

I hope everyone had a great time at Turkey Camp. Here is a recap of the weekend's events.

We met up at the Gatehouse Friday night, Butchy was acting SPL, we got everything loaded up, assigned scouts to cars and we were on the road just past 5PM.

We arrived at around 5:30 at camp, Mr. Rick got in some practice backing up the trailer then we got things unloaded and tents setup.

The scouts got a fire going and then had snack. We met with the POC for tomahawk throwing and archery to setup times for Saturday. The adults hung out by the fire, the scouts played a hide and seek game for a while, then came back to the fire and the adults headed to their tents around 9:30.

Scott got a fire started Saturday morning from the coals from previous night's fire, which was nice, since it was a chilly morning. Butchy got the scouts going early to get started on breakfast of pancakes and bacon. Butchy and scouts were able to get breakfast and cleanup done in record time in order to get to tomahawk throwing at 9.

Nico arrived just in time for tomahawk throwing and we did some practice rounds, before Mr. Dan coordinated a friendly last man standing competition with scouts and adults to see could go most rounds hitting a target. We had a few scouts with rounds where they were able to sink all three tomahawks in a round. Butchy and Nathan went the most rounds hitting one or more targets. Butchy also made an impressive throw through an opening in the backstop and stuck it into a tree behind it.

The scouts then went on a hike down to a pond at the camp to do some fishing. Nico was able to catch a fish, but others didn't have much luck.

The scouts and adults had a light lunch to prepare for dinner. The scouts helped with some turkey cooking preparation clearing leaves from an area for cooking, getting oil and fryers in place. Fred and Scott test fired each fryer, so there were no issues when it was go time.

The scouts went to the archery range at 1 and shot a few rounds at 25, 50 and 100 feet.

Ben N. and Trace S. arrived and the scouts played football.

Fred and Scott filled pots with oil and we fired up the fryers. Fred and I started dropping the turkeys at 3PM. Fred kept the fryers at optimum turkey cooking temperature.

The scouts finished football around 3:15 and then started preparing the sides for dinner.

The adults pulled out turkeys at 3:45 and let them rest before Dan and Scott butchered them up.

The Mom's started arriving around 4 with desserts. Nico and the scouts were able to get all the sides out right in time. Butchy said grace and we ate dinner just before 5, everything was delicious and piping hot. After a couple rounds of 2nds and brief rest period while the scouts cleaned up, we enjoyed the great variety of desserts the Mom's had brought. Thanks, to Gretchen, Lauri, Lynn, Marianne and my wife for joining us for dinner and bringing such awesome deserts.

After dinner the adults enjoyed the fire, the scouts disappeared to play a hide and seek game and get into other shenanigans. They returned around 9:30 to hang out by the fire and the adults headed for their tents.

Nico got the scouts up around 7 and they worked on cleaning and packing up before breakfast. The adults enjoyed donuts, cinnamon buns and pecan turtle creme pie breakfast.

The scouts did a police line, Butchy led scouts own service and we did round of thorns and roses before heading back to the Gatehouse. We got back the Gatehouse around 9:30 unloaded and headed home.

Butchy and Nico shared SPL duties for this outing and they both did a great job on their first outing.

Thanks, to Dan, Fred, Frank, Rick and Scott for coming out for the weekend and helping make this a great weekend for the scouts. Thanks, to Dan for getting adult food, Fred for getting, prepping and cooking the turkeys, Rick for pulling the trailer and Scott for providing guidance, making coffee and preparing breakfast. Thanks again to the Mom's for making the trip to join us for dinner and bringing desserts for all of us to enjoy.