

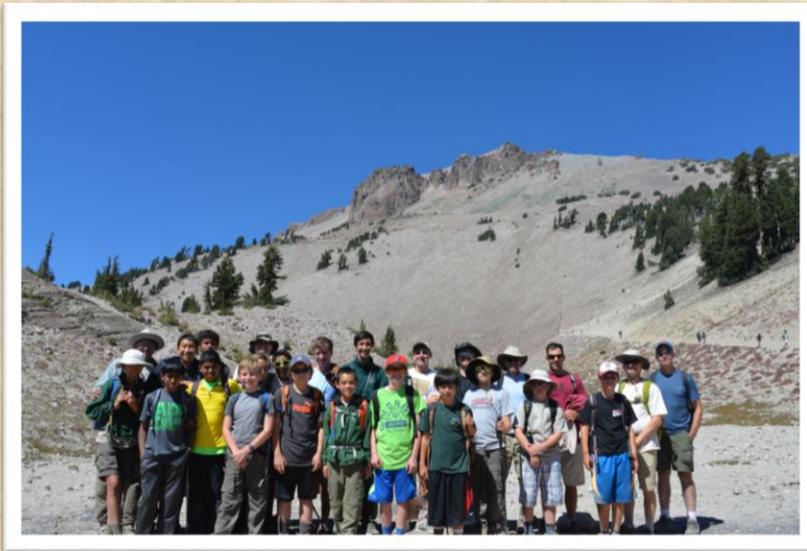
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## Lassen Outing

By Sam Craig



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The first day of Lassen was mostly in the car but we did get to go to Subway cave, which was cold and dark and offered a nice shelter from the heat. We had great jambalaya for dinner that night. The next day we ate egg McMuffins and then headed over to Mt. Lassen. Mt. Lassen had a lot less snow than last year but was a fun climb. After Mt. Lassen we headed back to our campsite and did skills. Dinner that night was Hawaiian Meatballs with rice, which was surprisingly really good. The final day of our trip we woke up early and did a hike at Bumpass Hell, which smelled really bad but looked really cool. Then we had the long drive home. It was a great trip.

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## Rock Fishing Outing

By Eric Griswold

We all met at the scout house at 5 am, and left shortly after. We left the harbor at around 7, and weather was fantastic the whole time we were out. The Huli Cat's radar helped everyone catch fish one right after another. Three ling cod were caught that were long enough to keep. Everyone caught their limit of 10 rockfish early, and we were back in the harbor before 3. Overall it was a great trip and everyone had fish for dinner that evening.

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## Tomales Bay Outing

*By Will Sallomi*

A while back, I led the Tomales Bay outing, which went extremely well. The attendees were as follows: David Markowitz, Krishna Prabhakar, John Tarlton, myself, Zachary Markowitz, Stan DeMartel Alex Thorjussen, Will Morgane, Ryan Wisowaty, and Joshua Athayde. We got an early start on Friday morning, and carpooled to the docks across the bay from where we set up camp. On the way there, we stopped at an oyster farm, and purchased fifty oysters that we later cooked for dinner. We ate lunch at the docks, and set out across the bay at around one o'clock. After a couple hours of kayaking along the coastline, we arrived at the beach where we camped, set up our camps, and began to prepare dinner. Afterwards, we played games on the shore and on the sand, and most scouts were in their tents and asleep by around ten o'clock. We got an early start in the morning, and began preparing breakfast at around seven, and were back on the water by eight thirty. After we reached the docks, we got back in our carpools, and returned home.



## Russian River Outing

*By Zach Yuen*



The Russian River trip this year was a blast. We left Saturday afternoon to go zip lining for a couple hours. It was fantastic. The zip lines ranged from about 20 feet to 800. We got back to camp and then ate a delicious dinner of cheeseburgers. The next morning we ate some French toast before departing at 9:00 for a day full of canoeing. The 11 mile trip was beautiful. The water felt great and was calm with a few rapids. After we all got some ice cream and then drove back getting home around 7:00.

