

BSA TROOP 39 AT CAMP POWHATAN

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CAMP POWHATAN

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ARRIVAL AT POWHATAN

Finally! after 3 ½ hours on a bus, we had made it to Camp Powhatan! It seemed that the bus ride would never end! We then rushed to our campsite to pick out our tents. Just as we were getting settled and unpacking our things, the leaders told us to change into our swimming trunks to take the swimmers' test. We then had our medical forms checked before we headed down to the waterfront. One by one we jumped into the water and took the swimmers' test. Boy, were we in for a surprise. "The water was so cold that you could skim ice off the top!" said one new scout.

BROWNSEA ISLAND

Most of the new members of our troop participated in the Brownsea Island program at Powhatan. Those scouts created patrols,

The water was 42° F!

learned how to make fire, got their totin' chip, and completed many of the requirements for the Tenderfoot rank (and some Second Class). These scouts are another step closer to Eagle. Good job guys!

MERIT BADGES

Most of the scouts in our troop took merit badge classes. They kept us busy for most of the day. Here is what some of the scouts had to say about their merit badge classes.

- Ψ "Space Exploration was a lot of fun. We got to build and launch our own rockets!"

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- Ψ "The best part of Canoeing was doing the t-rescue, and going solo around the lake."
- Ψ "Shooting the clay pigeons in Shotgun is difficult until you learn how to follow the pigeon."
- Ψ "Geology was easy because all we had to do was listen, and answer a few questions."
- Ψ "The overnighter in Wilderness Survival was challenging and a lot of fun."
- Ψ "Cooking was awesome! We got to cook and eat our own food instead of camp lunch!"

HIGH ADVENTURE

High Adventure was all that it was cracked up to be and a lot more. They worked as teams to overcome challenges. They went whitewater rafting, rock climbing, mountain-biking on the Flying Squirrel and much more! With the exception of a broken down bus and a few minor injuries this was an awesome experience.

CAMP LIFE

Life at camp after merit badge classes were over was slow-paced. We had a campfire with songs and skits, great cracker barrels like pudgy pies and cobbler, and lots of free time to relax and work on merit badge requirements. Some of us even went down to the waterfront, nature lodge, or shooting areas to have boat wars watch a mouse run from a snake, or try our skills at shooting. That was the best of it all! All in all summer camp was great! I can't wait to go next year!