

Boy Scouts of America: Troop 273

Event : Yosemite Camping Trip
Place : Yosemite National Park, California
Date : Jan. 25-26, 2003
Leader : Steve Cox (Scoutmaster)
Attendees : Steve Cox, Mark Wong, Debby Alarcon, Dave Gutierrez, James Auyeung, Daniel B, Jabari, Henry, Adrian, Ricky, David C, David A, Jason, Andrew, Joe, Michael G, Horace, Douglas, Kris K

Yosemite camping trip report:

Day 1: Jan. 25, 2003

We arrived in Yosemite around 11:00 AM to crystal clear blue skies, white meadows and snowcapped peaks with temperature in the 50's. We drove to the far end of the valley and set up camp.

We found 3 campsites in a row that had no snow in the area where the tents would be. We proceeded to set up camp and have a quick snowball fight before lunch. After lunch we boarded a bus that took us over to Yosemite village where we started our hike.

We hiked to the base of Yosemite falls, through a meadow then crossed the Merced River before we reached another bus stop for a ride back to camp. We covered around 4 miles on the first day. While in the meadow and in between snowballs the scouts worked on compass skills.

When we arrived back at camp, the scouts started to make preparations for dinner, while managing to throw a few more snowballs before it got to dark. Cooking and cleaning seemed to consume the remainder of the evening. The scouts went through about 7 pounds of spaghetti 1-1/2 gallons of sauce and meatballs. Peach cobbler was prepared for desert. We had a small campfire before we retired for the evening around 10:00. The temperature at night was in the low 30's so it was relatively warm.

Day 2: Jan. 26, 2003

No real rush to wake up. Some scouts were up as early as 6:30am. We let the others sleep in until around 8:00. More snowballs were thrown before a hot breakfast of Oatmeal and Hot Chocolate. We broke camp and did some more map, compass work (threw more snowballs) and then packed a lunch before starting out for the days hike.

That hike was up Tenaya Canyon beneath Half Dome. The first mile plus took us to Mirror Lake with great views of Half Dome and the lake's (what is left of it) reflection lived up to its name. We continued up the canyon for another 1-1/2 miles, crossed a bridge over Tenaya Creek and stopped for lunch. After lunch we did some more map and compass work (sorry, no snowballs) before heading back down the other side of the canyon for a total of 5 plus miles hiked for the day. Loaded the scouts into the cars and headed for home.

All scouts who attended this outing make sure you see your SPL or Jabari McIntosh (myself or Mark Wong can also sign) to have your books signed off. We managed to cover the entire map & compass work required for Tenderfoot, Second and First class. Also those who helped with the cooking, please make sure to have that signed off as well.

I want to thank all the adults in attendance, your Assistant Scoutmaster Mark Wong, Mr. Auyeung, Mr. Gutierrez and Mrs. Alarcon. A special thank goes out to your SPL, Daniel B for going above and beyond (again) to make this camp enjoyable for all.

Steve Cox
Scoutmaster, Troop 273

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