## Historic Camps Hike

*By Michael Oh*

The Troop 57 Historic Trails Hike on November 9, was a fun and interesting hike. There were 13 Scouts and 8 adults. For 13 miles, our group traveled through beautiful Redwood trees. The highlight of the hike was the ability to hike through an old Boy Scout Camp that was converted to a jail. We started at Cutter and ended at Memorial Park. Everyone hiked very quickly, without any injuries. In fact, we ended an hour earlier than expected. Overall, I believe that everyone on the hike enjoyed the experience.

## Golden Gate Hike

*By Arjun Prabhakar*

We departed from the Scout House at around 8:00 am and divided into groups to depart from the Scout house. We arrived at the De Young Museum about an hour later and began our hike from there. Our hike totaled 10.1 miles and the views in the park were very scenic. We walked on mostly flat paved roads and trails for the majority of the trip. For a few miles, we exited the park and walked near Land's End. This area is famous for large waves and we went within 100 feet of the beach. We explored a wet cave near the ocean and had lunch near a monument commemorating a combat ship. We hiked the remaining 5 miles back to the De Young Museum and passed a large lake on the way. The hike was very enjoyable and some groups of Scouts went to the Ghirardelli Square to get ice cream sundaes afterwards.

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## Fall Cycling Outing

*By Elliot Clark*

We left the scout house at around 7:30 with all our bikes strapped on to the cars. We first stopped at Butano State Park where our campsite was to tune up our bikes and check off some requirements for the cycling merit badge. That was followed by a short 10 mile ride into Pescadero where we had great lunches at the shops there. We took a different route to get back to camp which was 15 miles long and had some really pretty views. After biking up a massive hill to get back to camp, we broke out chips and salsa and started preparing dinner which tasted fabulous. The next morning we had a nice breakfast which included the leftover cobbler from the night before. We then drove into Pescadero where we went on a 15 mile ride that went out to San Gregorio and followed Highway 1 back, there were some very long hills which were fun to speed down. We had lunch in Pescadero before heading back.



# Camp Oljato

## Week 1

*By Elliot Clark*

Camp Oljato is an amazing Boy Scout camp that lies along Lake Huntington. This year was unlike the past years because the water level in the lake was very low from the drought. That meant that we could not be ferried across the lake which meant we had to hike in. At camp we had a great time at our merit badge classes, campfires, and other activities. Because so much of the lake was dry they offered the archaeology merit badge. We got a really close 2nd in the Olympicade with first places in ping pong and the regatta. After camp we met up with the scouts that were going to week 2 of Oljato for the Kaiser hikes.

## Week 2

*By Bryan Tan*

Week 2 Oljato participants were mostly first/second year scouts, but all of the service projects and other troop duties managed to be fulfilled without any problems. The service projects the troop did were: the repainting of an old building, the installation of a larger and better signboard for the Cheyenne campsite. Everyone did Steward duty at least twice, and almost no one got merit badge partials. We lost every event in the Olympicade except for the First Aid event, and didn't really do well in the Pentathlon either, but everyone still had a good time. We also got honor troop. Due to the lake being under 30% full, a stargazing on land was held instead of a star-float. All of the scouts participated in the second stargazing held. Our latrine duties were at latrines 1 and 2, the extremely clean ones, which made our lives much easier. As always, the campfires were fun and had some interesting new skits and songs. Overall the week went fantastically.



## Mt. Diablo Rim of the Bay Hike

*By Zachary Markowitz*

Troop 57 had a Rim of the Bay hike to Mt. Diablo on October 26. We saw some old glass from the horse ranch, some lizards, and some cool rocks and geology. It was cold and the wind was very powerful at the top, and it was good to bring layers. At the top we could also see the Golden Gate and Sacramento. We had lunch at the top and then hiked back down. It was 10.5 miles long and we climbed 2200 ft.

