

TROOP 57 TIMES



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Pinnacles Outing

By Christian Wookey and Will Snodgrass

The Pinnacles outing is an annual event for Troop 57. It is definitely one of the best trips of the year, as Pinnacles offers great hikes and “car camping.” This year’s trip was very unique, because it snowed in Pinnacles! This was the first time I had ever seen snow at Pinnacles, and I’m sure it was the first time for many other scouts. The Troop was able to go on some great hikes, despite the snow and hail. Here is trip from the perspective of Patrol One, written by patrol scribe Will Snodgrass:

Pinnacles was a fun but cold outing. We arrived around 10am and began preparing the campsite. After our tents were pitched, we ate lunch in our patrols. Our lunch consisted of sandwiches, cookies, and apples. After that, our patrol split up into different hikes. The hike I went on, the ten-miler, was long and tiring, but fun. The highlight was the hail and snow that dumped on us during the first hour. We had

Baylands Clean-Up

By Conner Donnelly

When the Spanish were traveling through California they planted mustard plant seeds on the side of the road so when they or someone else came down that road they would be traveling while surrounded by pretty mustard plants. But birds ate the seeds and flew long distances away. When these birds reached the Bay Area, their droppings carried the mustard seed, which quickly spread all over the Baylands because of the birds. Because the plant is not native it did not have a

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some great snowball fights. There was also a five-mile hike. After the hikes, we began to cook dinner: quesadillas, chips and salsa, and Caesar salad. Dinner ended and everyone had a bit of “hangout time.” When the “hangout time” ended, the troop got together and had some skits. In my opinion, the best skit was the one held by the senior patrol. The skits ended and eventually everyone went to sleep. The night was very cold. We woke up early, around 7am, and started breakfast. Breakfast was the usual eggs and bacon, which were good. When cleanup was over, we took down tents and packed up our bags. We

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predator so the plant flourished while not being stopped or slowed down. Lately the park rangers in the Baylands have been running different projects to get rid of the mustard plant and bring the Baylands back to its original habitat. The scouts who attended helped clean out the mustard plants. We spent our time there having fun and helping the habitat by removing the mustard plant as much as we could. We ended almost clearing most of the mustard plant from that area and had a fantastic

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Sunset Beach Rivalries

Patrol One and Patrol Three both went to Sunset Beach for their patrol outings. Here are their individual experiences.

Patrol Three

By Edward Chen

On the night of April 4th, 2011 a restless patrol 3 set out to Sunset Beach California. Walker Richie said, "The air was fresh and the stars illuminated in the sky were like angels rising above." Walker was definitely right. The scenery was breathtaking as we glimpsed at the vast encampment we stayed in. It contained extremely tall and irregular trees, warm sand, and loving wildlife (as we saw a gopher scurrying about). This was only about a taste on what was to come in the next two days. Woken by Eric Griswald's enchanting voice, our patrol ate a quick breakfast of bagels and set out to the Beach Cleaning at Sunset Beach. Part of the scout law is to be helpful, and boy, were we helpful. We picked up over 20 pounds of trash and saw many unique and odd things lying around the beach. But ending the day on a strong note, we had a good 5 hours worth of beach playing time. We had an intense 5v5 beach football game and thrilling wave running were the whole point was to run straight into the freezing cold Pacific water. But all good things have to come to an end as we showered off all the salt, ate a great dinner and drifted off to bed (with Eric Griswalds amazing voice singing very interesting songs). On Sunday morning we had a hearty breakfast of left over bagels from the morning before and B.E.S.H

(Bacon, eggs, sausage, and hash browns). Then quickly took down our tents, finished up some pesky 1st year advancement requirements, and said out good-byes to the beach. All in all, this had to be about the best patrol outing I've ever been on. Led by the fearless patrol leader Alex Lu, and entertained by Eric Griswald, we never had a dull moment of time. I think it's safe to say that Patrol 3's patrol outing was the best patrol outing ever!

Patrol One

By Will Snodgrass

Patrol one left Saturday morning, and upon arriving, we set up tents. After camp was set up, the patrol spent hours in the ocean and on the beach swimming and having fun. They also played wiffle ball and frisbee. Once the fun was over, the first years worked on skills like lashings and the second years began dinner, a delicious taco bar and Caesar salad. The last activity of the night was a campfire that consisted of s'mores and stories. After the campfire, everyone went to bed. When everyone woke up, breakfast began. They ate eggs and bacon with tortillas to make to make a breakfast burrito. Lastly, patrol one broke camp and headed home.

