

2008 Mawat District Camporee

Troop 400 played host to the district camporee held Friday, April 11, to Sunday, April 13 at at Camp Campbell on John H Kerr Reservoir near Clarksville, Va.

The theme of the camporee was “Better Sports & Athletics.”

Scoutmaster’s Minute Vol. 2

Scouts, Scouters, and Families, I want to take this opportunity to heap praise on all who had a part in the success of the Spring Camporee. Troop 400 rose to the occasion and staged a first-class program that delighted all the troops and parents that attended. I didn’t get a chance to go around and observe all the activities, but I received reports from many folks that the entire program was challenging, exhausting, and fun. One of the three aims of scouting is “development in physical, mental and emotional fitness”. I believe that we achieved this very important aim of scouting through this year’s Camporee program. In an age of increasing lack of fitness in youth including obesity at younger and younger ages, as well as the onset of diseases historically unheard of in children (obesity, heart disease, etc.), fitness is so important to the quality of life, happiness and well-being of youth. Our Camporee theme of “Better Sports and Athletics” hit the target in my humble opinion. We could not have accomplished what we did without everyone doing their part. Thanks to all that either led an event or worked tirelessly during the weekend to ensure that our fellow troops were safe and enjoyed themselves. This endeavor proves that we can do “anything” and that we have a deep well of talent in our boys and adults. Feel good and celebrate your good deed as hosts of the 2008 Spring Camporee and build on what we have collectively learned from this achievement to make improvements that will benefit our future programs.

Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Walters
Scoutmaster, Troop 400





Camporee Cycling Event

I believe the cycling event was a success. It was a unique, new event that I don't think has been done before. We had a rigorous trip but it was not too hard for the participants. We started on a road ride to our trail. Then we turned off onto a trail and rode through the woods up onto a small beach area by the lake. Then we had many obstacles such as long, skinny boards that you would try to ride across. There were also small see-saws that could be ridden over. We took many side trails with a white dog following us all the way back to camp. The total trip was about 11 miles long. We arrived just in time for lunch. Overall I think everyone had a good time and I was glad to help with that event.

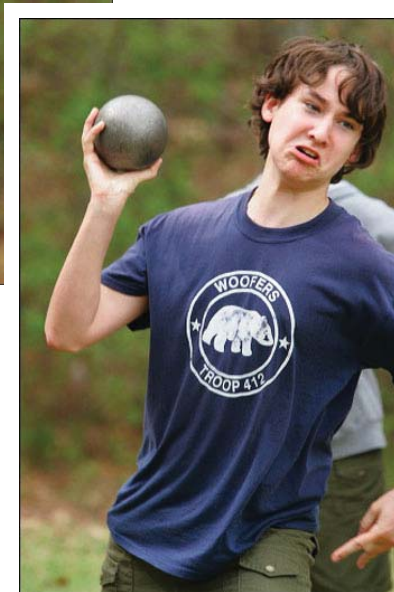
— Michael Rasberry



Tug-o-War

Tug-o-War is a game where you try to pull the other team farther than they pull you. You start with a handkerchief in the middle and then both teams pull as hard as they can. Then whoever pulls the handkerchief over their line first wins. The way we did it on the camporee was we stood on the handkerchief while the teams held the slack. Then we removed our foot and said “go!” and judged when it went over the post.

— Kevin Parham







Thanks to Mark Dolejs for all the photos of the camporee. To see even more pictures of the 2008 Mawat District Camporee, go to our troop's website, www.troop400durham.org

