



22 Trail Signs



News from Troop 22

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MOHICAN BACKPACKER

Troop 22 ventured to new territory when 18 Scouts and 10 adults went backpacking at Mohican State Park Oct. 13-15.

Friday night we camped at the Group Camp area, sharing the parking lot and smelly latrines with a Cub Scout Pack from Olmsted Falls. Our tents and tarps flapped through the windy night.

We got up and made breakfast Saturday morning in temperatures not much above freezing. Then the long hikers were shuttled to their entry point.

Six Scouts and three adults hiked a 13-mile route past the fire tower, to the covered bridge and the Lyons Falls trail, stopping for lunch at the dam, then hiking the Hemlock

Gorge Trail along the Clear Fork, and across the twisty mountain bike trail to the backcountry campsite.



A dozen Scouts and seven adults, meanwhile, hiked the Hemlock Gorge Trail to the covered bridge, then did the Lyons Falls loop, before being ferried to the backcountry campsite. There, they gathered firewood, set up their tents, and made dinner.

In the evening we had a fun campfire program with lots of skits and songs.

Sunday morning, the long hikers

took a quick hike before returning to the campsite and joining the rest of the Troop for the hike out to the cars.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE BACKPACKER?

Our hike at Mohican gave us pretty scenery at a popular park crowded with dayhikers out to take advantage of the sunny weather. But how does it stack up to past backpacking destinations? Rank these backpackers, from 1 for the most, to 10 for the least, favorite:

___ Archer's Fork (April 2002)

___ Minister Creek (Oct. 2004)

___ Wildcat Hollow (April 2005)

___ Cook Forest (Oct. 2001)

___ Oil Creek (Sept. 2002)

___ Zaleski (Oct. 2005)

___ Laurel Highlands (Oct. 2003)

___ Tar Hollow (May 2004)

___ Mohican (Oct. 2006)

___ Tracy Ridge (May '06)



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KLONDIKE PREP CAMPOUT

For December's Klondike Prep campout, we are returning to Firelands Boy Scout Reservation, near Oberlin, Ohio. Our last time there was three years ago, also for Klondike prep. The year before that we did a Camp Alaska trip there. Both were memorable trips. Join us for this important winter campout to sharpen your Scouting skills for Klondike, and to warm up your cold weather camping techniques!

YARD CHARGE

Four scouts and two adults represented Troop 22 at the fourth annual Yard Charge Nov. 4. They spent the morning eating donuts to fuel themselves for raking five yards of elderly Cleveland residents. On one yard they filled 16 bags with leaves, while on another yard they could only scrape together enough leaves to half-fill one bag. Their favorite part of the day, though, was probably eating their KFC Snackers at Cain Park afterwards.



NEW FACES

Who are those new guys that forced the creation of a new patrol?
Trevor Cobb goes to Roxboro
Sean Kramer
Tyler Sancho

PATROL CAMPOUTS

November is your chance to plan your own campout. Where are you going?
ATM: Spry's property at Chautauqua, NY, where they will work on Tot'n'Chip with Ari, Nov. 17-19
Polar Bearz: Punderson, where they might work on creative cooking – or not – Nov. 10-12
Vikings: Hells Hollow Metro Park in Lake County, Nov. 10-12
Vipers: Undetermined at press time

TROOP STORE

Get ready for winter camping at the Troop Store, on St. Paul's third floor. There you'll find a half-dozen sleeping bags rated to 15°, priced from \$57-\$113, depending on length and insulation. Also, the Troop Store has three Coleman self-inflating mattress pads left to insulate you from the cold ground. Need a headlamp for hands-free lamination? Find one here for \$8.50. The first person to claim it will get the last Peak 1 Galileo 2-person tent for \$120. Come see what else we have in store!

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Troop 22 Calendar

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| Campouts | |
| Patrol campouts | Nov. |
| Klondike Prep, Firelands | Dec. 8-10 |
| Winter Sports campout | Jan. 19-21 |
| Troop Meetings | |
| Patrol Leaders' Roundtable | Nov. 20, 6:15 |
| Permission slip and money due for Klondike Prep | Dec. 4 |
| Patrol Leaders' Roundtable | Dec. 18, 6:15 |
| Patrol Leaders' Roundtable | Jan. 15, 6:15 |
| Special Events | |
| Church Breakfast | Nov. 12 |
| Church Breakfast | Dec. 10 |
| Eagle Court of Honor | Dec. 27 |
| Church Breakfast | Jan. 14 |