## Camp Emerald Bay

*By Jacob Gulman*

Emerald Bay is an incredible Boy Scout camp, with its balmy weather, cool ocean, and its great facilities make it one of the best trips that Troop 57 offers. We all woke up early in the morning for our flight to LA, when we landed we drove to the ferry docks and boarded the ferry heading for Catalina Island. We were all warmly greeted by the Emerald Bay staff and we ate dinner 2 hours after our arrival. The next day we went to our merit badge classes and familiarized ourselves with the camp. Emerald Bay offers many merit badges such as all the shooting merit badges, plenty of water based merit badges, and a large selection of crafting merit badges. The next day we went to War Canoe where we snorkeled and hiked all day long and we ate a delicious Dutch oven beef stew and peach cobbler. When we came back to camp the next day we continued with our normal schedules and the rest of the week continued in this way. Every day, an extra activity was offered during free time such as mountain biking, kayaking, snorkeling, and shooting. Along with the extra activities there was the Aquacade (which is like the Olympicade at Oljato), the Buffalo Run (where you run 1.5 miles in the morning), the Sea Lion Swim (3 early morning swims), and the Mile swim which was done by Brian, Bryan, Anish, Andrew, Nathan, ASM Lancaster, and ASM Ho. On this trip we had 9 scouts working on merit badges, 3 scouts getting scuba certified, and 3 ASMs getting trained and nap-certified. Rugged scuba is a program in which you get scuba certified, which is a PADI certification. Along with scuba certification you can do the scuba merit badge and do scuba BSA. The weather was balmy throughout our stay, except for the first day when it drizzled. Due to drought and saltwater intrusion into the island water supply, there was no running drinking water so we were provided with bottled water. The food at Emerald Bay was good, but what made the dinning so well was the fact that there was extremely fast service, outdoor dining, and getting seconds was an easy process. The waterfront at Emerald Bay was incredible because the staff there would let you take out any sort of boat you want and let you go wherever you want. At the end of our fantastic week we boarded the ferry back to LA and once we docked we took a shuttle back to the airport were we boarded our plane and we flew back to San Jose. We were then drove back to our home town, Palo Alto. Our SPL's for this trip were Elliot Clark and Brian Ho, and our ASM's were Phillip Ho, Bruce Lancaster, and Gordy Saul.



## Northern Tier

*By Will Schmutz*

Northern Tier was fantastic. It had a bit of everything; sunshine, great team of scouts, gorgeous scenery, great nature, bald eagles, beavers, bugs, leeches, portages, rapids, challenge, and adventure. First we took two flights from San Francisco to Minneapolis and then Minneapolis to Winnipeg. We went to sleep at 1:30 AM in an airport hotel and had to wake up at 6:30 for a sleep filled van ride to base camp. At base camp we prepared all of our stuff and enjoyed our last fresh food meals. We woke up early and walked down to the float plane. We flew in a float plane to Scout. Our first hour of canoeing was filled with lots of swerving because we were still new at this. And then when we hit our first portage, it was the worst thing I've ever been through. As we were carrying our 80 lb canoes and 75 lb packs and paddles through the mud we couldn't do anything to stop the brutal mosquitoes from feasting on our legs, arms and necks. That particular portage took us about two hours and we thought we went fast! We went through a couple other "brutal" portages that first day and arrived at our campsite right before dark. Perfect timing! All the mosquitoes were out and it was hard to focus and even set up our tent. As we were setting up camp we met our best friends on the trip, dragon flies. They were flying all around us eating all the mosquitoes. We didn't even have the energy that first night to cook dinner so instead we ate lunch. A very interesting first day, ending with everybody sleeping great, mosquito-free in our tents. The next day was probably the hardest in the trip. We went through two super long portages known as Vietnam and THE BEAST. It took us four hours to get through those portages which was actually considered fast. Canoeing and walking through swamps was the rest of the day, arriving at camp at around 8. The next two days we were behind schedule and everybody wanted to shorten the trek. The third day we made up a lot of ground, but still were one campsite away. At this point in our trip we thought portages were a piece of cake and everybody smelled really bad and our tents smelled even worse. The fourth day was great until our very last portage when Thibault slipped and fell when he was carrying a canoe. The canoe landed on his arm. Then Jaiveer's sleeping pad rolled into the water and it was a very tough night. The next morning we got up extra early and canoed an entire whole river and caught up to our route. The following day we only



