

Troop 1776
Historians Report
September 1999 – March 2000

September – We went to the Unicoi State Park and camped in the Squirrel's Nest area. We took a 5 mile hike to Anaruby Falls and worked on Orienteering Skills. We were supposed to have gone Tubing in the Chattahoochie River but the river was so low that we stayed in camp to work on Advancement.

October – We went Backpacking in Alabama. We had wonderful weather and hiked over 14 miles. Half of the way we came upon a log cabin church from the 1800's. We took some time and had our religious ceremony there. That Saturday night we listened to the Braves in Game 1 of the World Series on the radio around the Campfire.

November – This was the weekend of our annual OA Homecoming camping trip. Again for the third straight year we went to Camp Comer. This year we were joined by 18 Webelos Scouts from Pack 1776. Also we were joined by Father Jim Hurley. Each Patrol planned an activity that they let the Webelos participate in.

For dinner the Grey Hares smoked two turkeys, deep fried two turkeys and smoked a ham. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner together. The OA Scouts put together a great ceremony in the fire ring that evening. On Sunday, Father Jim said Mass for the Troop in the rock formations.

December – We worked on three Service Projects. We unloaded Christmas trees as a service project to the St. Ann's Altar Servers, we cleaned up after Apple Annie, and we participated in the Adopt-a-Family program. We also held a Day of Reflection that was conducted by Ken Cassity.

January – The Grey Hares went camping at the annual Scouters Winter Campout in January. They even took first place in a barrel roll game. The Troop went camping up at Camp Daniel Boone. Both camping trips utilized the Troop's big blue Quonset hut. While we were in North Carolina, we went over to the Cherokee Indian Museum to learn more about the Native Americans that once lived in this area. Then on Monday, we went to Cataloochie Ski Resort where we spent the day skiing.

February – Ice storms had delayed both NESAs and our Souper Bowl Food Drives. So we made them up in February. NESAs were a particular success as many Scouts had a chance to earn up to two Eagle required merit badges. We also celebrated Scout Sunday and had a tremendously successful Pancake Breakfast. For the Camping we went to High Falls State Park where we did Wilderness Survival.

March – That brings us to March. We have been joined by 23 new Scouts into the Troop. This brings our ranks in the Troop up to 75. We just held our elections for new Troop officers and Patrol Leaders. New leaders will be sworn in today and take office on April 4. We have also held an election for the Order of the Arrow selection.

Yesterdays Scout Show was a great success with the Box Maze. And today we are here to honor our Scouts achievements for the past six months.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Morin, Quartermaster