

Scout Skills Campout 2018

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This January, on the weekend of January 12-14, the scouts of Troop 1000 went on the first campout of 2018, the Scout Skills Campout. The scouts participated in various activities such as tying knots and lashings. This campout took place in Camp James Ray in Pottsboro, Texas.



On Friday night, the scouts participating in this campout arrived at PLC at 6:15PM. We then load our gear for the trailer. At around 7, all the scouts got in the cars and we took off to Camp James Ray. The trip took a little more than 1 hour. We arrived at around 8 and right when we arrived, we went to our campsites. Right after we reached our campsites, we unloaded our gears from the trailer, put up

our tents and went to bed.

On Saturday morning, the scouts woke up early, took the cooking gear from the trailer and began to cook breakfast. Then, all of the activities started to begin.

During the day, scouts participated in many interesting activities relating to skills that scouts might use. They started out with several knots and ended with several lashings. Then, they had lunch which was mostly sandwiches and hot dogs.

After lunch, the scouts were separated into teams where they took a challenge called "Snap the Trap".



The “Snap the Trap” was a teamwork activity where scouts will use various lashing skills to tie as many wooden sticks as possible to reach the snap which was some distance away. Once the stick is long enough and sturdy enough, the scouts have to use a small rope on the beginning of the stick to try to make the snap snap on it.



Later that day, the weather got very cold and some scouts had to wear thick jackets to try to keep warm for this campout.

At around 5, the scouts gathered in patrols and began to get ready for dinner. Some of the dinner was cooked with Dutch oven.

After dinner, the scouts began getting ready for the skit and song they will be sharing at the campfire. Then, all the scouts and the adults gathered around the “campfire” and watched the patrols present their skits and songs. After the skit and songs, the scouts and adults went to bed.

On Sunday morning, the scouts woke up at around 7 and started making breakfast. After breakfast, the scouts started packing their gear and taking down their tents. The patrols then packed their chuck boxes and brought them to the trailers. Then we held a chapel where we shared what we liked and what we didn't like about the campout. Then, at around 12, we took off and we got back at RLC at around 2 PM. Then, all the scouts went home which concludes this camping trip for January.