

Buzzard Bulletin



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Angel Island

Some scouts went to Angel Island on the weekend of the 6th. We started out at the Safeway parking lot, and we then drove through San Francisco, across the Golden Gate Bridge, and we arrived in Tiburon. At Tiburon we took a ferry to Angel Island.



From top right clockwise. Tiburon, the Golden Gate Bridge, and Angel Island

We arrived on Angel Island at 10:20. Then we took the 2 mile hike to our camp sight. The hike started with a staircase that had 143 stairs. With a backpack, this was extremely hard to climb. After we set up camp, we hiked around the island. We got a good view of San Francisco and Alcatraz on the hike.



Alcatraz and the San Francisco.

Mr. Green said he would give ice cream to the boy that collected the most trash on the way. On the way around the island we went to see a real civil war cannon fire at 3:00. It was very loud. Then we got to the ice cream shop, which was closed. We finished our 5 mile hike around the islands and ate dinner. Mr. Green cooked some very good apples using two 20 pound bags of coal that he brought with him. After dinner, some of the scouts hiked to the top of the mountain. The other scouts stayed at our camp to fight the mini bears. The mountain was about 700 feet above sea level. We were the highest point in the bay, so we could see in every direction. It was night time, so we saw the San Francisco skyline in the dark. It was very impressive. I felt like I was going to die after that hike. Mr. Arevalo ended up hiking to the top of the mountain three times. We went to sleep, and woke up the next morning to Louis Stephan and Adam Hydorn's yells at 6:30. Our tents were completely soaked by the fog. We had breakfast and put our tents out to dry. Then we hiked out and took the 10:20 ferry out of Angel Island. We came back to San Jose and ate lunch at IN-N-OUT.

USS Pampanito

The USS Pampanito outing was on the weekend of the 28th. The USS Pampanito is a WWII submarine. It was very dangerous to be a submariner in WWII. They had 25% casualties. It was the inspiration for the movie U-571. It was lots of fun. We started out in the Safeway parking lot at 6:00. Then we drove to the submarine which was at Pier 45 in San Francisco. The first thing that we did was to get briefed by the caretaker of the submarine. Then we took an audio tour of the submarine. After the audio tour, we put our stuff in the USS Pampanito and had a fire drill. Then we got back on the submarine, chose our bunks, and took a tour of the bridge. We manned a 40mm double barreled AA gun. Then we went into the sub and had pizza and hot coco. After that the scouts had free time. They played the movie Periscope Down in the forward torpedo room, and the other boys played their gameboys in the crew mess hall. Most of the people went to bed around 3:00AM. I didn't get that

much sleep because of the noise. In the morning, we had breakfast and cleaned out the sub.



The USS Pampanito



Brendan Hinz looks through the periscope on the bridge

Court of Honor

There will be a court of honor and gun safety classes on April 19th at Bret Harte.

Sky Line to the Sea

The backpacking outing will be on April 16-18.

Birthdays

Aaron Lee, Jimmy Green, Ryan Morgan, Martin Ricci celebrated their birthdays in March. I also celebrated my birthday, turning 14 on March 14.

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