

New Scout Campout Akers' Farm

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Troop 31 New Scouts camped at Akers' Farm in Kingston Spring beginning September 25 through September 26. Mr. Wheeler was the campout coordinator and Ms. Casey was Grubmaster and lead the camping equipment and backpacking seminar for parents on Saturday afternoon.

On this campout, New Scouts learned:

- 1) Proper and safe techniques for handling knives, saws and axes;
- 2) How to properly build a fire;
- 3) How to pitch, take down, and properly pack and hang Troop tents;
- 4) How to cook and assist in the kitchen;
- 5) How the dining flies work;
- 6) How the stoves, lanterns, and gas-fueled appliances work;
- 7) How the dishwashing system works;
- 8) How to dig a fire pit;
- 9) How to police a campsite;
- 10) How to properly display, raise, lower and fold the American Flag;
- 11) How to properly retire a worn or damaged flag;
- 12) How to arrive for a campout prepared and properly packed;
- 13) How to pass uniform and equipment inspections; and (very importantly)
- 14) How to get along with each other and have fun!

The food was great and Katie and Brownie Wheeler, our T31 mascots, accompanied the boys and were pampered throughout the weekend.



