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Troop 869 

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Looking Ahead

July 8-14
Summer Camp
Buffalo Trails Scout
Ranch

August
Family Day
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September
Double Lakes

Editor

Please send your articles and photos about troop campouts, fund-raisers, volunteering and Eagle Scout projects, etc. to ssstanley17@comcast.net.

Up on Village Creek

On April 21st and 22nd, Troop 869 went camping at Village Creek State Park. There were 9 boys at the camp-out, two of whom were Green Scouts, along with several adults. The drive up was delayed until Saturday morning as a result of the heavy storm we had been having Friday. After we got to the camp site, we made camp as quickly as possible, so we could go on our planned 10.3 mile canoeing trip. The older Scouts and some adults drove to the site and got the canoes in the water, and we had a great time canoeing down the river. We stopped for lunch after an hour or two, and continued canoeing. Nearing the end of the trip, the canoe Caleb and I were sharing was flipped over by some low-hanging tree branches. We saved most of our stuff, except for Caleb's shirt, which was torn off by the river! We weren't in any real danger, but Mr. Euker and Mr. Quigley were able to help out a father and son who were on a Cub Scout trip. Their canoe had capsized and was stuck on a downed log. When the dads came upon the capsized canoe they followed Scout training and righted it. Down the river they met the father and son and the father related that he had been stuck under the canoe for a brief time. We were glad that the dads were able to Do a Good Turn and help out in this way. Later that day, we older scouts put some food coloring in our food, while the younger Scouts deep-fried their meal! All in all, I believe everyone had a great deal of fun on the camp-out.

Austin E.

Not a Goodbye

Dear Troop,

Today will be the last day I will go to scouts before I head off for college. I am very sad. Sadder than you know. But prouder than you can imagine. I've been with this troop for the past six years, and I have loved every day of it. Green Scouts, try with all my might, I still have not memorized everyone of your names but no matter, each of your faces are warmly engraved in my heart. I was in your place, six years ago, and sadly many of my friends have dropped out of scouting since then. I had to find out by myself the reasons why I wanted to stay in scouts. Was it because my parents wanted me to be? Maybe. Was it the campouts? Yes. Was it the fire building? Of course. But there was one thing that kept me here every Tuesday. As a scout, and this is no exception, when you become an older scout and eventually an adult, you bond with your friends and your friends in scouting become something more than that because you learn skills together. You scrape knees together. And you cause trouble together. You grow as an individual and become a leader for those around you. Eventually you will all reach the rank of Eagle, and I am confident that you all will, no matter what obstacles stand in your way. Friends.... no, that word is not strong enough. Family, this is not a goodbye. I will be back. Senior Patrol, I leave them in your hands. Lead your family in the right direction, and if one of your brothers strives to learn a new skill, do not deny him that right. You are their role models. Have fun but not too

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much fun. If some one gets hurt in dodge ball or in the cup game, sportsmanship is not dead. Especially in the world today, along with chivalry, that is something that is your responsibility to teach them how to treat each other right. Adults and Parents, thank you for supporting me on my trail to Eagle, and thank you for letting your sons join Troop 869. I hope that they have learned as much from me as I have learned from them. I truly love them all and the memories I have made with, I will carry with me for the rest of my life. Some of you are Eagle scouts, adults and young adults. If you are, I applaud you for your determination. If you are close to becoming one, you are almost there. And if you want to become one, no one is stopping you. There is no reason why you all can't, just because they say 3 out of 100 boys in scouts become an Eagle scouts, doesn't mean why

this troop can't become the first troop in the US to have every boy become an Eagle Scout? That would be great but what is amazing is that it can happen. Support each other and you will surprise yourself by accomplishing the almost impossible. Help each other reach your goals and you will amaze those who don't. We are Scouts. We are Family. We are Eagle Scouts. There is nothing that can stand in your way.

With hope for the future,
 Friend, Family, Eagle Scout
 -Julio Hernandez

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 Random "Hello's" are always welcome!

Looking Back at E-Rock



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Good Times
Fun Times

