



Via Ferrotta

Favorable weather, rock climbing, and a whole lot of fun, what more can you ask for on a 777 campout? We departed from the church by 6:30 and made the long drive down into Torrent Falls, Kentucky. Arriving around 1:00 AM at the Land of Arches campgrounds, we set up our tents in the dark, and fell asleep as soon as possible. We had a really early morning, and stumbled out of our tents by 6:00 to make breakfast. There were two patrols, Brandon Higgins leading one, and Stellan Rifle in charge of the other. Breakfast was very tasty, one patrol made eggs and bacon, the other made pancakes and bacon. We made great time and had clean up done on schedule.

Packing up for climbing, we drove five minutes down the road to Via Ferrotta. When we arrived, all of the new scouts who hadn't ever seen the place were filled with awe. Via Ferrotta is a natural rock wall in the shape of a horseshoe. It has six different sections going from right to left, easiest to hardest. We spent many hours climbing up and down, and luckily nobody decided to leap off of the edge. On the last section, the Black Diamond, we had four scouts and one dad make it through. Ethan Durfee, Brandon, Stellan, Ben Stevenot, and Mr. Stevenot all successfully made it through. To say the least, we all had a great time and had a spectacular view and many photo opportunities.



Afterwards, we headed over to Natural Bridge State Park. We hiked up to see the actual natural bridge. Once again, we were all stunned at the view. Resting for a little while and taking in the scenery, we eventually

moved on and hiked over to Lover's Leap. We had a full day of activities and all of us were hungry, so we headed down and drove to one of the local pizza joints,. While we were waiting on our pizza, we played a couple of pickup basketball games. And it was to everyone's amusement, when Brandon, Forrest Norman, and Ben Lindner challenged three college aged guys and got destroyed. After eating our share and drinking a Ale 8, the local soft drink, we headed back to our campground. Relaxing and getting advancement signed off was the basic course of the rest of our evening.



We woke up early the next morning, and got on the road for our long drive back. Overall we had a wonderful time and made many fond memories. Everyone was grateful for the good weather and the dads who took their time to drive us around, all which contributed to a fantastic campout.



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