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Mike

Thanks for the update on Camp Roosevelt. I remember Roosevelt being around for several years after Goshen opened. I worked on the staff of a cub scout camp there in the summer of '69 or '70. We also held Sea Explorer Regattas and Snug Harbors there as late as '71 or '72.

I remember when Goshen opened and I still have the bronze medal that we all got the first year. We were all wowed by the new modern camp in the mountains. Goshen had a certain flash and excitement that was not found at Roosevelt, and I presume, at Wilson or Thunderbird although I never attended those camps.

I have lived outside of NCAC since 1976 although I did go back to Goshen in 84 through 86 with my troop from the Blue Ridge Mountains Council. That is not quite out of council for us since Goshen is about half the distance from here as it is from DC. Goshen had not changed and my son who was nature director at Olmstead this year and reports the Goshen is still Goshen (sans lake temporarily).

I think that Roosevelt had an individual character that the camps at Goshen with thier cookie cutter facilities and interchangeable staffs and programs have not yet attained. Maybe they will. A couple of more years and Goshen will be thirtysomething. When Goshen opened, it did not take much to see what we had gained. It has taken almost thirty years for me to see what we lost.

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I used to be a fox

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Despite threats of foul weather, Scouters and Scouts from the National Capital Area Council joined in "Scouting on the Mall - Building Character." Though I don't have exact numbers, well over a thousand Scouts arrived in the early hours of Saturday to erect signal towers, set up cooking, and ready many wonderful exhibits under the shadow of the Washington Monument.

It was a wonderful sight to see with hundreds of U.S. and Scout flags stretching from their staffs in the steadily increasing wind scattered among canvas and scoutcraft areas. Scouts were treated with the opportunity to send messages via ham radio to anyone in the world. And the cooking samples were great ranging from donut balls to chili to cobbler and more. I saw one young fellow begging his mom to let him stay just one more hour, cause this was really "mad fun."

The show attracted a number of visitors and tourists. Among them was Larry Snell, who turned out to be from Grand Canyon Council. He says hi Chuck and Bill. :-)

And of course there was a Wood Badge beading ceremony near the base of the Washington Monument. Congratulations Mike Meenehan.

In Jamboree tradition the wind picked up with gusto by early afternoon making it challenging to keep canvas up. Our ham radio Post got the word out about an approaching severe storm and folks were ready for a quick departure at closing time and some just a little earlier. :-) Anyway the participants for the most part pulled out just before the area was hit with a fairly strong thunderstorm.

For many of the boys this will be a memorable experience. After all how many can say they did dutch oven cooking in sight of the White House? :-)

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