

Hocking Hills, Rock House, and Old Man's Cave

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This past weekend Troop 777 had our all wood weekend at Hocking Hills in southern Ohio. We left the church at 6:45pm and went to a Crossover. If you don't know what a Crossover is, it is a ceremony for the Webelos 2 Cub Scouts. What happens is the new scouts "crossover" a bridge to join their new scout troop. Troop 777 accepted 5 new boy scouts. After the ceremony was over, Troop 777 and the new scouts, set off for Hocking Hills, a 3 hour trip south. Around 1 AM on Saturday morning we finally arrived. Once we set up our tents we decided to call it a night and "hit the sack." In the morning we got up and collected fire wood.

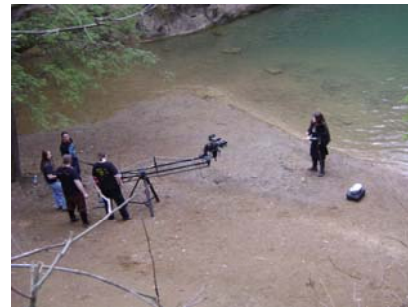


After that, we started our fire and got breakfast going. When it was ready, it didn't take very long for us to finish it up. All that was left were the dishes. After the dishes were done, the boys worked on advancement. While everyone was busy, Mr. York and the Assistant Scoutmasters found a problem. It seemed that the trailer had gotten stuck in the mud. The Scoutmasters soon set to the task of removing it. After a few inventive ideas failed, the Scoutmasters had to think of a new way to get it out of the mud. A few hours later they finally succeeded in getting it free. Soon thereafter, we set out to Old Man's Cave. It was a beautiful sight to see, and believe it or not, there was still ice in some places. Also, while we were there we got to see a band filming a music

video down by a waterfall. When we were done touring, we left to go to the Rock House. It was amazing! There were natural ledges and small caves everywhere, which was really cool. We got to practice a little 3 point climbing too. This means you have to have three points of contact on the rock at all times. Once we had seen all there was to see, we decided it was time to head back to camp. As soon as we got there, we started dinner which consisted of tacos. When we finished we, yet again, did dishes and hung out. A little bit later we had a campfire with some entertainment, and as always, a ghost story from Mr. York. After that we put the fire out and went to bed. In the morning it was a little chilly, but we soon warmed up after a good breakfast of oatmeal. After vespers we broke camp and headed home with fun experiences and new friends.



The Scoutmasters working on the trailer



A music video being filmed



Some of us at Old Man's Cave