

## Troop 566's Camp La-No-Che 2005 Diary

**Monday, 2:00 PM**

Check-in went fine yesterday and after we straightened out whether we were Provo or an independent troop, everything went well. It did rain a lot yesterday but the boys managed to stay dry. So far no rain today and except for that BBQ rib sandwich for lunch, today has been great.



I made sure everyone reached their classes this morning and their first class this afternoon. Andrew was making a pineapple upside-down cake for dinner tonight in his cooking class. Tommy spent a lot of time at the pool this morning and wants to become a lifeguard here at La-No-Che. Joshua made a friend with a Native American Indian, Cody who is in all his morning classes. Joshua doesn't know it, but at Friday's campfire Cody will be doing a Native American Indian dance with the whole garb. David found a class for his last period. He will be taking rowing and so far seems to be very happy.

The Provo troop will be very busy. Tonight we have swimming, rowing and canoeing followed by a soccer game and movies with snack. I believe that tomorrow they will be shooting shotgun.

**Tuesday 6/14/05, 9:30 AM**

The boys are already off to their first period classes this morning. The new scouts already know their way around camp and feel right at home everywhere they go. So much so, I have to continue reminding them about the buddy system, because they feel very comfortable here. All four boys had a hardy appetite this morning and ate well...French toast sticks, sausage, scrambled eggs and cereal.

Following classes yesterday, the boys went for a troop swim followed by rowing in the lake. Tommy got sick with a stomachache and went to the infirmary, but made a quick recovery. After dinner, David joined the campers in a soccer match against the staffers. Staff claims they have never been beaten this year. David's team came away victorious.

After the soccer game we went to see the movie Lemony Snicket and had snacks, i.e. ice cream cones, popcorn, etc. The movie ended about 10:00 PM and we called it a night.

This morning Andrew and Joshua began their swim in the lake, 1/4 mile today. They said they finished five minutes ahead of everyone else. Friday, they will probably lap a couple people once or twice (1/4 mile course). The Personal Fitness Merit Badge counselor said he would count their daily swim program as their 12-week exercise program. They just need to outline their program. I encouraged them to do it on their time this week instead of taking it home.

Tommy and David are going to be running a mile on Friday so they are up and training at 5:30AM every morning. Today they stretched and ran about a 1/4 mile. They finished four and five today out of all the campers.

Today we are going to do wall climbing and back trail cycling after classes. Well, now they have moved on to their second period classes, so I am going to check up on them. I'll let you know tomorrow how everyone did.

So far all smiles!



### **Wednesday 6/15/05, 9:30 AM**

We are half way through the week and little do the boys know, the rest of the week will fly by faster than the first part. Everyone is healthy and happy. Tommy has sunburn and a few boys say they look forward to going home, but they are intent to complete their week and are still happy and excited about their activities.

I think I left off on breakfast yesterday so let's go to lunch. Yesterday's lunch was grilled cheese, however there were leftovers from the day before if you wanted it. Yes I did see Joshua eating a Bar B Que Rib sandwich again.

After classes we went straight to wall climbing where the boys scaled a forty-five foot wall. After the wall, they took a five-mile bike trek around the camp. Afterward we got dressed in our class A's and went to dinner where we had Lasagna and peas. The peas could have used some butter and I was told the lasagna was Stouffer's. It included some vanilla pudding too.

After dinner, Tommy and David played on the camper's soccer team against staff. The game ended in a 2-2 tie. Tonight they play for the camp championship.

After the soccer game they all freshened up



and had a pizza party, with pizza brought in from outside camp. Yum! They ended their day very tired and fell right to sleep.

This morning they awoke and went to their exercise programs. Tommy was dogging it, saying his sunburn hurt as he and David ran 3/5 of a mile. Andrew and Joshua finished first in their half-mile swim today. They finished so far ahead, the person in charge thought they only completed one lap.

Fingerprinting is being offered today and a couple of boys could use it. Unfortunately it conflicts with our rifle/archery shooting and perhaps shotgun and black powder shooting. We'll see which they choose. I think Joshua is going to ask the instructor if it will be offered at any other time.

### **Thursday 6/17/05, 9:30 AM**

It's Thursday morning and the kids are in their classes. They started their day at 5:30 AM with their morning exercises...Today - 3/4 mile run and 1/2-mile swim. Andrew said the swim was refreshing. They had a big breakfast of bacon, eggs, biscuit, apples, oranges and cereal. All the boys are very positive, upbeat and still happy...TIRED, but happy.

The kids had a blast yesterday. After classes we went over to shooting sports and shot rifle, archery, shotgun, and black powder gun. All the boys hit at least one clay pigeon in shotgun. Amazing considering three of the scouts have never shot a shotgun before. I didn't ask, but I think they were using 20 gauge. I found the black powder shooting exciting. Using weapons that date back to before the American Revolution. The guns were packed with gunpowder and a musket ball. An igniter cap was placed where the hammer strikes and sends the musket hurling, leaving about a half inch hole in the target. I believe all the boys hit the target.



After shooting sports, we went to dinner...Turkey

After dinner, all four boys played soccer against staff. This time staff came up the winner 1-0 and tied the series 1-1-1. After soccer we took an evening swim in the pool. Following swimming, we had an ice cream social at the dining hall, where we got to continue to make friends with our fellow Provo troop mates. It is really cool to watch them break out of their inner circle and mingle with kids they just met three days ago.

One of our assistant scoutmasters (Jimmy Sawgrass) is an American Indian (with a mohawk) and his son Cody is SPL of our troop. This was great exposure for all our guys to new cultures. Jimmy teaches Indian Lore merit badge during the day. I attended one of his classes...just amazing. I wished Tommy signed up for it.

Our Provo troop scoutmaster was able to schedule a fingerprinting class for this afternoon. Joshua and David said they would like to take that class instead of swimming with the rest of the troop. I'll be preparing blue cards for them.

The boys are very excited about their accomplishments at camp. I overheard them talking this morning comparing how many merit badges they are going to have after camp.

In the mean time I am beginning to go through my engineering analysis, to figure how I am going to get everyone's gear home without it laying on their laps. I'm sure it will work out.

### **Friday 6/17/05, 11:30 PM**

Thursday was a bit of a wash out. After classes, Joshua and David went over to handicraft and earned their fingerprinting merit badge. We were scheduled for swimming and canoeing. The other two boys chose to play games instead of swim. Canoeing was cancelled by a violent thunderstorm that flooded our camp. Luckily nothing got wet inside the tents and the boys remained in the activity shelter during the storm. After Dinner we went to the campfire show where we got free popcorn and soda. Today we completed our classes successfully. The four boys earned 19 merit badges and have partials on only two others. After class we took a hike on Chapel Creek Trail. Following dinner we had our evening campfire and said our good-byes to the many friends we made.

**Thanks for everything Mr. Wintenburg, our Provo Scoutmaster!**