

Scouting Tour 2004/2005

"Back to Basics"

June/July - Summer Camp at Ransburg - Troop 505's 60 plus scouters takes assault on central Indiana. Swimming, Sailing, Skiing, Hiking, mad basket weaving and lots of spiders!! What a week!

July/August - Philmont - Survival of the fittest!! Rain, cold, min-bears, altitude, Even these Challenges could not hold back the 20 plus that hiked the nearly 100 miles.

September - Illini Jamboree - Fireworks over head, seats in the clouds, heat baked everyone in the stands. An Illini victory and tons of fun in Rantoul at the Air Base.

October - World of Scouting Council Camporall - Over 4000 scouts take over Grundy County Fairgrounds to build kites, fires, shoot BB-guns, archery, and lots of other fun activities. Built two huge towers for an entryway that was the best of any troop there!!

November - Caving - 50 guys all dressed in white!! No missing us!! Caves overly wet this year but still a huge blast!! We had 6 deep fried turkeys that were done in an hour. Nice job cooking crew!!

December - Survival at Lowden - Did someone say mystery meat?? Everyone earns their Polar Bear when the storm kicks in about 3 AM and the temperature drops about 15 degrees with huge wind gusts.

January - 40th Anniversary celebration - Over 200 people celebrate the troop achievements over the past 40 years!! Several former 505'ers attend to share the "when I was in Troop 505" stories.

February - Cabins at Lowden - Who could have guessed, 65 degrees and sunny in February. Enjoyed the nature hike lead by Mr. Can we get a bigger pot of chili next time??

March - Hall of Fame tour 2005- Chicago to South Bend to Cleveland - Football, Science and Rock & Roll. Did anyone else think the pizza tasted like wet napkins?

March - Advancement at the Ranch - Learning the ropes of the troop and enjoying a great campfire program. Raising a tower during the day with our lashing abilities. Despite the rain, lots of new knowledge gained.

April - The dunes - Despite the rain, snow, wind, sleet, blowing sand and cold weather, this turned out to be the most memorable campout of the year! Several flying tents, broken kites, cold hands but plenty of tough scouts to endure the elements!!

May - Horseback Riding and Biking at Kankakee S.P - Nice Clear path through the woods on horseback. No winds at all on the bike trails. Plenty of fish biting. Well, not really. Despite all that it was still a great campout with a great site overlooking the river.

June/July - Summer Camp at Ransburg - 2 weeks of merit badge success. Scouts learning and working hard at the waterfront, in the woods and with nature.

June/July - Seabase - Florida Keys and Bahamas - Sailing, Snorkeling, Fishing, Relaxing - "Ya' Mon!!"