

Troop Plans for July 2014

- Monday, July 7 - [PLC](#) and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, July 8 - TROOP MEETING: Dining Fly, Tent and Trailer Clean Up
- Tuesday, July 15 - TROOP MEETING: Blue Card Bonanza
- Saturday, July 19 – TROOP DAYTRIP: Ginnie Springs
- Tuesday, July 22 - TROOP MEETING: Rank Advancement led by Alex A.
- Tuesday, July 29 - TROOP MEETING: Capture the Flag
- Friday, August 1 - Service Project SUMC
- Saturday, August 2 - Service Project SUMC
- Monday, August 6 - [PLC](#) and Committee Meeting, 7PM
- Tuesday, August 7 - TROOP MEETING: Car Demo- tire change & adding oil

Scouts: Please suggest Troop meeting ideas to your Scout Leaders the last week of the month before the PLC meeting.

SUMMMER CAMP 2014: SKYMONT

As most people know, we went to [Skymont](#) Scout Reservation for summer camp this year. I can tell you that whether I'm speaking for myself, or everyone that went, that it was a great trip. A wet one, but a good one.

Anyways, on Saturday evening everyone arrived to help pack the trailer with everything we needed. We also went ahead and told everyone the seating arrangements for the cars so we wouldn't have to stumble over it at four in the morning the next day. It went by fairly easily with only a couple snags here and there.

On Sunday, we (unfortunately) had to be at the church at 4:30 AM. I had to be there ten minutes early since I was part of leadership. After everyone had arrived, we all said bye to our parents and prayed for a safe and fun trip, which it was. We drove for a few hours and then stopped at a Golden Corral for breakfast. After that we stopped a couple more times before our next Golden Corral stop which was around noon. We arrived at [Skymont](#) around three o'clock. After we had gotten everything squared away with check in, we went to our campsite. Bunking arrangements were given out, and then we all went down to the waterfront because several of us still had to do our swim tests. We ate dinner, then went to the opening campfire. After a long day of traveling, we all hit the sack



Monday through Thursday all had the same schedule for the most part. We would wake up at seven and get ready for the day, then head to breakfast. After breakfast, we all went our separate ways to our different classes. We had classes until lunch which was around noon. Then after lunch we had classes until around four. Four to five was an open shoot/climb/swim, meaning we could go to the shooting ranges, the climbing wall, and the waterfront. After our free period, we would have dinner, and then another free period. After that last free period, which ended around eight, we would all head back to the campsite and sit around until it was time to crash.

Some days were a little different. For example, on Tuesday, it rained and rained and

rained. Our campsite was slightly flooded and a lot of gear got wet. Good news is we were all prepared and had rain gear. Some of us had extra gear we didn't need that we loaned to people whose gear got soaked. On Thursday, there was an astronomy merit badge class, a new scout hike and campout, and finally a night in the woods for the Wilderness Survival guys.

On Friday, we had our excursions. There were a few of us that didn't go on any excursions. Since I was one of those people, I can't tell you much about it. From what people who did go on excursions have told me, I can tell from my conclusion that they were all very fun. If we didn't go on any excursions, we had chances to finish up any unfinished merit badge requirements. There were also camp wide games, which we decided not to jump in on. I got picked up on Friday, so unfortunately I can't tell you about what happened on the way back to Jacksonville. What I do know, however, is that they did stop at Golden Corral again.

All in all, the trip was great. We had very few problems of any sort, our leadership did well, and our adult leaders went above and beyond to define every point of the Scout Law. But best of all...the food in the mess hall was great.

Submitted by Riley McGee

TREASURER'S REPORT

Everything is good with the Troop's finances!



HIGH ADVENTURE 2015: NORTHERN TIER



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North America in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota and the Quetico Provincial Preserve in Ontario, Canada. June 20-30, 2015. (Scouts must be First Class and 14 years old by June 20, 2015) \$1700 all included. A \$100 deposit

due to Mrs. Andersen by August 1, 2014 secures your spot.

For more information visit: <http://www.ntier.org/About/Summer%20Canoe%20Trips.aspx>

Northern Tier Payment schedule:

- \$100 due August 1, 2014
- \$600 due September 1, 2014
- \$600 due January 15, 2015
- \$400 due March 1, 2015

SCOUTMASTER REPORT



- Everything is going well in our Troop!
- Summer Camp was a success. Scouts earned so many merit badges which will be awarded at the September Court of Honor.
- Thank you to Mr. Altman, Mr. Champion, Mr. Dell'Alba, Mr. Hodge, Mr. Lindsey and Mr. Woodfin for attending summer camp with the Scouts.
- Extra shout out to Mr. Dell'Alba for all his work in planning for summer camp and getting our Scouts to/from camp safely!
- I appreciate the Scouts who participated in Program Planning Conference. We've got some new activities planned and some Troops favorites will be returning.
- I was proud to see some of our [Scouts featured on the front page of the Times Union](#) for displaying the flag at SUMC on July 4.
- Remember, we are PREPARED!

THINGS ON THE HORIZON...

Saturday, July 19 - [Ginnie Springs](#)
 Mon-Fri, July 28 - August 1 - [Sea Base](#) Crew A
 Fri- Thurs, August 1-7 - [Sea Base](#) Crew B