

## Troop 890 Patrol Activity Reports January, 2009

This printed document is made up of reports from the troop's Scribes, describing their respective patrols' activities during the month of January, 2009. These reports are also in the process of being moved to the Web site, but for the present we will continue to produce a separate document of Patrol activities.

-James Wilson, Scribe Coordinator

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### Penguin Patrol, by Andrew Campbell



On January 23-25, 2009, Troop 890 and the Penguin Patrol went to the Alspaw Ranch. We had a great time! Kohl, Zach, Alex, Matthew, Nick (who came on Saturday morning), and I attended the War Games Campout.

Although it was about 80 degrees during the day on Friday, the temperatures cooled down quickly. When we arrived at the entrance to the Alspaw Ranch, we hiked to our campsite and set up our tents. When Zach and I put up our tent, part of it ripped so we had to get a new one.

About 20 minutes later, we had both of our tents up to sleep in. After the tents were set up, we ate our snack which was sunflower seeds and trail mix. By the time this was over, we set up our sleeping bags and got ready for bed.

On Saturday morning, Zach fixed a warm breakfast of breakfast burritos and then we had got ready for WAR! First, we played Capture the Flag with a red team and a blue team. The first game, the blue team won (my team) and the next game, the red team won. To decide which team was best at Capture the Flag, we had a tie breaker which was won by the blue team. After that, the red team went to eat lunch and the blue team played paint ball. Then the blue team ate lunch and the red team played paint ball. The next activity was the Marshmallow War with the same teams. Again, the blue team won first, the red team won the second game, and the tie breaker was won by the blue team. All of the games were awesome!

During the evening, the temperatures dropped a lot and we stayed warm by the campfire. The dads cooked brisket for dinner which was tremendous! Each patrol did a skit. The Penguin Patrol and the Lynx Patrol joined together to do a Natural Disaster skit. We were all worn out from the activities of the day and we went to bed pretty early.

On Sunday morning, we had our normal Sunday morning breakfast of pop tarts and donuts and then started packing up our gear. Our service project for this campout was cutting down trees and clearing them for firewood. We were glad to provide this service for the family who owns the land where we camped. Our church service was led by Aaron Peterson. We then loaded our gear and headed back to Dallas.

I would especially like to acknowledge Kohl Steglich for demonstrating the Scout Law with his willingness to go the extra mile to clean the campsite with a positive and cheerful attitude.

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**All other patrols – *no report***