

BLACK MTN SCOUT CAMP

**July 18th to 24th.
State of Washington .**

25 scouts and 3 adult leaders went on this camp.

Black Mtn scout camp is located in northern Washington.

Troop 93 boarded the bus at UBC at 6am Sunday July 18th.

It was very hot that morning. The scouts chattered and played their Electronics. They also had their snacks. We stopped in Yakima to Have lunch. The poor clerk at the subway shop was hard pressed to Keep up. People came in thinking there were no people there because The bus was not parked close by. When they saw us in line they turned around and left.

We arrived at black MTN around 5 p.m. We were located in Big Rock campground. We had Adirondacks (tents with wooden floors). Two wooden beds in each tent. We had dinner in camp. Hamburgers with chips and Watermelon. Every morning we had hot chocolate in camp. Our campground guide's name was dolly. Monday morning we went down to the scout craft building . We had cinimon rolls for breakfast. The adults checked us in. We then got a tour of the whole camp. We also got to ride in the ferry. The captains name was don. The ferry. The ferry could seat 26 people. We got to ride it twice. We had to sign Up for it.

After lunch Monday we went to our afternoon classes. It took 20 minutes To walk the trail and road to the mess hall. The lucky ones could take the ferry across the lake. We dressed in our class a's for breakfast and dinner. Class b's for lunch. Announcements were made before each meal. The weather was very humid. It rained Tuesday morning. It was never cold in camp.

Tuesday was a full day for merit badge classes. The waterfront was excellent. Except for the parasites in the water. To avoid these bugs, you had to shower and dry off, then you were fine. The rifle range officer was called Col rimfire. He had a 100% pass rate on rifle. The C.O.P.E. course was very good. Eric Downs went on this. 2 of the Adults went on it too. Polar Bear was at 6;30 in the morning. Bill, John and Scott went on this. The camp also had a scoutmaster belly flop. John Dalrymple won this event with 10's across the board.

Alex Clifton won range rat award for his excellent shooting. Billy Burch won the Super Scout Award. Buck Foley won the Eco Geek award. Ian & Matt Thorpe did a magic trick at the end of our skit. The adult leaders took the scoutmasters challenge.

Thursday night after everyone went to sleep, Billy Burch yelled "BEAR"! The Adults came out quick, but no bear was seen. Luke went sleep walking on Sunday night. We encountered a lot of big black slugs everywhere we walked. We heard reports of a lot of mice in camp.

Some of the names of the staff were; sippy cup, Budda, Que-t, Zorbo, Mcfeeder,

A jax, Igor, Eppie, Chatty, Ruffio, Dolly, Gears was the head man. Shaft, Gizmo, Tank, Ace, sky walker, static, Rupert, Oakley, tinkle and winkle, princess. They sure liked to serve oatmeal there. Everyone was impressed with Troop 93. At the end of the camp some of us traded patches. A brotherhood ceremony was Planned for the OA members, but it was cancelled. Friday after lunch the staff took Over for the scout masters. The scoutmasters went on a ferry boat ride watched a movie called "follow me boys" and had a dinner just for them. At that the leaders rejoined their units. Troop 93 made Honor Troop.

The trees were mostly cedar and alders and maples. Timble berry black berries bushes were everywhere. Moss grew everywhere the ground was rocky. Our skit for the final campfire was about 2 brothers heading out west. Gears came On the bus and said good bye to us. It was the biggest group that black mtn ever had. The bus trip back was quiet. We stopped at Yakima at pizza hut to have dinner. We returned home to Boise at 3:15 am, Sunday July 24.