
Troop 85 trail talk

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LEGENDARY “SWAMP MONSTER” CAUGHT ON CAMERA!

Local Scouts take only known photograph of the living creature. Scientists examine the evidence.

Mobile, Alabama

Several members of Boy Scout Troop 85 got more than they bargained for when they went camping last month at Camp Maubila near Jackson, Alabama.



Troop 85 Scouts managed to capture this photograph of the legendary Swamp Monster while camping

They photographed what apparently is the only image of the legendary “Swamp Monster”.

When asked to describe their discovery, First Class Scout Philip Schulte said he “was just lounging around in his hammock when the creature walked out of the woods and into the campsite.”

“I wasn’t scared at all. Actually, it was sort of comical. The thing just looked so goofy! You just had to laugh at it! I kind of felt sorry for the poor guy”

The creature slowly waddled off into the deep swamps surrounding the camp, but not before the scouts managed to snap off a few pictures.

Amazingly, their photographs turned out to be the only known in existence.

Scientists will now begin the task of examining the photographs to see if they can learn more about the natural history of the elusive creature.

Oxford University Professor of Biology, Dr. Reissa Roni, will be heading up the research team to study the newly found species.

“Before we had these photographs there were only periodic reports of the swamp monster from across the United States. Now we have physical proof that it actually exists. Its not everyday that a scientist is able to document a completely new species. This is bigger than the rediscovery of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker.”

As for the scouts who made the discovery, they have plans to open a small souvenir shop just outside of the camp where they will sell t-shirts to visiting tourists hoping to catch a glimpse of the rare monster.

TROOP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Troop Committee will meet on **Tuesday, January 17th** at Spring Hill Presbyterian Church at **7 PM**. Our Troop Committee Meetings typically fall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Parents are welcome to attend

TROOP MEETING SCHEDULE

The first troop meeting of the new year will be on Monday, January 9th Here is the troop schedule for the month

January 2nd	<u>No Troop meeting</u>
January 9th	Troop Meeting. 7 PM
January 16th	<u>No Troop meeting</u> MLK’s Birthday
January 20-22nd	Campout to Fort Morgan
January 23rd	Troop Meeting. 7 PM
January 28th	IMAX Movie
January 30th	Troop Meeting 7 PM

JANUARY CAMPOUT

This month the troop will be camping at Fort Morgan on the weekend of January 20 – 22nd. We will sleep inside Battery Dearborne so you will not need a tent. Since we will not have a meeting on the Monday night prior to the campout, we will need to plan our menus on January 9th Please be prepared to let the troop know if you plan on attending the campout at the Monday night meeting on the 9th. We will need to know how many scouts will be going on the trip so we make sure we have enough food for the weekend.

IMAX CAVING MOVIE

The troop will see the “Amazing Caves” IMAX movie at the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center on Saturday, January 28th. Cost is anticipated to be \$6.50 for each scout. We will be attending the 11 AM showing. More information to come. Stay tuned!

AMAZING FUN FACT

Most animals including humans come in two distinct sexes or genders. You are either a boy or you are girl. Amazingly, there is a species of slime mold known as *Physarum* that can have over **FIVE HUNDRED different sexes!** How would you like to have been the biologist who figured this out...