had two portages and great canoeing so it was nice and relaxing. The scenery was awesome. We stayed at a really nice campsite and there was a beautiful view of the sunset. The next day was brutal. We had an easy morning and then we hit Beaver Dam Nation. This also could have been the hardest thing we did on the trip. It was a little creek where you could paddle a little bit and then it got too shallow and you had to walk through lots of mud. This happened over and over and over. There were beavers dams throughout the creek and there that didn't make it any easier. The mud was so thick, wet and dense that at one point our instructor went chest deep into the mud! He got stuck like in quicksand! We needed to bring the canoe over for him to grab onto and pull him out. This MUD stretch took us awhile, but we got through it. When we stopped for lunch and

everybody took off their boots and every single person had at least one LEECH on them. Some people had many. I got a leech bite and it bled for about 30 minutes which was very annoying. We arrived at camp at 5pm which was certainly a nice change. We shared our campsite with another troop. The following morning we ate breakfast and canoed only a couple of kilometers before we hit Heartbreaker. It was our very last portage before Scout Lake. The first half is just a normal portage, BUT the second half is a big mud pit that you have to drag your canoes through. We went nice and slow, but the whole time everybody was waist deep in mud trudging slowly along. That took us about two hours and then we had a cleansing splash fight and got to our campsite at noon. We hung out there for the whole day and woke up early and canoed 100 meters to the canoe cache. In all we traveled an incredible 125 miles in only 8 days which is an accomplishment I'm very proud of.

## Florida Bahamas Seabase

*By Ethan Markowitz*

The sea base trip was a week -long sailing trip in the Bahamas. The Bahamas are a group of islands Southeast of Florida. Some of the islands are as close as a mile apart others as far away as a few hundred. We landed in fort Lauderdale, Florida and flew into Marsh Harbor, Bahamas in a small prop plane. We were assigned to a boat (61 foot long ketch design) and a captain. After sailing out of Marsh Harbor we went to a number of islands, and keys. At different keys we sailed, swam, ate, snorkeled, and caught fish. The crew's favorite restaurant was called nippers and it was in guana key. We also caught 2 small barracudas (3 feet) and a snapper. With the snapper's head, we baited and photographed a nurse shark (12 feet long) and some reef sharks (2-3 feet long). On a bigger island called hope town, we visited one of the only manual operated lighthouses in the world (celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> climbed to the top, and later enjoyed some ice cream followed by a brief snorkel in the Atlantic. During the trip, we were affected by hurricane Arthur, on our worst day getting gusts up to 40 kts. However, it did provide us with enough wind to sail, and as some of the scouts found, an easy way to clean themselves when showers of rain pummeled down on the boat, and into rain catchers we fashioned themselves. The crew's favorite moment was on the last day when we were trying to snorkel at mermaid reef where lightning struck only 300 feet off our boat. After that, we waited out the storm, and had the best snorkeling experience we've had, bribing the fish with leftover cheerios from the ship. The trip was amazing, everyone loved it; we covered over 80 nm (nautical miles) and visited 7 different keys.

## Skyline to the Sea

*By Brian Ho*

This last October 9 to October 12, Troop 57 held a backpacking trip on the Skyline-to-the-Sea trail. The trip was about 30 miles long and took around 3 days and 2 nights to complete. The trip started at the intersection of Highway 9 and 35

(Saratoga Gap) to the Waterman's Gap Campsite. From the Waterman's Gap Campsite, we travelled to Jay Camp in Big Basin and from there to Waddell Beach. The Scout Lead was Conner Donnelly and the scouts who attended were Ethan Markowitz, Brian Ho, and Jake Lancaster. The ASMs on the trip were Mr. Gordon and Mr. Lemley.

