

Troop 890 Patrol Activity Reports November, 2008

Editor's note: The document you're reading is made up of reports from the troop's Scribes, describing their respective patrols' activities during the month of September, 2008. These reports are also in the process of being moved to the Web site (www.troop890.org), but for the present these reports will also be available in this format as well.

-James Wilson, Scribe Coordinator

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Lynx Patrol, by Dylan Roberts

October was a terrific month for the Lynx Patrol members. We had an awesome camp out, we worked hard on making a catapult and smashing pumpkins. There was a lot of free time which we spent playing football, fishing or just hanging around the campsite and having a good time. Carving pumpkins, which all the patrol members put a lot of work into but we didn't get any awards were worth the time carving.

This has been our first semester of Merit Badges which has gone well.

This month the Richardson West Junior High football team played against Lake Highlands Junior High in a grudge match at Richardson High School. It was a good game but Lake Highlands came in on top with a win and an undefeated season! Dylan Roberts, Lynx member from Richardson West, played in the game and Ben Hogg, Lynx from Lake Highlands, was in the chain crew.

Saxon Adams and Jantzen Smith are two new members of the Lynx Patrol which we all can't wait to get to know them better.

We are all looking forward to the Olympics Camp out this next month were hoping it's going to have a good turnout in the different games that we dominate in.

When I learn how to set up a Blog I want to set one up for patrol so that I can add more information about all of the patrol.

Penguin Patrol, by Nick Graves

In October, a few of the members of my patrol participated in the Cata-Pumpkin campout. We arrived there, and set up in the slightly cold fields in the dark. Most of our patrol needs to bring their own personal flashlights, because other people are borrowing our flashlights and using them to set up their own tent, while those of us who lent them our flashlight, have to wait until they are done.

We finally got tents set up and we went to sleep. When we awoke, it was wet, and our tents were covered in dew, and it was freezing. We had to get up and eat breakfast in the cold. Then we went to assembly. We went to set up our catapults.

My patrol had a great layout, although we used too much rope, it was a very cool design. It had a basic catapult set up, but it had this netting on the left, to prevent the launching band to hit anyone nearby. It was very clever, and sturdy. It did not do well on power, because our balls didn't launch very far.

The pumpkin carving contest started, and we didn't know what to do. We looked on the carving kit, and found a flaming skull. We decided to do that. So we traced the design on the pumpkin, and then carved it. We won best over-all. When it was skit time, we did one of our traditional skits, Suicide. Kyle Fleig invented this skit, (I think) and was an ingenious skit. As we snacked down on candy, we felt too tired to see another movie, after Ghostbusters, we were really worn out. So we went to bed and woke up the next morning and had to do the service project, it wasn't as bad as last year, but we still didn't want to do it.

Shark Patrol, by Collin Lydick

This month's report is a profile of Shark Patrol member **Carter Ligon**, First Class Scout.

Carter set off on October 22nd for a service project with helping feed the elder folks at his church. His day started at 11:00 am with having to go to Sam's club grocery store. After buying supplies, he helped cook a slowly cooked pot roast mixed with carrots & a bit of angel hair pasta served with green beans, and rice. At 5:00 pm Carter served food and waited on tables to refill glasses. Carter said, "It may sound or seem easy but is really tough later in the process". Carter's exhausting day ended at 9:30 pm after washing, cleaning, and putting up tables.

Python Patrol, *by William Pumphrey*

On the weekend of October 10, 2008, most of the Python Patrol went on the Catapumpkin Campout. Our patrol came in third place for the actual catapult segment. We then won an award for the best pumpkin. Our patrol members showed their strength as they smashed their way up to top in the pumpkin smashing. On this campout, the favorite meal was omelets on Sunday morning. One person in the Python Patrol ate whipping cream and got sick for a few hours.

On the next campout we will show our athleticism because it is the Olympic campout. Since our favorite meal on the last campout was omelets we will probably end up eating them on this campout. We know one food that we will not have and that is Ramen noodles because we are going to try actual cooking on the campout. We are doing this because we want the full experience and actually have fun cooking. We are excited about this because now we are going to be doing more than heating water and adding the noodles to the water. We can't wait for the next campout because this was our favorite campout last year and we hope that it will be fun this year.

The Pythons also had our lakeshore clean up. Although it was hard to get up, it was a great, cool morning. One of our patrol members found a boot in the water. Two of our patrol members stood on a jagged piece of land and tried to reach a large piece of cardboard in the creek. We couldn't reach the cardboard but we did find a lot of bottles and an assortment of other things. After the cleanup was over, all of the kids at the cleanup climbed a huge tree and sat there. Two of us climbed almost to the top of the tree but then climbed down a little. After we went to the cleanup we went to the popcorn distribution for Order of the Arrow. We had to put the popcorn in order by the first letter of the person's last name. We just had to put them in order and we didn't have to wait for the people to come and get their popcorn. But if we were at the church when the people came to get their orders we took the popcorn to their cars.

One person in our patrol, Andrew Little, made the Lake Highlands Junior High Basketball Team after three days of antagonizing workouts. Good luck, Wildcats!! This past weekend one member from our patrol went on a fall retreat with his church. He reported that it was very cold at night. He also said that it was like a Boy Scout campout because you could actually see the stars at night.

The following are the leadership positions in the Python Patrol. Patrol Leader is Ian Turek; our quartermaster is Travis Moreland and Collin White serves as Den Chief for a Boy Scout troop. Almost all of our patrol members are very close to the rank of Star or Life, which is very close to Eagle.

For breakfast on the final day, we ate Danishes to celebrate a great weekend of climbing and rappelling. This climbing and rappelling campout will be considered one of the most memorable campouts.

Ram Patrol, *by Pearson Smith*

The RAM's have definitely been busy not typically in scouts but in school activities.

October has been the big month for our band students. Elliot Bucki and Pearson Smith, members of the Lake Highlands High School Marching Band Program, attended and won the following awards in several competitions: Grand Champion at the Midlothian Competition, 5th in the Plano East Competition, a Division 1 in the UIL Competition, and made it to finals in the UIL Area Competition.

-The picture to the right is the Lake Highlands Marching Band at the Midlothian Competition.



McGuire Boles and the Lake Highlands Varsity Tennis Team became District 9-5a Champions. None of our patrol members are in football, but some are in other patrols. We would like to congratulate our Lake Highlands Varsity Football Team for becoming the Undefeated 5A District Champions. They will be attending the playoffs in November where they will compete for State Champions of 2008. For more information on Texas high school playoffs, go to www.5atexasfootball.com.

-The picture to the right is the LH Football Team .



Elliot Bucki attended The National Youth Leadership Forum on National Security for about a week in Washington D.C. He learned about the field of government service such as jobs in defense and intelligence.

Alligator, Bat, Bull, Coyote, Gecko, and Hawk Patrols – *no report*