

## Turkey Camp Wrap Up; Courtesies of Mr. Scott:

We meet at the Gatehouse Friday evening at 5, loaded the trailer and headed out by 5:30. We arrived at Rohrbach camp around 6:45 and get everything hauled down to our camp site. We were the first Troop there. We got set up and Zach got a great fire going. Most of us turned in around 9 and had a nice night of sleep despite the other Troops coming in being loud. John was up early and got a nice fire going for us. Adults had coffee around the fire and the boys joined us around 7. Marty cooked the adults breakfast burritos while Austin and Butchy did pancakes and sausage. It took a while, but eventually the boys ate, cleaned up, packed their lunches, and headed off to the Antietam visitors center around 10. They saw a movie and took a small hike and found a spot for lunch. John, Marty, and I stayed behind and kept the fire going. They all returned around 1 and we all headed over to Burnside bridge and were back around 2:30. The boys had an epic football game for a couple hours. We got the oil for the turkeys set up on the fryers at 3:15 and started cooking the turkeys. A big thank you to John for getting us another fryer, as one died, and all the oil. The boys got the sides going and everything went pretty smooth. Laurie, Gretchen, and Xihima joined us around 4:30 and brought some excellent desserts. Don and I carved the turkeys, Nathan lead a great Thanksgiving Scout grace, and we started eating a little after 5. Everything turned out and we ate well with fried turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and rolls. The boys cleaned up pretty quick and well this year, as I stated, no dessert until clean-up was done. After cleaning up, we had pies (pumpkin and apple), chocolate cake, and a make our own S'more inside a waffle cone. It was a hit and the moms must continue this tradition next year as well. Unfortunately, we didn't have our apple cobbler as it would have been too late, but we had plenty of other treats. After dessert, we had some story telling around the massive fire Zach created. The moms headed out and the boys cleaned up some more and started to load the trailer. We all sat around the fire and did some games complete with several rounds of old school telephone. We had a lot of laughs and in general, had a blast. The adults started fading around 7 and by 9, Don and I turned in leaving some of the boy's man the fire. John was up early this morning and got a small fire going and I joined him around 6:30. We got the coffee going and enjoyed the fire. I thought ash was falling on me, but turns it, it was flurries, which was pretty cool. The other adults joined to enjoy some breakfast, coffee, and the fire. We saw a bald Eagle fly over the creek, only 15-20 feet up, both yesterday and again this morning. Its wings had frost on them this morning and it was awesome to see. The boys got up around 7. We all packed up, ate breakfast, had a great scouts own service by Nathan, a round of thorns and roses and headed out. We were back to the Gatehouse around 10. Hopefully everyone got their hot shower and warmed up as I heard that a lot for their bud. A special thanks to Cole who did a great job with the trailer and gear. I can tell he's cut out to be a great quartermaster. Ben did well for his first trip as SPL. Another thanks to Marty who towed the trailer and to the other adults that went and helped out. Dan, Don, Frank (1st outing and had a blast), Fred, and John. Also, another thanks to the moms who brought us great desserts. It was another great turkey camp, and everyone had a blast. One quote from the weekend. "I laughed so hard; I gave myself a headache." We all laughed, ate well, and overall had a great weekend. The weather was great...for November. No rain or sleet this year so that was a huge plus. If we could have turn out like this on every trip, that would be incredible. Let's try and make that happen.