The backpacking trip started at around 8:00 AM at the Scout House. There, we got our food and determined who tented with who. At the time, Ethan was not there; he would come in the evening. We drove up to the Saratoga Gap in Mrs. Donnelly's car and started hiking down the trail at around 9:30. We ate lunch on the trail at 12:00 and arrived at Waterman's Gap at around 12:30. We travelled around 6.5 miles that day. We relaxed at napped at the campsite for around 4 ½ hours. Soon after that, we cooked dinner, ate, and played a game of hearts. It was around 8:30 when Ethan came to the campsite with his camera, tripod, and the next day's food. We took photos of the sky and distributed food until around 10:00, which we slept. The next day, we ate a breakfast of ramen and chicken, quickly packed up, and were surprised to find the Skyline to the Sea Trail was the track for a Pacific Coast Trail Run that day. As we hiked the 10.5 miles to Jay Camp in Big Basin, many Trail Runners ran past us. As we hiked, we ran into another group of scouts from another troop who were hiking on the trail. We arrived at Jay Camp at around 3:30, where we ate food, rested, ate dinner, built a fire, and quickly went to bed. On the last day, we ate a breakfast of powdered eggs and instant oatmeal, packed up, and left to complete the last 11 miles to Waddell Beach. We left at around 8:00, hiked through the redwoods of Big Basin, hiked past Berry Creek Falls, and arrived at the beach at around 12:30. We were going at a pretty fast pace! We relaxed on the beach, wading in the water occasionally and resting most of the time. Mr. Lancaster arrived at around 1:30 with donuts and energy drinks. He returned back to Palo Alto with Jake, Ethan, and Conner. Soon, Mr. Ho arrived at 2:00 and brought back Brian, Mr. Craig, and Mr. Lemley.



Picture to the left is from the Skyline to the Sea Backpacking Trip

## Sierra 50 Miler

*By Brian Ho*

From the 9th of August to the 16th of August, Troop 57 held a 50-Mile Sierra Backpacking Trip. We travelled from Pine Creek Trailhead to Bishop Pass Trailhead. The original plan was from Pine Creek Pass to Taboose Pass, about 72 miles. But in the end, we travelled from Pine Creek Trailhead to Bishop Pass Trailhead, about 53 miles. The people who attended were Thibault Collignon, Brian Ho, Nick Gordon, and Andrew Wilson as our acting SPL. The adults on the trip were Mr. Collignon and Mr. Gordon.

Each day, we woke up at around 7:00 and started hiking at around 9:00. The trip started with Nick and Brian at Emerald Bay and Thibault and Andrew at Palo Alto. Mike Gordon had to drive from Palo Alto to Los Angeles at 3:00 in the morning and bring Brian and Nick to the Sierras. Mr. Collignon brought Thibault and Andrew to the Sierras. We ate at the delicious Bishop Burger Barn for dinner and settled in for a good night's sleep at the trailhead. The next day, we hiked up Pine Creek Pass and fished in Upper Pine Lake. We then hiked to over the two passes to Elba Lake, passed Desolation Lake, then to Muriel Lake, and over Alpine Co, which is a great backpacking achievement. We hiked passed to unnamed lakes, where Thibault, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Collignon jumped into the freezing Sierra-temperature lake, through Darwin Bench, onto the John Muir Trail (JMT)/ Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), where we ran into many JMT/PCT hikers on the way, and up to Evolution Lake. From there, we hiked past many lakes, over the John Muir Pass (with the John Muir Lodge on the top), and down Le Conte Canyon. We stopped and took pictures at the cool Monster Rock, a rock that looked like a funny-looking monster. When we were approaching the Le Conte Ranger Station, we ran into a Cowboy and his horses, which was pretty cool. But while we were there, a person on the trail had broken his ankle. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Collignon, along with two other JMT hikers and former Eagle Scouts, helped contact rescue help to evacuate the injured man using fancy satellite phones. At that point, we decided to exit off Bishop Pass instead of Taboose Pass. Soon later, we hiked up to Ducy Basin, where we all bathed in the lake and attempted to catch fish, which we failed. We travelled over the Pass and arrived at the trailhead on August 16, 11:00. We had travelled around 53 miles by that Saturday. While Mr. Collignon had to go get a car, the scouts swam in the river and ate food at the Parcher's Resort. On our way home, we stopped at Bishop Burger Barn again for dinner, our new tradition, picked up a man named Brad who was hiking in the Sierras for a month, visited Whoa Nellie Deli in Lee Vining, and dropped off Brad at a hotel as he continued to Yosemite. We arrived back at home at around 2:00 in the morning.

