



Outing Report

Location: San Onofre Beach, Camp Pendelton Marine Corp Base
Description: Family Camp
Date: 5/2/08-5/4/08
Outing Leader: Cal Hutchinson, ASM
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All,

WOW! What a great outing this weekend! Over 80 people from our Troop came to the beach. There were Moms, Dads, Sisters, Brothers, Grandfathers and Grandmothers, and even an Aunt or two. The weather was nice and sunny on Saturday for a walk on the beach or surfing. The field we stayed on had enough room for us all to pitch our tents, throw a baseball or frisbee, or play tag. We enjoyed (partial list):

1. Surfing in the Ocean
2. Sand Castle Building from sand on the beach of the Ocean
3. A Pickup Baseball Game next to the Ocean.
4. A view of the Ocean
5. Sunsets and Sunrises at the Ocean
6. Did I mention the Ocean was nearby?

After a brief lunch on the base, one of our FCE Scouts noticed a haircut store and decided to get the same cut as the Marines. He did and inspired eight other Scouts to do the same. They are now nicknamed the "buzzcut boys". Mr. Hohmann will be sharing a photo of them soon. To celebrate their buzz, they went next door to the exchange and purchased Marine Duty covers (hats). Really cool looking, too.

Mr. Hutchinson provided us with a driving tour of the base while on the way to a war museum. This is a big base! On the way, we saw old tanks and artillery on display. Once at the museum, we were able to climb into amphibious vehicles like the ones used on D-Day and at Iwo Jima (visit <http://iwojima.com> to learn more). We met active duty Marines who were really nice and helpful answering our questions.

Our Friday campfire program was hosted by Scouts Hutchinson and Roa who received partial requirements for the Communication Merit Badge. On Saturday night, we had a pot luck BBQ. Thanks to Mrs. King and all the other adults who made such a great Pot Luck and filled us with healthy food. The campfire program that night was hosted by Scouts Campoli, Maring, Hohmann, and Towey who retired two American Flags with great respect and honor. They presented Mr. Hutchinson with a grommet. They will be gifting the remaining grommets at the next Troop meeting as an honor to selected individuals. Entertainment was hosted by Scouts Slate and Berry.

Thanks Mr. Hutchinson!

Good job Troop 615.

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