



# Trail Signs



News from Troop 22

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## BEAVER CREEK STATE PARK

Troop 22 had a great adventure in Beaver Creek State Park as 8 scouts and 4 adults took a hike last weekend September 11 to 13.

Friday night we set up camp in Group Camp Site number 1. It was a great area, right down by the creek with an old canal lock at the far end. It may have rained overnight, but nobody noticed.



Saturday we got up and made breakfast on a warm but cloudy morning.. Thomas and Mark were working for the 5-mile hike requirement, so they reviewed a collection of maps with Mr. Frederick. They planned a loop hike with multiple destinations that should have been a bit longer than 5 miles. The first section took us along the Vondegren Trail. We stayed on a fairly level path close to the creek. The biggest challenge was the rope ladder climb down a steep embankment. We arrived at the Pioneer Village in the park after 3.2 miles just after noon. Lunch was at the top of everyone's mind, but we had to check out the working grist mill before finding a couple of picnic tables. After lunch there was time to check out the blacksmith shop, the one room schoolhouse , and the other historic buildings on site. Soon after we started the next 3/4 mile

hike to the Wilderness Education Center. Zak found a turtle on the trail that he left with the friendly staff at the center. At the education center we learned about the inhabitants of the local wetlands and deciduous woods. Then our docent brought out a live snake to teach our group

more about reptiles. About half the scouts had a chance to handle the tiny python. We eventually had to make our way back to camp. We followed the bridal trails, but it seems horses don't need bridges to cross the creek. We picked a shallow ford to cross, but everybody got a little water in their boots. We arrived back in camp tired, wet, hungry, and pleased with ourselves for completing the 5 mile (8 actually) hike. All the patrols had great meals planned, and there was plenty to eat. Leadership had a pasta with pesto meal, while ATM made a great pot of chili. There was still time for a campfire and some wrestling practice before turning in for the night. It was a great day, a grand adventure and the scouts will remember this trip for some of the things they didn't plan

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A CAMPOUT?

Camping is more than just setting up the tents and cooking meals. What would you like to be part of the camping program ?

Pioneering Projects  
 Museums

Orienteering Challenge  
 Plant and Animal Studies

Biking / Hiking  
 Write In Your Ideas



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## COURT OF HONOR

All parents are expected and needed to attend the fall court of honor, September 21. Boys who chose to participate in the individual fundraiser, the flowering bulb sale, need to bring their order forms and money to the court of honor. No late forms will be accepted. 50% of the sale goes into the Scout's account for dues, Dorchester, or summer camp.

Typically, families bring a plate of goodies to share for after the court of honor. Please consider bringing a healthy dessert. This year the Chief Scout Executive of the BSA has charged Troop's with trying to bring about an awareness about childhood obesity. So, at the bare minimum, let's try to see if we can have refreshments with no high fructose corn syrup. It is a challenge, but let's try.

## HIGH-ADVENTURE 2009

Daniel, James, Jake, J.R., and Joe led Mr. Daley and Mr. Vail up the White Mountains of New Hampshire in August. Lafayette Campground, in Franconia Notch State Park became the base of operations between forays. The first expedition was a three day hike up and down the steep Signal Ridge Trail to the 4500 foot false summit on Mount Carrigan. The next challenge was Mount Garfield. Although it was clear and sunny at the foot of the mountain, a cloud moved in just in time for lunch on the 4500 foot summit. After experiencing the wilds of the White Mountains, the group spent a day checking out the home of Robert Frost, Hobo Golf, and the best ice cream on the Kancamangus Highway.

It is time to start planning next summer's High Adventure. If you are 13 or older and have the First Aid Merit Badge, you can be a member of next year's crew. What do you want to do, and where do you want to go.

## YARD CHARGE

Don't miss the opportunity to "Do a Good Turn" for elderly homeowners who need our help. This year the goal is to rake the leaves of at least 2000 yards of elderly homeowners in the Greater Cleveland Council. Join 3000 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for YARD CHARGE on Saturday, November 14, 2009

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## LIGHT BULB FUNDRAISER

Put October 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. That's the day of Troop 22's annual fundraiser. All registered Scouts are expected to participate. Money raised by the sale of light bulbs goes toward camping fees, equipment, scholarship awards, and other Troop expenses. You can sign up for a morning or afternoon session. Between the AM and PM session the Troop will provide lunch. Adults are needed to drive the Scouts around the neighborhoods. There are also opportunities for adults to help serve lunch. More information will be available soon.

## PATROL CAMPOUTS IN NOVEMBER

November is your chance to plan your own campout. Where are you going? It's not too early to start planning. You may need to make a reservation for a campsite, or obtain a permit from the park system, and remember that you'll need to file for a local tour permit with the Scout Center. Don't wait for the last moment to start procrastinating. Patrol campouts are a great opportunity to make your own program, see and do what interests your patrol the most. Talk it up at your next Patrol meeting.

## SUMMER SERVICE PROJECTS:

The Troop had a booth at the Cedar & Fairmount Festival in August. Troop 22 was looking for new recruits and offered lemonade to keep people hydrated. The Troop also helped local merchants and neighbors setup and take down their booths.

J.R. completed his Eagle Project at the Dobama Theatre. He had the assistance of Jake, Daniel, Jack, Trevor, P.J. Joe, Andrew, Zak and Mr. Vasse-Hansel. Thanks to all.

### Troop 22 Calendar

<b>Campouts</b>	
Mohican Backpacker	Oct. 16-18
Patrol Campout	Nov.
Klondike Prep - Firelands	Dec. 4-6
<b>Troop Meetings</b>	
PLC Meeting	Oct. 4
Winter Camping Information Night	Oct. 12
Light Bulb Sale	Oct. 24
Yard Charge	Nov. 14
<b>Special Events</b>	
Court of Honor	Sept. 21
Church Breakfast	Oct. 11
Church Breakfast	Nov. 8
Church Breakfast	Dec. 13