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put everything in the cars, and went to the visitor's center. There, we worked for one and a half hours on a service project. This project, organized by the park rangers, was to help weed out a non-native plant called horehound. The service project marked the end of the trip, and everyone headed home.



Berry Creek Falls

By Christian Wookey

Berry Creek Falls hike is located in Big Basin Redwoods State Park. It is a challenging, but very rewarding hike through a forest of redwoods, highlighted by the falls themselves. Three scouts, two ASMs, and myself started this hike at the Big Basin Park Headquarters, where we stocked up on water before the ten-mile hike. Everyone started the hike great, even though a trail was closed and we had to take an alternative route. Along the way, we saw magnificent old-growth redwood trees, some over 200 feet tall! The trail was strenuous, as there are both climbs and dips in the trail. As we hiked, the falls teased us, because we often heard water without every seeing any running water. When we finally did reach the falls, most scouts had their breath taken away, because the rock underneath the falls and river were tinted a beautiful orange color from iron sediments in the water. We took a much-needed break from the hike at the falls to eat a relaxing and nourishing lunch. After we finished our sack lunches, we packed up our trash and leftovers, took a photo, and continued on the trail. The trail looped back to the trailhead, where we returned to our cars and went home. I think everybody had a great time, and hopefully more scouts will go on this amazing hike next time.



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time doing so. We had a great number of scouts attend, which made the workload easier and the service much more enjoyable. I had a lot of fun and so did the other scouts.



La Selva Beach Trip

By Justin Fang

The La Selva Beach Trip was a very fun outing in which a few scouts left the scout house at Saturday 14th, and spent an entire day playing on the beach. There, we went boogie boarding, skin boarding, climbing, kite flying, exploring, playing volleyball, and swimming in the ocean. We brought our own lunches and we cooked a delicious dinner of hot dogs and potatoes. When we went onto the beach, it was all cloudy, but after lunch, we had few moments of wonderful sunshine. Two dogs also went along on this trip. Mr. Henkel-Wallace's dog Franklin along with Mr. Gardias' dog Oreo brought along a lot of happiness too. Overall, I feel that this trip was a success as everyone enjoyed it, and no one got hurt. Thanks to Jeffrey Ho for leading this trip, along with Mr. Henkel-Wallace and Mr. Gardias for organizing this trip.

Climbing Trip

By Clark Harmon

On Sat March 19, 2011, 12 T57 scouts went on an awesome climbing outing to the San Francisco Bay Council San Leandro office, where they have a very nice indoor climbing place. We arrived early in the morning for a review of the day's activities including how to complete the climbing merit badge requirements. We discussed climbing safety and practiced tying the knots to keep us safe. We then practiced belaying each other. When we were considered trained, we began to climb. There were about 6 routes up the structure several easy, several medium and several hard. We worked our way from easy to hard through out the day taking a break in the middle for pizza and beverages and some good conversation. By the end of the day, all the scouts had climb as much as they liked, had also completed the climbing merit badge and had lots of fun. This was one of the more successful outings that I have been on. I can't wait for next year when we do this outing again.



Shotgun Sports

By Christian Wookey

The shotgun sports trip allows many scouts to learn about shotguns and gun safety, and also allows scouts to fulfill the shooting requirement for the shotgun shooting merit badge. After a safety training session three days before, a large group of scouts, accompanied by an ample group of ASMs, departed from the scout house to the Santa Clara shooting sports park. Despite the rain, all the scouts participated with smiles, and had a great time playing trap and skeet. Congratulations to Doran Finley, Thorin Hausecker, and Conner Young for breaking the required amount of targets to qualify for the shotgun shooting merit badge! The trip was great fun, and hopefully there will be similar successful trips in the near future.

Spring Leadership

By Christian Wookey

The spring leadership this year did a great job leading our troop in fun and productive meetings and trips. Here are the scouts who made it happen:

Senior Patrol Leader: Simon Fox

Troop Guide: Henry Tucher

Troop Scribe: Christian Wookey

ASPL: Ryan Dempsey

ASPL: Matthew Urruela Stauss

ASPL: William Crouch

Great job guys! Next year, Thomas Rasmussen takes the helm as our new Senior Patrol Leader. Good luck!

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