

## Little Bennett Campout Wrap Up, Courtesies of Mr. Scott:

We left Friday evening at 5:20 and arrived at Little Bennett campground at 6:00. This campground was like resort camping. It has the nicest camp store and the cleanest bathrooms I've ever seen. Since it was raining, we got the tarp set up first and then our tents. We had four separate sites next to each other on loop B since we could only have 2 tents per site. We hung out under the tarp talking and had a snack. We turned in around 9:30. It rained hard off and on all night. It finally stopped around 5:30 yesterday morning. We got up around 7 to a overcast foggy camp. I get some coffee going and made breakfast burritos for the adults. The boys prepared omelets in a bag, which took a bit longer than planned, but was worth the wait as I saw a lot of smiles. Alyssa brought Brent to camp as he couldn't come Friday night. They arrived just in time for second breakfast for Brent. The boys ate, cleaned up, and we left our camp sites at 9:50. We headed for the pedal kart track where the boys jumped into racing mode. On the way there, the clouds broke and the blue sky appeared with wonderful sunshine. The karts were basically oversized big wheels with 4 wheels. They raced around the track in both directions for about 30 minutes. Don and I even took a couple laps. It was pretty exhausting so the whole process didn't last too long. Right next to the pedal kart track was a large jumping pillow. We headed over to that and after a safety talk, the boys jumped around on this very large air filled pillow. I tried it, but that didn't last long either. They bounced around while the adults took in some shade under a tree and enjoyed the weather. We left from there and went back to our camp site. We had lunch which was lunchmeat sandwiches, chips, apples, and Gatorade. After lunch we went to the camp store and the Troop paid for each boy to play laser tag. Once the boys got their guns, they ran out on the course and had two 5 minute games. They ran around, hid in and around obstacles, and shoot at each other. This was pretty fun to watch. We headed back to camp and hung out as Austin had to leave for a soccer game at 2. After he left, we went on a 3 mile hike where we took some nice trails down to Little Bennett creek. The boys took off their shoes and socks and waded in the creek for a bit. We hiked back to the camp store and most of us enjoyed a much deserved milkshake. We sat outside the store and took a break. We headed back to camp and prepared for dinner and did a little clean up. The boys got the tarp down and put away since it wasn't supposed to rain anymore. The boys had spaghetti and the adults had cheesesteaks subs. We got a nice fire going and enjoyed that while we ate. We cleaned up and the boys headed out around 8 to a showing of Utopia in an outdoor movie theater. They took cookies, chips, and drinks. Don, Mark, and I stayed behind and talked around a great fire. The boys returned at 9:50, we had a round of thorns and roses and then turned in. We were up a little before 7 this morning and were very thankful the rain held off, so we could get packed up. We had a quick breakfast and Scout's own service. We loaded up and were back to the Gatehouse by 9 a.m. Thanks to Mr. Mark Bennett and Mr. Don Ross for camping with me this weekend. Also, thanks to our new scouts, Brent Simms and Owen Battista, who experienced their 1st outing with our Troop. They said they had a great time, which is just what I needed to hear. Excited to have both of them camping and enjoying it. It was also great having Mr. Mark back camping with us as well. We had a fun filled day and the weather really cooperated yesterday. Joseph did a great job, especially with preparing the menu. He branched out of our usual menu and all enjoyed it. I took a lot of pictures and sent a link to Joseph. He'll get them on the Troop website and send an email when they're available. Lastly, thanks to Mrs. Gretchen for getting this trip booked for us.