## Patrol Outing Reports

**Patrol 4 Report by Stan de Martel:** This weekend, October 18-19 was the black mountain backpacking trip. The entire patrol was there, and all the ASMs except for Mr. Zucker. We arrived at the scout house, then we split all the food. Then, we hiked 2.2 miles to the camp finding multiple geocaches along the way. All of them were well hidden and they had items in them. We found everybody's geocache. Then once we got there we set up camp, and played a little football. After, we all hiked to the top of Black Mountain, we observed the view and stayed up there for about 10 minutes. Then we got down back to camp, Jonathan started cooking, and the first years started doing their skills. Then we all ate dinner, played cards, and went to bed. The next morning we woke up and had breakfast, then the first years did their SMC's while everyone packed up. We distributed the trash, did a police line, and we hiked back to the parking lot. If we were to do this again we would definitely be more careful with trash. We brought way too much trash, and we then had to take it out of the trash bag and separate it into smaller trash bags. Next time, everybody should bring their own trash bag for their own trash. Overall, a very joyful trip.

**Patrol 5 Report by Nicholas Blondstein and Arjun Prabhakar:** We departed from the Lucie Stern Scout House at 6:45 am on Friday. We drove to the Point Reyes Visitor Center, where we got a fire permit and hiked about a mile on an Earthquake Trail. We talked about the San Andreas Fault Line and how the 1906 earthquake impacted the region. Then, we drove to Marshall, where we discussed kayak safety and rented equipment. We kayaked nearly two miles to Tomales Bay and set up camp there. We played games and went over Tenderfoot skills and kayaking merit badge requirements for a few hours. Then, we ate a dinner of burgers and oysters fresh from the bay. After, we had a campfire where we had several skits and songs. On Saturday, we woke up, ate breakfast, did a police line, and then we kayaked back to Marshall.

**Patrol 6 Report by Andrew Cote:** Our fall patrol outing was at Manresa state beach campground. We left the scout house at 8:30 to go kayaking at Elkhorn Slough with a guide. It was a 3 hour trip. We all paired up into two man kayaks. We went up the Slough about a mile to the dairy farm. We saw lots of sea life including harbor seals, sea otters, sea lions and many different species of birds. Sandpipers, gulls, cormorants, diving brown pelicans. The guide told us about different plants such as sea grass and lettuces how they keep the environment healthy and how the food chain worked. After that we went to the beach for a little while then we went to Phil's Fish Market in Moss Landing to eat lunch. After that we drove to the campsite at Manresa State Beach and set up camp. When we were done setting up camp we went to the ocean and threw the football, played in the water and fished. We came back cooked dinner then had a campfire. At the campfire we worked on the Communications merit badge then went to bed. In the morning we cooked breakfast and started packing up. When we were done we worked on first year skill that included sharpening knives. Then we left to go home.

**Senior Patrol Report by Elliot Clark:** The senior patrol outing was a great and fun experience. On October 18th, we headed out to Henry Coe State Park, when we got there 2 scouts and an adult ran into the campsite while the rest drove in. At our campsite, we relaxed and played card games. Dinner was amazing, we had cheeseburgers. The following morning we cooked a delicious breakfast of sausage links and French toast before leaving for our hike. Our hike was short, only about 4 miles, but it had some hills which were tough even for the fastest hikers. Overall it was a great patrol outing and everyone had a fun time.

