



OIL CREEK BACKPACKER

From a lookout high in the Allegheny Mountains on an eight-mile route in Oil Creek State Park in Pennsylvania the Pirates, Stingrayz, Phantoms, and Cobras watched the Desperados crossing a footbridge hundreds of feet below in the course of their four-mile route. Meanwhile, the Dragonslayers and Leadership hiked an eleven-mile route.

All hiking routes started from the Wolfkiel camp area and lead to the Cow Run camp area. In between, thirty-four Scouts and nine adults from Troop 22 were treated to beautiful weather and broad vistas on their backpacking trip September 27-29. The younger Scouts took advantage of the Adirondack shelters in the Park and hiked unencumbered by tents. Some of the older Scouts also made use of the shelters the first night.

Oil Creek State Park is near Titusville, PA, where the world's first oil well was drilled in 1859. The area was the leading producer of petroleum through much of the second half of the 19th century. On Sunday, after the one-mile hike to the cars, the Troop visited the Drake Well Museum to explore the history and effect of Pennsylvania's brief oil boom.

HAUNTED HOUSE

On the last meeting before Halloween, Oct. 28, the eerie glow of trashcan fires and dim light greeted the Scouts of Troop 22 as they approached the Hudson Haunted House. For miles they had been following the small and obscure signs that lead them across Hudson and into the woods. As they piled out of cars and into lines that lead into the haunted house, screams and thumping noises emanated from those dark walls that held the 3-D terror promised within. Floating heads, midgets in cages, and demented clowns leapt and howled at the Scouts throughout the house. The 3-D vortex bridge was a wonder to behold, and many Scouts had difficulty regaining their balance long enough to cross the bridge. At last, it seemed freedom was near and the end was in sight, only to have many Scouts nearly run over by a passing car. Finally, freedom was found, and all heads were accounted for, leaving only a few bodies behind at the Hudson Haunted House. – Ian Gould

WILD GEESE CAMPOREE

A busload of 29 Scouts and six adults from Troop 22 rode up to Wallaceburg, Ontario, to attend the third annual Wild Geese Camporee Oct. 18-20, joining about 350 Scouts from Ontario, Michigan, Illinois, and New York.

Under heavily overcast skies and cool air, patrols competed in a wide variety of activities. They launched air-powered rockets for distance; rappelled down wooden walls; donned inner tubes and helmets for sumo wrestling; shot BB guns and arrows at targets; rode a zip line over a creek; climbed greased poles; and dressed up in women's clothes to put on skits. Not only did the Dragonslayers win the latter event, but their "fashion show" was the talk of the camp. In a display of more Scoutly skills, the Cobras won the compass event. Troop 22 tied a Troop from Wisconsin for coming the longest distance to the camporee.



In the evening a blind auction brought all the campers together again. Troops were awarded points for every Patrol that competed during the day. A representative from the Troop was to bid their points for concealed prizes. Representing Troop 22, Matt Urminski successfully outbid other Troops to win toilet paper, pop, 32 cookies and cheese doodles. Most of the prizes were consumed on the bus ride home.



Trail Signs



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ACHIEVEMENTS

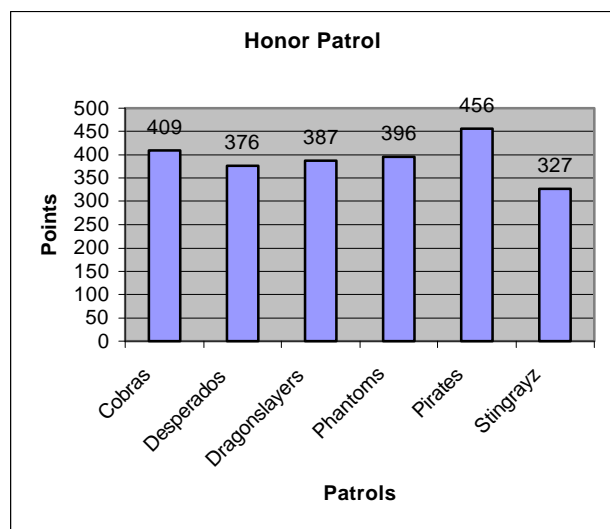
- Elliot Nash earned Tenderfoot Nov. 4.
- Eric Wilson earned his Second Class rank Nov. 11.
- Jeremy Meckler passed his First Class board Nov. 4.

BUY YOUR WINTER BAG NOW

Lewis Morris, the new chief of operations at the Troop Store, is holding a "clear out the old" sale. For a limited time he is selling everything at 20% off the regular Troop Store price, which, remember, is only marked up 10% over wholesale. As an example, the Peak 1 Apex II liquid fuel backpacking stove sells for \$60 in the Campmor catalog; the regular Troop Store price was \$40; for a short time, buy it for \$32. Similar savings are available on the Peak 1 Red Fox 0° sleeping bag.

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

As the Scouts who braved the cold weather and unanswered doors came in to rest their weary feet; as the drivers who put up with those weary Scouts came in to rest their ears; and as an amazing number of small bills was being counted, the Troop 22 Light Bulb Sale came to a close. On Saturday, Oct. 26, the Scouts raised more than \$1,100 for the Troop. Thanks to the 43 Scouts who sold those bulbs door to door, and to the 24 adults who drove, coordinated, and managed the sale. – Ian Gould



Troop 22 Calendar

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Campouts	
Klondike Prep at Chickagami	Dec. 13-15
Sledding trip to S. Chagrin Res.	Jan. 10-12
Klondike	Jan. 31 – Feb.2
Troop Meetings	
Patrol Leaders' Roundtable	Nov. 25, 6:15
Permission slip and money due for Klondike Prep	Dec. 9
No meeting	Dec. 23
No meeting	Dec. 30
Permission slip and money due for S. Chagrin trip	Jan. 6
Patrol Leaders' Roundtable	Jan. 20, 6:15
Permission slip and money due for Klondike	Jan. 27
Special Events	
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast service project	Feb. 9
Junior Leader Orientation Workshop	Feb. 22

PIRATES TAKE BLUE RIBBON (AGAIN)

AT WINDING RIVERS DISTRICT FIRST AID MEET

The Pirates placed ninth at the Annual Winding Rivers First Aid Meet Nov. 14, earning their second blue Proficient Ribbon reserved for the Patrols that finished in the top third.

Two-hundred-twenty-seven Scouts, representing 38 Patrols from 26 Troops, including three Troops from outside Winding Rivers District, met to compete in four First Aid scenarios. The Pirates were the only Patrol from the Sunrise District.

The event exercised a wide range of First Aid knowledge. Patrols were assigned places in the gym of Garfield Memorial United Methodist Church on Lander Circle. Judges moved around to score different Patrols for each scenario. All Patrols worked on the same scenario simultaneously.