

Troop 49 – The Pathfinders
Camp Kluge - Orienteering course
March 12-14, 2010

The trip started at 6:30 pm for ASM Dente and ASM Fern on a very wet Friday night driving the older scout up to prepare for the Orienteering course. The drive up to Camp Kluge was uneventful and went by quickly due to the entertainment provided by the older scout singing to the pop music on the radio. After checking in and locating the cabin, the scouts moved all supplies approximately 200' in the rain down a walking path resembling a bob sled run and entered the cabin. The cabin was probably the nicest we have slept in and included propane heat and pine boards through out the entire structure. Once all the provisions were organized we started planning the course for the following day, played some games and called it a night.

Saturday started early, with a quick breakfast followed by a nice 1.5 mile drive to Camp Terrell's water front where the course would start. Adam D, Brendan D, Adam F, and Wesley R with the assistance of Will F and Patrick D, set out in the rain and provided compass bearings and distances with instructions to the various points on the course. Will and Patrick provided the confusing foot steps in the snow that would (and did) throw the participants off later that day. The woods were covered by 1.5' of snow along with the 3" of rain caused for a long and wet ordeal but the Scout showed no signs of complaint and finished the course and were back in the cabin by 1030 am.

The rest of the scouts arrived with ASM Dishian and ASM Rosfjord prior to our arrival. Once dry, we began the theory of Orienteering and after lunch donned our "cold weather swim gear" and headed back to the "water front" for the start of the course. It was raining harder than before but after successfully finishing, we all headed back to the warm cabin for some snacks and game playing. Dinner was hot bogs and Romon noodles followed by more game playing and a very heated game of "catch phrase".

Sunday morning started with breakfast of muffins, bananas and cereal. The scouts packed and cleaned up the cabin and prepared for the drive back home. The drive back was fraught with road closures, causing all involved a very unpleasant trip home. All and all everyone enjoy the trip and learn about orienteering and what happens when the area we live in receives 6" of rain on top of a large amount of snow. FLOOD!!!

Respectfully submitted,
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