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## Troop Outing Reports

**Patrol 2 Report by Arman Chawla:** Patrol two started off with a five mile hike ending around 2:00 PM. We then came to camp, had some snacks, played cards, and prepared dinner. For dinner we had jambalaya and S'mores, and for breakfast we had oatmeal, eggs, and bacon. Overall we had a fun time, and we are looking forward to the next troop outing.

**Patrol 4 Report by Stan de Martel:** The troop outing at Cutter was an all troop outing (September 18th). We got there, we set up camp, we put our tents inside of bigger tents because there weren't enough flat spots, and then we left for a 5 mile hike. When we got back, we had grilled cheese and chili for dinner. Then we went to the campfire where we performed the superman skit and the "You can't ride on my little red wagon" song in front of the troop. The next morning we woke up, we packed all our bags and then we had oatmeal and hot chocolate for breakfast, and then we tried to leave as soon as possible (we left around 9:30 am). Our patrol is doing the Geocaching merit badge that Mr. Ely organized. On the hike, we found a Geocache, Just a lid of a plastic container underneath a fallen tree trunk. The first years finished requirements 2, 8, 3, second class requirement 6, and first class requirement 6.

**Patrol 5 Report by Nicholas Blondstein:** We left in several cars from Duveneck at about 10:30am on Saturday. Once we got to Cutter, we got our whole patrol together and ready for our 5 mile hike. We had a count off and then headed off on our hike. The hike went very well and we had lunch at about 2pm while on the trail. When we got back at 4pm, we worked on some first year skills and played some football. At around 5:30pm, we cooked a dinner of burgers and then cleaned up before going over to the campfire. After the campfire, we ate s'mores and had a great game of Zorch. After a good night's sleep, we woke up at about 7am and cooked a breakfast that consisted of bacons, eggs, and sausages. Before leaving for home at about 9:30am, we finished up some first year skills and did a police line.

**Patrol 6 Report by Andrew Cote:** Most of the scouts left at eight and arrived at nine thirty and other scouts came later in the day. The early group set up immediately and went on a hike. They went off trail and to another place. They back tracked to pond and then onto the real trail and met troops 3 and 4 then went to the huge rock. They went back to camp, did drills for everyone. Kevin taught the first years. The groups began cooking. The late scouts arrived while everyone was eating and we set up our tents. Patrols did skits at the fire circle. Our skit was about dying of thirst and our song was about purple soup. Then we retired flags. The best food was the pancakes in the morning. Nick and Mr. Gordon led us through an orienteering course then we all left.

**High School Patrol Report by Nicholas Gordon:** Most high school patrol members arrived in the afternoon and were able to explore the Reservation before preparing dinner. We then attended the all troop campfire and paid our respects during the flag retirement ceremony. Afterwards, we sat around our own campfire and joked around until we went to bed. The next morning, we had bagels, packed our equipment, and left early in the morning. Some of the senior patrol stayed behind to lead the Patrol 6 orienteering course as part of the first years' requirements.

**Senior Patrol Report by Peter Turnbull:** Troop 57 senior scouts made a contribution to the health of the Cutter Scout Camp by clearing an old trail at the camp on the weekend of September 20th. These scouts took some heavy gardening tools and set out to clear an old trail that had fallen into disrepair. The work was difficult, requiring use of hand saws to cut through decently-sized trees and loppers for anything smaller. It took a while, but they followed the trail to its end and then enjoyed a night of excellent dinners and a superb campfire.

Assembled By: Elliot Clark

Thank you to all the scribes who turned in reports and made this issue of the Troop 57 Times possible! If you don't see your outing report here then you probably didn't turn one in. Paarth Sharma is the new scribe to give your outing reports to now. Thanks again everyone!