

Troop 57 Times, Fall 2019

Troop 57 had a very successful term to close out the decade, here are all of the things that happened during the term

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Outings

Troop Outing:

Joseph Grant County Park -September 21

This term troop 57 went Joseph Grant County Park for our all-troop outing. It's a beautiful park not far from San Jose. It is a new campground for the troop that we haven't been to yet . each patrol left on saturday morning, to their selected hikes, everyone ate lunch on the trails and everyone met up during the afternoon at our campground. At night the TLC hosted and lead a campfire where each of the patrols presented a skit and a song to the rest of the troop. The next day we left early in the morning and returned back home around noon.



Scout Lead Outings:

Mount Lassen Hiking Campout Lead by: Robert Zhang August 31

We first met at the scout house at 8 am, on August 31, 2019. We discussed a few things before leaving for our 4-hour-long car ride to Sundial Bridge, where we would have lunch. There, some car groups had lunch and others like mine went to other restaurants. Then, we headed on a 1 hour trip to a lava tube named Subway Caves. The hike was extremely short, going into a short trail into the caves, where it was chilly. The walk through the caves was also pretty brief, but it was completely dark so we had to



use flashlights. Overall, it was fun but kind of boring. After, we drove to the Lost Creek Campground, where we would be spending two nights before leaving. When we arrived, we immediately began setting up our tents and setting up our things. Once we were done setting things up the first years worked on their requirements while the others could talk and play. After a while of free time, the cooks began setting up their stations and preparing the food. My food group had grilled cheese with tomatoes and cheese, which was delicious. After dinner, we had some time to talk, make a campfire, which we started with flint and steel, and also get ready for bed. At 9:30, everyone finally settled down to get some rest before the big hike. The next morning, the cooks woke up at 6:30 to prepare food while the others woke up at 7. The food I had was bacon, eggs, and hashbrowns, which were all absolutely wonderful. All the food groups also had to make some lunch, which was sandwiches for me. Everyone then got all got ready for the hike, and we went in the cars for the 1 hour trip to the Brokeoff mountain trail. It took us a little while to get everyone there, but we were soon ready to get going on the hike. The hike was 7 miles long, 3.5 up and 3.5 down, but completely uphill and then downhill. We then started our hike, which began with thick trees. We all started as a group, but some began to go ahead and start a faster group. The trail was near a really nice forest and some beautiful ponds. Eventually, we reached a wet spot filled with mud that we had to cross. The mud had some logs we could step onto, but they were quite wobbly and hard to stabilize on. We ended up passing with multiple people getting wet. About a mile after that, we began reaching the hard part. The hike began to become a lot steeper and had fewer trees for shade. My group had to start taking more breaks because of the steepness and lack of shade. Since it was so steep, the trail began zig-zagging up the mountain, and that made the hike a lot longer. We had to slowly go side to side until we reached the top which was amazing. At the top, there was a beautiful view of Mount Lassen, and also a view of Mount Shasta in the distance. There was also a huge cliff where we ate lunch, and it was quite scary. We waited for about 20 minutes for everyone, and we ate for about 45 minutes. After taking a few nice pictures with everyone, we were ready to go back. When going down, I quickly realized that my hiking boots were too big and started hurting my feet quickly, in about 30 minutes, I was already walking in weird ways to avoid hurting my foot. The rest of the descent down was pretty painful for me, and I had to take many breaks. After a painful 2 hours, we finally reached the end. When I arrived, the ASM's said that we couldn't take the 3-mile hike to complete the 10 miles, and I was extremely thankful. Once everyone arrived at the parking lot, we went to the visitor center go to the bathroom and refill our water bottles. We then headed to sulfur works, where there was boiling gray liquid that smelled disgustingly like sulfur(of course). When arriving at the campground, we had some free time before the cooks began preparing the food. The food I had was some tasty tacos, which really tasted good after that long hike. After eating, we set up a campfire to make some peach cobbler, and then use some color packets to make the fire look green, blue, and other colors. We went to bed quite early to wake up at 5:30 the next morning. The next day, everyone was quick to get up and pack

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everything up, in about 30 minutes everyone was ready. We then headed to the car and went to a Starbucks to eat some breakfast, and then went straight home.

Russian River Canoeing and Zipline Campout Lead by: Branden Pare-Lemley September 7

We started the outing by zip lining. Some scouts were scared, but they in the end everyone had a great time. After zip lining, the scouts went to their campsite. The campsite was next to a river, and the scouts had a fun time running around. The next day, the scouts went to the river, and got into their canoes. The canoes were big and heavy, making it hard for the younger scouts to row. Halfway through, the scouts stopped on a riverbank and ate their lunch. After lunch, all the scouts finished the canoe trip and went back home.



T57 Leadership class Lead by: Daniel Yang September 15

The scouts sat down and began to listen to the speakers, who taught about leadership roles and responsibilities. The scouts later got to participate in activities which taught them about leadership. Towards the end, all the scouts got snacks and went back home.

AdvanceCamp Lead by: Bill Xia September 27

The scouts showed up in the morning, ready with all their merit badge prerequisites completed. The scouts finished their first merit badge, and began to eat lunch. While eating lunch, the scouts would talk and prepare for their next merit badge. The scouts made their way to the second merit badge classrooms and completed the second merit badge. After completing both merit badges, the scouts went back to regroup, and later drove back home.

Hiking (Angel Island) Lead by: Manav Shah October 5

The scouts met in the morning, right after eating breakfast. The scouts got into cars and drove to Angel Island. After establishing a count off, the scouts began the



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hike. The hike was very long but fun, as there were lots of nice plants and animals close to the trail. Halfway through, the scouts began getting tired, and ate their lunch. After eating, the scouts continued to hike, all the way back to the parking lot. Many of the scouts looked very tired, but were also happy that they had finished a 10 mile hike. After making it back to the parking lot, the scouts did one final count off and then drove back home.

Rock Fishing Lead by: Issac Wyant October 6

We gathered early in the morning and headed off to Half Moon Bay where we got on the Huli Cat. We fished for the whole day, and every scout and adult caught a lot of fish and maxed out of the limit. We ate lunch on the boat, and on the way back we cleaned the fish. Scouts progressed on their fishing merit badges, and overall we had a fun and successful trip.



Tomales Bay Kayak Camping Trip Lead by: Zimo Fang October 11



We left in the morning on Saturday we got into 2 cars, we got to the docks and unloaded all of our gear into the Kayaks. Though there was a lot of wind we still made it to our campsite. We unpacked and chilled on the beach for most of the day. Later on some of the scouts worked on the kayaking merit badge. We dinner on the beach and played some games at night. We kayaked back in the morning and arrived at Palo Alto around noon.

Hiking (Mt. Wittenburg) Lead by: Liam Hsiu October 26

All the scouts met in the morning, right after waking up. The scouts got into cars and drove to Mt. Wittenburg. After establishing a count off, the scouts began the hike. The hike was lots of fun, as there were lots of wildlife close to the trail. Halfway through, the scouts began getting tired, and ate their lunch. After eating, the scouts continued to hike, all the way back to the parking lot. The hike was very tiring, as the mountain had lots of elevation. After making it back to the parking lot, the scouts did one final count off and then drove back home.

