
Troop 85 trail talk

November 2005

LITTLE RIVER STATE FOREST

Mark, Patrick, and Joseph attended our October camping trip to Little River State Forest near Atmore, Alabama. Mark claims to have found the world's smallest watermelon growing wild in the forest. To see a photograph of the watermelon and other pictures from the trip visit Troop 85's website at: www.troop85.org

Troop Calendar Now Available Online

Troop 85's yearly activity calendar is now available online. Go to www.troop85.org and click on the link to Troop 85 **Documents and Forms**. From there you can download a PDF of the troop calendar.

Halloween Party

Scouts who attended our troop meeting on October 31st were treated to a real Halloween B-Movie fest. The troop ate lots of snacks and popcorn while they watched the 1959 movie classic "**THE GIANT GILA MONSTER**." Between scenes of low budget destruction and reptilian mayhem, the teenage hero saved the local sock hop and sang some really swell pop songs. The scouts really enjoyed the one about a mushroom...



The Giant Gila Monster eyes Dr. Campbell as his next helpless victim

Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge

The Troop will be teaching the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge during troop meetings in November and December. This is an Eagle Required Badge. All scouts are highly encouraged to join in on the sessions and learn about our great community.

Troop Committee Meeting

We will be holding our monthly Troop Committee meeting on **Tuesday November 15th** at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church at **7 PM**. Troop committee meetings typically fall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

November Campout

November's campout is scheduled for **Nov. 11th - 13th**. We will be attending our yearly trip to the Blue Angels homecoming at Naval Air Station Pensacola. The troop will meet at Spring Hill Presbyterian church at 5:30 p.m. on Friday November 11th. Please bring a sack dinner for Friday evening. We will eat breakfast and dinner on Saturday at the Air Station galley on base. Sunday breakfast will also be at the galley. **Scouts will need to wear their "Class A" uniform in order to eat at the galley.** Please do not forget your uniform. You will not be allowed in the galley.

Lunch on Saturday will be "on your own" at the Air Show. There will be lots of food vendors (e.g. hamburgers/hotdogs etc.) to choose from. Scouts will need their own money for Saturday lunch plus any additional money for souvenirs at the Air Museum. We will also stop for a fast food lunch coming back on Sunday. No more than \$20 in extra money should suffice for the weekend.

Cost of the campout will be \$10 which will cover meals at the galley and also camping fees at Blue Angel Park. We will collect the money on Friday evening to have ready at the galley. Again, scouts should need no more than \$20 personal cash for souvenirs and meals on their own.

IMPORTANT POPCORN DATES

All popcorn orders are due on November 14th at the Troop Meeting. The troop will pick up the popcorn orders on Saturday December 3rd. Popcorn money will be due on the troop meeting on December 12th at the Christmas Party. If you have any questions about popcorn call our Wendi Lightbourne at 666-8251

Eagle Scout Ceremony Coming Up

James Paul Fuqua will be having his Eagle Scout Ceremony on Sunday, November 20th at 4 PM at Forest Hill United Methodist Church. All troop members are cordially invited to attend. Several scouts will have important roles in the ceremony. There will be a required rehearsal on Friday November 18th at 6:30 PM at Forest Hill UMC for all those participating in the program.