

Lake Chautauqua Campout

Two weekends ago the scout of troop 777 from Hudson, Ohio went camping at lovely Lake Chautauqua for the weekend. We left the church later than expected (no surprises there) and arrived at our campsite at around eleven o'clock that night. The setting up of camp went smoothly with barely any hitches. The snacks of the night were either, chips and salsa for two patrols or Oreos for another. After everyone gorged themselves on their respective snacks everyone went to bed. Early next morning everyone started to cook breakfast the highlight of cooking was Alex Mullen's pancake designs which included Mickey Mouse, an elephant, and the Olympic rings. After breakfast was cleaned and the adults dilly dallied the boys threw around a football to practice for the father son campout. Mr. York divided the troop into two groups one went to go see the gorge river first while the other went to Mr. Wells' lake house. The group that went to the lake house collected firewood and got to ride in Mr. York's truck bed on the way up which was super cool. After arriving back at the house with all the firewood the boys went fishing on Mr. Wells' pontoon boat. We failed to anchor correctly about three times but, all the while we were catching fish left and right. One of the highlights of the fishing was Mr. York getting tails slapped by a small fish. To end the fishing we decided that the last person to keep their minnow was the winner. My pick to win was Kyle Vanderhoff or Austin Mullen who both had bits and pieces of their original minnows. In the end after Forrest, Kyle, And Austin survived for ever we changed the rules to first catch which Forrest won. After returning to the lake house we prepared to go tubing in the speed boat only to discover the engine was messed up. While waiting for the engine to be fixed the boys played a game of Can It a very cool Frisbee game with Alex and Adam being the champions. We then had a lunch of sandwiches and learned how to fillet a fish taught by Mr. Wells (which we caught earlier). After eating we went to a river which was freezing (still amazed no one got hypothermia). After hiking for about two and a half hours we returned to our campsite. Once there we used the filleted fish from earlier to create fish tacos which were absolutely delicious. After chowing down on tacos and dinner we all hit the sack, completely exhausted. Take down the next morning went smoothly and went home. All in all it was a fantastic weekend.

