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Canoe Trip

March 10th: Splish Splash! 7 lifejacket bearing scouts canoed down the Black Canyon River from the Hoover Dam.

It was a day spent exploring the side canyons and hot springs. The day ended with camping

on the Boy Scout Trail.

March 11th: Another day on the river, exploring more canyons, fishing, hiking in their swim-

suits, and playing. March 12th: More time on the water until noon and then they had lunch and took off for home.



March Backpacking

7-11 miles of hiking in Joshua Tree National Park was a first timer for a lot of the scouts who trekked in this year's March Backpacking Trip. Many of the scouts enjoyed the beautiful scenery and night skies. Those

who woke up early enough were able to see the sunrise. Along



March Backpacking (Cont.)...

“It was a very fun experience and I loved climbing the rock formations. The sunrise and the night sky was beautiful.”
Jay Parikh

the scouts also climbed many boulders and rock formations. The nights were so cold that ice formed on some people’s backpacks. The desert was dry so the scouts had to pack dry foods or foods that don’t require water to be prepared. Over there, the scouts saw many Joshua Trees (hence the national park’s name), and many other desert plants. At the end of the outing, all 46 scouts made a line and shook all 21 adults’ hands thanking them.

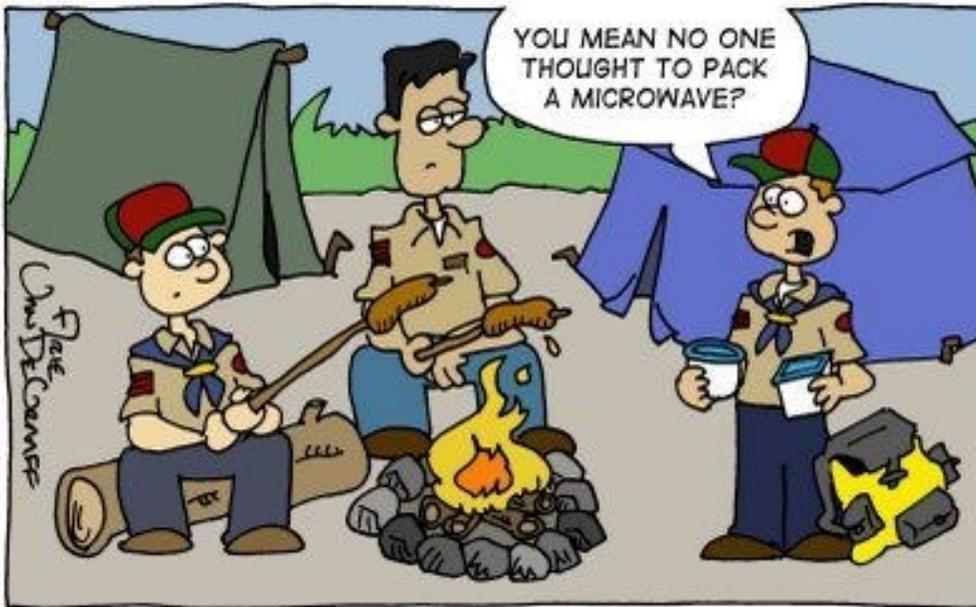


Bin Clean-Up

Spring cleaning is important to everyone and the troop is no different. At this year’s bin clean-up, the scouts were given half sheets of papers as evaluation forms and had to inspect the tents to make sure that the tents had all the parts and worked properly. Tents with missing parts were to be repaired or retired if repair wasn’t possible. Then, each patrol leader assigned the scouts a piece of equipment to clean up. A scout is always clean and follows the leave no trace principles so to top of cleaning the tents, the

scouts did a police line to clean up the grass area that they were using to set up and inspect tents. Unfortunately, they left some trash behind and had to do push-ups. Directly after the mandatory bin clean-up, some of the scouts did some meal planning for the March Backpacking Trip.





Dear Bob,

I am a scout and everything is boring. All the outings I go on are the worst and now I don't even want to go on any. I don't even know why boy scouting helps my life.

-Bored in Bantarctica

Dear Bored in Bantarctica,

If you want more fun in outings, you should come to the best troop for high adventure (aka. Troop 693). This troop is totally fun and satisfies everyone's fun needs. From Philmont to Florida Sea Base to March Backpacking and Canoe Trips, these outings teach you to love nature and how to survive in the natural world. If you are dying of boredom, come on over to the fun side as soon as you can!*

Sincerely,
Bob

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