

Gettysburg Wrap Up, Courtesies of Mr. Don:

Here is a recap of our Gettysburg biking activity this weekend. We left the Gatehouse 5:30 and made it the campground around 6:30. We got camp setup and then got a fire started. The scouts started turning in around 9:30 and the adults soon after.

We got up around 7:00 to a frosty morning and the scouts made pancakes, sausage and orange juice for breakfast, Ben and Nathan cooked breakfast with guidance from Austin and Joseph. For the adults Rick and Dan made breakfast burritos. Brent and his dad John came up around 8:15 to join us for our bike ride. The scouts cleaned up breakfast, we packed up our lunches, got our bikes ready for the ride and headed out for the bike ride. Rick stayed back and enjoyed some of the activities going on at the farm as part of the Antietam/Sharpsburg Fall Skirmish that was being held there. Joseph and Ben had wireless speakers on their bikes and Joseph's play list kept us jamming along. We rode to the visitor's center, which was crowded, so we took a picture out front and headed out on our tour of the battlefield. We rode to the PA memorial, VA memorial, had lunch at Devils Den, then continued to Little Round Top and ended at Soldiers Monument. We rode back to the campsite in time to see reenactors in a full-scale skirmish. We then headed back to our campsite and took a break before starting dinner. Austin and Joseph made spaghetti with meat sauce for the scouts and debated on the proper way to make spaghetti. My wife Ximena and I made walking tacos for the adults. The scouts then got things clean up and packed up the trailer, so Rick could head back. We got a fire started and hung out before making smores for dessert.

We got up around 7:30 this morning the scouts had oatmeal and adults had coffee and donuts. The scouts got things cleaned up and we did a round of thorns and roses, before heading back to Rick's house, since he was not able to take trailer back to Gatehouse the night before due to road work. We got back to Mr. Rick's house just before 11 and unloaded.

It was great to go camping again and Joseph will be posting pictures to the web site. Austin was the acting SPL on this trip and did a great job. Thanks to Joseph for all the help over the weekend and planning the bike route.

Thanks to Dan, Gretchen, John, Rick and Ximena for helping to make the trip a success.