

Scouting Tour 2009 - 2010

“100 Years of Scouting, 46 years of Troop 505

July - Summer Camp - Ransburg, IN

What a week canoeing, sailing, camping, archery, shotgun shooting, and that was just Monday. We had one monster of a good time with great pizza/birthday; winning the Ridge Award for the first time in the history of the troop and winning the Cooking Contest for the first time. Way to go Mr. Curtis

July - High Adventure Philmont Scout Ranch - New Mexico

Bears, mini-bears, burros and the mountains of New Mexico, what could be better? Mt. Baldy was breathtaking and you can even get cell service! There is no better way to spend two weeks than the true high adventure of hiking through New Mexico!

September - Illini Jamboree - Rantoul Air Force Base

Football. Who won? Who cares? It was a blast either way spending the day with thousands of other scouts! If only the drivers could find the campsite. Air Force Museum, lots of air games

September - Pack 567 Family Campout - Von Oven

Got to show off our cooking and scouting skills to 150 Cub Scouts and families. Did we impress them? Of course - we're Troop 505!

October - Feast of the Hunter's Moon - West Lafayette, IN

Fire and axes were in the air but that was just the jugglers and the hatchet throw. Trapper, explorers, Native American villages, Civil War reenactors, wood carvers, jugglers and the biggest red coat army in North America since York Town. Great cooking and lots of good company, including some Webelos guests, and a slow motion campfire that was one of our best, rounded out a beautiful weekend.

November - Caving - Maquoketa, IA

We started out looking like a HAZMAT crew in our white suits and then set a record for the most duct tape used by a single scout. Everyone had a blast exploring the caves and we had several winners of the swamp thing award for being muddier than humanity possible. The turkey dinner with all the fixin's was fantastic. A little sand volleyball and a well-run campfire that was one of our best, rounded out a beautiful weekend.

December - Survival at the Chobak's - Grand Junction, MI

A clear crisp day, a beautiful lake and a great campsite made for a memorable survival camp. All the boys did a good job with their shelters both above and below the ground. Everyone ate well, special thanks to Mrs Marciniak for all her prep work. And thanks to Mrs. Chobak for hot baked goods Sunday morning. All in all the best possible camp out!

January - Ski Trip - Cascade Mt, WI

A week of snow and lots of sun made for crowded slopes. Everyone made the best of it enjoying the ample amounts of snow that provided us with the challenges we desired. Everyone was safe and sound with only one trip to the first aid cabin. Our day trip was quick but enjoyed by all. Next year we're staying overnight!

February - Klondike - Camp Big Timber

A night of campfire, food, fellowship, and games; followed by a day of games teaching Webelos new skills. We also found out that scouts with a two-man hand saw can cut through a 14-inch log in under three minutes. A day of fun and teaching in the snow.

February - Big Deal - Indianapolis, IN

Take a ride on the magic bus first stop the Challenger Space Center. Whether you were at mission control or aboard the shuttle you got a true taste of what it was like to be an astronaut. Second stop everyone out for the all you can eat buffet. Third stop great cabins. Fourth stop Wright Patterson AFB for more planes and rockets than you can imagine. Last stop pizza and you can't beat the fight in movies!

March - Advancement - White Pines, IL

White Pines has it all 860 Fridays and six inches of snow Saturday morning. Everyone worked hard. The new scouts got a great jumpstart on their advancement. Service projects were completed and even a lost scout found (E Prep Drill). Once again Totin' Chip card was in high demand by the new boys. And our best OA tap out ever rounded out a great campout.

April - Grant's Pilgrimage - Galena, IL

Who's buried in Grant's tomb? If you finished the medal hike you would know. We survived the rain, marched in the parade and even managed to get all of our scouts out of the Atomic Toy Store. A good time was had by all, many gag gifts purchased and the best ice cream in Galena was located.

May - Camporall / Scout-O-Rama - Cantigny, Warrenville, IL

What can I say we got to spend the night with 2600 scouts and we shared the day with 14,000 scouters. There were tanks and sniper rifles, slingshots and bows and arrows to shoot. There were rope bridges, catapults, Morse code and even a black smith. By the end of the day people were skydiving to get in.

June - Webelos Overnighter - Green Valley

Knots, fire building, tents, cooking eggs and Webelos, Webelos, Webelos. The new scouts shined a new generation of scout leaders stepped forward. Troop 505 put it's mark on the campfire and the Sunday checkout, putting it's best foot forward.