

TROOP 74 & THE TONWEYA INDIAN DANCERS

BRIGHT STAR NEWS

Oct. 2009



GETTYSBURG CAMPOUT

The American Civil war like any war was a violent and frequently bloody conflict fought in the early 1860's. One of the bloodiest battles took place at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania over July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1863. The Battle of Gettysburg has since gained recognition as the major turning point in the South's struggle to maintain their separation from the United States of America. Troop 74 was fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the Gettysburg National Military Park on September 4th, 5th and 6th, 2009.

The 5 plus hour trip started with the first of 2 groups departing around 11:00am the morning of September 4th. The second group departed several hours later and by 9:00pm that evening, our camp was set-up at the McMillan Woods Youth campground located on the West side of Seminary Ridge. The campground is situated among the same ground the Confederate Army controlled for most of the 3-day battle.

Anticipation of the day's events grew as we prepared and ate our breakfast early Saturday morning. After some discussion it was decided that our first stop would be the newly constructed Museum and Visitors Center located on the eastern side of the park. Here we were led on an informative tour through some of the key areas of the Union positions by one the highly knowledgeable park rangers volunteering that day. We stopped at the site of General Meade's headquarters where he arrived early in the morning of July 2nd. Surrounded by history on all sides we were told of the epic fight to stave off Confederate troops advancing on the Union lines from their positions across the wide open fields.

Throughout the day we made excursions to Devil's Den and a multitude of other monuments and memorials that dotted the landscape in every way, shape and form. The highlight for many was a battery of four fully manned cannons demonstrated by a large group of Confederate re-enactors. At only one-half the capable charge it is hard to imagine the thunder of hundreds of cannons firing in unison during the artillery bombardment from both sides during the battle.

After breakfast on Sunday morning our first stop was The Soldiers National Cemetery. Not only the resting place for thousands of Union soldiers it is also the location where President Abraham Lincoln gave his now famous 'Gettysburg Address' during the dedication of the cemetery on November 19th, 1863.

Next on our list was Little Round Top where both sides engaged in fierce combat to secure positions instrumental in obtaining victory. The beautiful views stood in stark contrast to the carnage suffered on both sides and we all took away a somber remembrance of the brave soldiers that fought there.

We spent the remainder of the morning and early afternoon visiting some of the other memorials and sites before heading on our way home. Altogether the trip was inspiring, educational and above all an experience none of those in attendance will soon forget (especially if you got stuck riding in my van!). Submitted by Mike Hynes

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Important Dates

- Oct 23-25 — Patrol Campout with Cub Scout Arrow of Light
- Oct 26 — Popcorn Orders Due To Pam Ferguson
- Nov 7 — Goodwill Good Turn Day
- Nov 20-22 — OBT

OTHER INFORMATION

TROOP 74 RED HOODIES CAN BE ORDERED NOW. COST IS \$25.00 EACH UP TO AN XL. ADD \$3.00 FOR LARGER SIZES. CONTACT MRS. FERGUSON TO PLACE ORDERS

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Have you done a good turn? Do you know of someone who has?

A jar has been placed in the scout room. If you or someone you know has done a good turn– write down their name and put it in the jar.

Once a month a prize will be given to someone who has done a good turn!

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Scout Slogan: Do A Good Turn Daily

Scout Motto: Be Prepared

CAMPING AND CAMPSITE SUGGESTIONS

We are always looking for new places to take up camp. If you know of any campsite or camping spots, let us know. We are willing to look into new spots to set up camp

TONWEYA INDIAN DANCERS NEWS AND EVENTS

Do you know any news? Share with all of us!

Do you know of any upcoming events for the Tonweya Indian Dancers? Share with all of us!

Newsletter submission news@troop74.net

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