

## Troop 890 Patrol Activity Reports October, 2008

*Editor's note:* This Fall marks a new direction for the traditional troop newsletter, *The 890'er*. Troop 890 is moving to a web-based publication during this scouting year. Most of the information that previously has been published in *The 890'er* will now be found on the Troop 890 Web site, at [www.troop890.org](http://www.troop890.org).

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, but for the present these reports will also be available in this format as well.

-James Wilson, Scribe Coordinator

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**Alligator Patrol** – *no report*

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**Bat Patrol** – *no report*

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**Bull Patrol** – *no report*

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**Coyote Patrol** – *no report*

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**Gecko Patrol, by Cade Gober**

Jeffery Bradshaw, David Radoszewski, Cooper Rimkus, and Marshall Lysell did their community service by doing the White Rock Lake lakeshore clean up. Cade Gober got his service by doing two church activities called Night Lights and Kids Against hunger.

As for the Climbing and Rappelling campout, Jeffery, Marshall, Cooper, and Camron went to the campout. David and Cade did not attend.

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**Hawk Patrol** – *no report*

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**Lynx Patrol, by Dylan Roberts**

The month of September was a very important month for the Lynx Patrol. The troop started Popcorn Sales and it has gotten a great response.

We have three new members (Andrew Kirsop, Jantzen Smith, and Saxon Adams) in our patrol and we are happy to have them. We had a great camp out this past month not very many of us want so we had to get with the Penguins which was fun. We can't wait for the catapult camp out that is going to be a blast!

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## **Penguin Patrol, by *Nick Graves***

In September, we went to the Rock-Climbing campout. When we went there, there was some confusion on where our campsite was, as Brian told us to go to a campsite, and he told us it was a mistake and told us to take all of our equipment and carry it to another campsite. But the confusion was solved and we stayed where we were. The next morning we woke up, and Jack Mikeska was temporarily in our patrol, cooked us delicious breakfast burritos.

When we went to go to the Classes for the merit badge, we were all awfully tired, and most of us didn't want to go. So, we took the class with Dr. Bruck, and traveled back to our campsite. When we arrived, we found Buzzards had found some crumbs of our food on the road, and were flying in our campsite. We scared them away. We headed up after lunch to the assembly where we were forced to wait for another patrol. We got in our cars and waited to get to the rocks. We arrived, and walked up and strapped up. When it was my turn, I immediately looked over the edge and ran back to where it was safe. It was a huge drop; I somehow managed to get down it. The rest of my patrol had a blast. We were jumping down the rocks, having a great time. Some of us even let the rope out and jumped to the very bottom, and then tighten the rope for a smooth landing.

I had a blast climbing the rocks, I would have to say most of us probably enjoyed climbing more than the repells, probably because it takes more awareness, and it is a thrill. Most of us never did the fourth climb, I wanted to, but never got to. Wet hen went back to our campsite and ate dinner, and went to sleep. We woke up the next morning and ate some things we had and packed up and left for home.

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## **Python Patrol, by *William Pumphrey***

In September, the Troop went on the rock climbing and rappelling campout. The weather was perfect and there were no clouds in the sky. Almost everyone in the Python Patrol either already had the Climbing Merit Badge or completed the requirements at the campout this year.

We got creative with our campsite by making the tents form a miniature biodome. Our Patrol enjoyed the new tents because they felt bigger than the old ones and had more access to get in and out of the tents. The most popular item at our campsite was definitely the Sunny Delights, which I think were gone by the last night.

Everyone in our Patrol enjoyed the campout and enjoyed climbing and rappelling. We had to climb, rappel, and belay three times each. One of our Patrol members almost made it to the top of one of the hardest cliffs to climb. No one in our Patrol was injured which was very good and no one that tried to go over the edge of a cliff decided not to follow through with what he had started.

All of our Patrol members are either Life or Star, but very close to Life, and this Merit Badge helped everyone move closer to achieving their goals. Our Patrol members also encouraged the other Scouts to complete the climbs and rappelling which gave comfort to those who were trying. We had good attendance at this most recent campout. We were only missing one person, who was sick.

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.

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### **Ram Patrol, *by Pearson Smith***

This past summer, several us went to Philmont in Cimarron, New Mexico. For eleven days, we had hiked over 100 miles through hail, rain, and sunshine. The trek had taken place in the transition between June and July. Most of our patrol hiked in Crew 2, and they did about the same hike as Crew 1,

just more rigorous and going in the opposite way. Both crews indeed hiked Mt. Baldy and reached the summit, as you can see in Crew two's picture to the right. Each day, we would hike about eight miles and take a few side hikes such as climbing Mt. Baldy. After our day of hiking we would set up camp, eat, and rest. Some camps did have various activities such as black powder shooting, rock climbing, panning for gold, etc. It did hail on us several times and Crew 2 got hailed on



just as they were starting to make their descent on Baldy. But, it was a great once in a life time experience. If anybody hasn't been to Philmont I strongly suggest they go. Remember, a crew doesn't have to hike 100 miles like we did, there are other treks that may involve 3 miles a day and more activities for each day. There is more to Philmont than just hiking. It's a once in a life time experience and only about 2% of the scouts in the world get to go.

Several of us, Pearson Smith, Curran Kelley, and Tim Wall, completed our Eagle Projects over the summer.

Tim Wall built a compost bin for the Lake Highlands Community Garden behind the old National Guard building on Goforth Road in August. He was recognized in the September issue of the Lake Highlands Advocate for his contribution.

In August, Pearson Smith replaced the key stone around the LH symbol in front of the Lake Highlands High School Auditorium with White Austin Stone to match the new entrance. McGuire Boles will be completing the project by laying new landscape around the new LH border.



*-The picture to the right is the new border around the LH symbol in front of the Auditorium.*

Curran Kelley's project involved various tasks at his church in September. The main task was to repaint a wall on the side of the building. Others tasks involved trimming trees and moving old stone. In the end the most rigorous of all was the painting because the wall had so many indentations that it took more paint than estimated to cover those spots.

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### **Shark Patrol, *by Collin Lydick***

11 people from the sharks patrol attended the rock climbing camp out. The night started with our typical hike in. This hike was 3 miles long.

Our camp site was composed of new tents, a water fountain/dispenser, and a camp table. Morning started with a good breakfast, made of our famous eggs and sausage, with milk and water as beverages. The morning after breakfast was 1. flagpole ceremony 2. a first aid lesson on rock climbing/ general first aid also 3. lunch and the return of the older scouts. The afternoon was this.... 1. leave for rock climbing .which this case was the rock climbing merit badge that required... 3 rappels, 3 rock climbs, and 3 on belays. 2. dinner/supper 3. campfire stories with a cowboy. Sunday was another wrap up that went successfully well. leading to a flagpole ceremony and then loading the vans to go home.