and good time had by all. What more can you ask for?

July - Florida Sea Base High Adventure

Sailing the calm waters off the coast of the Florida Keys. Watching the sunset over the horizon and snorkeling with sharks, sting rays and barracudas. Priceless. September - Starved Rock State Park - Mosquitoes may be Minnesota's State Bird, but they were out in force at Starved Rock turning Mat Mueller into a pincushion. The hike was fun trying to find a path that was not flooded. The food was good with all the first year scouts doing a great job cooking and providing that train wrecks in no wreck.

October - Shooting and Lashings at Rainbow Council

Bang, bang, bang, shotguns, bb-guns and archery everybody hit their target. Not to mention all the camp gadgets going up.

November- Climbing the silos in Bloomington, IL

So how long does it take to climb to the top of a 100-foot silo? About 30 minutes during the first hour and about 10 seconds in the last hour. A good time was had by all. We think Mr. Claeys is still here. What a turkey dinner that kept us warm all night!. We needed it with that wind.

December - Survival

Neither rain nor sleet nor black of night will keep us from going to the middle of the woods in the middle of winter and sleeping in the snow under blue tarps. Or for that matter enjoying the best coffee can meals in central IL. thanks to Mrs. Mareiniak for cooking all the hens; And by the way, beware of Birch's bend on the way out.

January - Ski Trip - Cascade Mountain

Mr. Goltermann not allowed to attend so no threat of knee injuries this year. All return home safe.

February - Klondike Derby

Several boys brave the cold camping out in tents at Von Oven and present a great program for all to enjoy. Our guys will do anything to shoot shotguns the next day.

March- Advancement

Cool nights and warm days, days like this are the reason we camp. One great orienteering course (thanks Mr. Warren and Mr. May), a ten-foot high tripod, and a smoking' campfire. I can't wait for the OA call out next year. That was cool.

April - Devil's Lake State Park

Noah is given a run for his money by our scouts. Philmont training on the rocks. The scenery might have been beautiful in central Wisconsin. But since we forgot to pack the snorkels we could not tell. But it was a good day for advancement and nights with 2 scouts earning canoeing merit badge without leaving their tent.

May - Warren Dunes

General Marciniak leads the troops. Boys, get your tents up before the rain starts again!!! We catapulted into the dunes. Does the troop trailer really need taillights.

June - Mini- Adventure Elroy Sparta Wisconsin

Biking, Canoeing, and Archery are just a few of the activities that we encountered on this challenging adventure.

July - Summer Camp at Ransburg

The peaceful lake, a spider or two, the blazing heat, yet the boys cannot wait until next year.

July - Philmont Scout Ranch High Adventure

Tooth of Time, Mount Baldy, and several other breathtaking views. A 24 hour train ride adds to the adventure. Just watch out for mini-bear attacks.