

2014 KLONDIKE

For this Historian Report I propose a Game of Riddles

1. *“Thirty white horses on a red hill, First they champ, Then they stamp, Then they stand still.” (Bilbo Baggins of Bag End)*
2. *“What has roots as nobody sees, Is taller than trees, Up, up it goes, And yet never grows?” (Gollum).*

Troop 777 arrived at Camp Butler, for the 2014 Lord of the Rings (LOTR) Klondike hosted by Troop 333, rested and ready to share in an adventure, “Nasty disturbing uncomfortable things! Make you late for dinner!” (Bilbo Baggins). We checked in and set up the tents hoping we could endure the night. We were lucky because we got to sleep in staff row, which is shielded from most of the wind. As we drifted in and out of sleep that night we thought about the many challenges that the sun would bring as it started its ascent into the skies. Shivering through the night, we wondered if one of the challenges that we would face would be waking up looking like Gollum.



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3. *“This thing all things devours: Birds, beasts, trees, flowers; Gnaws iron, bites steel; Grinds hard stones to meal; Slays king, ruins town, And beats high mountain down.” (Gollum)*

With the rising sun our company’s fearless leader Mr. York sang us awake around 7:30 on Saturday morning, so we could begin our day. The scouts made breakfast burritos and the adults made Mountain Man for breakfast. We were running late to the flag pole for sled check and the start of the activities, so the adults allowed us to go while they cleaned the eating/cooking gear (I guess there’s a first time for everything.). Weblos II scouts that are thinking about joining our troop came out to camp on Saturday to participate in the fun filled games with us. Our Troop separated into two patrols, one had the Weblos scouts in it and two troop 777 scouts (John Paisley and Forest Norman) and the other patrol had the rest of the 777 scouts. The Weblos patrol was called “The Roosters” while the other patrol was called “The Rubber Chickens.” The events included tent making, a relay race, shelter building, ladder making, obstacle course, fire building, and orientation. With the speed and agility of the elves we completed the obstacle course, but lacking a wise wizard in our company we were unable to quickly solve most of the riddles. Like all good adventurers we were able to quickly build a shelter that could fit all of our company. The siege ladder we made could have gotten us over the walls of Minas Tirith itself.



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4. *“It cannot be seen, cannot be felt, Cannot be heard, and cannot be smelt. It lies behind stars and under hills, and empty holes it fills. It comes first and follows after, Ends life, kills laughter.” (Gollum)*

The first half of the events lasted until lunch time at 11:30. The scouts’ lunch was grilled cheese, which Ben grilled masterfully, and soup. The adults made chili pie which

the scouts swarmed around like vultures once the adults had set down their eating gear. After our fulfilling lunch the Webelos II scouts left for Camp Manotoc to spend Saturday night in a cabin. They were all saying how much they could not wait to join Troop 777. Most of the scouts left to finish the orienteering event for “The Rubber Chickens”, while the rest cleaned up lunch. Then it was time for the very exciting and highly anticipated sled race! One anonymous Troop 777 Star Scout strategically threw himself on the ground right in front of all the other troops, risking his life so that troop 777 could win. (Ok, he may have tripped) but 777 won the race nonetheless. The Troop had decided that with the coming weather and temperatures we would leave Saturday night, so we took down our tents and packed up. The dinner was provided by the host troop. We all left around seven, after the award ceremony. The Klondike was loosely based on the LOTR theme, but besides the Misty Mountains’ weather condition, cold and snowy, and a few jokes, it didn’t really match the theme. Overall the Klondike was cold, fun, snowy and...well, cold.



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5. *“What do I have in my pocket?” (Bilbo)*

Answers to riddles: 1. Teeth 2. Mountains 3. Time 4. Dark

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