

## Mission Peak Report.

Well we finally did it. Congratulations to all scouts who joined in on the hike. The weather almost turned us back for a second time. If the temperature had been in the 90's and 100's like Friday and Saturday we may have postponed, again! But we did not have to. We had a nice overcast morning, perfect weather to start the hike. 8 scouts (Teddy, David C, Michael G, John, Donald, Rene, Tristen, and Patrick), 1 Webelo (Michael's brother) and 6 adults (Ted Del Rosario, Pattie Berger, Bethany, Wendy and David Gutierrez and Steve Cox) completed the hike to the top of Mission Peak. When we reached the top we had lunch and enjoyed the view. The sky was not as clear as it could have been due to all of the extreme heat we have had, but it was still well worth it. After lunch the Gutierrez family and Rene Ramos opted to head back down the way we came up. The rest of us pushed on to Sunol Regional Park. After a little detour and hunting for a couple of seldom traveled trails we made it to the Ohlone Wilderness trail and were on our way. We arrived in Sunol around 3:30 in the afternoon.

While on the trail the scouts worked on Map and Compass skills (Scouts, be sure to have either Teddy or David C to sign off the requirements in your books.) and discussed some of the Leave no Trace principles. The Viking Patrol managed to have a short patrol meeting since 5 patrol members participated in the hike.

For those Scouts that want to start work on there Hiking Merit Badge, you can use this as one of your 10 mile hikes. Requirement 5, says you need to take 5 hikes, each on a different day, and each 10 continuous miles. Requirement 7, says after each hike, you need to write a short report of the experience.

A special thanks to Steve Berger and Josie Armijo for driving out to Sunol and shuttling us back to our cars on the other side of the Peak.

Steve Cox  
Scoutmaster