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### **Lake Oconee 2004**

August 13 - 15

For the second year now, the Kollross family at their lake home on Lake Oconee hosted the Troop for our August Campout. Counting the previous 10 years we had been hosted by the Strozier family, this makes the twelfth straight year that Troop 1776 has been on an Advancement Weekend at Lake Oconee.

This year we had another big year of attendance. Fifty-nine Scouts and twenty Adults came at some point in the weekend. As has become tradition, the food was all provided for and prepared by Mr. Morin and the Grey Hare Patrol. The traditional Spaghetti dinner was topped off with Mr. Morin's best yet Spaghetti Sauce, cooked from scratch at Lake Oconee. This year we also had Ravioli's in addition to the Spaghetti. An added part for lunch, compliments of the magic pantry was French fries and fried catfish.

But the best was Saturday night dessert as the Troop devoured 30 pounds of sliced 4+1 Strawberries to have Strawberry Shortcake for an evening snack.

The Scouts did well on their advancement for the weekend. We had 59 Merit Badges completed over the weekend. Several started either First Aid or Swimming from scratch. We offered the Golf Merit Badge from scratch as well this weekend.

It was a busy time for Rank advancement as well. We had 19 Scouts pass a Board of Review over the weekend for their next Rank.

Then there were many Scouts that worked hard on their Canoe Swamping and Rope Swinging badges, a crew that went out diving for golf balls and many that went tubing behind Mr. Vandenberg's boat.

Our annual Patrol Canoe race actually had a winner this year. The Raccoon's actually avoided getting tipped over to complete the course and win the competition.

Mitchell Lyons served as SPL for the weekend assisted by Joe Wright, Matt Dodd and Eric Daiber.

Several of the adults drove up just for the day on Saturday. Mrs. Green was up there for breakfast and left after the last late Board of Review. Mrs. Taylor helped to drive up on Friday and stayed until late on Saturday. Mrs. O'Donnell was going home on Saturday night but ended up staying until Sunday.

A good time was had by all. We are looking forward to next year already.