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Summer Camp 2004

It was a wonderful week at Woodruff Scout Reservation for Troop 1776. We took 59 Scouts and 7 Leaders to our 2004 Summer Camp.

Mr. Morin's remarkable extended streak of nights of camping without rain appeared to be in jeopardy. But we only experienced several nights of heavy dew, one night of very heavy dew, several refreshing afternoon mists and more than a couple hours of liquid sunshine. Despite all of this, everyone had a great time and the remarkable streak still exists in Mr. Morin's mind.

Matt Dodd was the SPL for the week. Joe Wright, Mitchell Lyons and Kyle Whitehead assisted him. Our Quartermaster for the week was Alex Wright. Two Scouts joined us from Troop 795 and one came with from Troop 008. Two of our Scouts, Eric Harrison and Doug Morin, were on Woodruff Camp Staff this year for the Mountain Man program.

Thanks to Mr. Wright, we took up a lot of bamboo and did a lot of pioneering projects including two Troop gateways. There were also several Patrol projects around Campsite 6. The pioneering spars that we took with us were all soft and easily breaking. So we did not get a chance to build a monkey bridge this year.

But there were many activities going on all over the camp for the Scouts to enjoy. Campsite 6 was very centrally located to almost everything at WSR. We were just west of the Parade Field; just north of the Nature Center and Aquatic area; a stone's throw from Shower House #4 and down hill from the Dining Hall and the Trading Post.

We had 15 Rank Advancements, 64 Merit Badges earned, 91 Partial Merit Badges worked on, 18 Scouts in the Mountain Man program, 5 in the COPE program, 5 Scouts and 2 adults do the Mile Swim, and 5 adults earned their Scoutmaster's Merit Badge. Troop 1776 earned the Honor Troop designation and qualified for Scouting Traditions award as well.

By all accounts, we had a successful week at Summer Camp and all of the Scouts had a great time.

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Tom Morin
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