



Washington D.C.

In our last month of winter, the troop ventured to our nation's capital, Washington D.C.

On Friday evening, eight scouts and adults (which is very low) met at Bede's to leave. We arrived at our campground, Greenbelt Park of Maryland, by eleven. It was a comfortable 40 degrees, and the forest was open and empty.

We woke the next morning and went to our train. After a system of stops, we got to D.C. at nine. There was much overcast, but it was still bright and relatively warm, which put everyone in a very good mood.

Our first destination was the U.S. Capital building. A few parents and a youth met us before a tour, which was very interesting. Our guide had a nice sense of humor, too. Some areas of the building were covered by scaffolding, but most things were viewable and stunning.



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At eleven we went to the Library of Congress. The history and

architecture there was uplifting and seemed to be full of wisdom. We had Mexican food for lunch at noon, some

of us eating outside and a few inside.

Next we enjoyed the Air and Space Museum, which had lots of fun interactive exhibits.

The gift shop there was really cool even if you didn't buy anything. The crowd was family-based, and this mixed with the

science in the air to make for an overwhelming sense of community and youth. We then saw the Museum of American History, then transitioned our day to the outdoors. Down through the fields, people



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were walking and playing games. The sky had opened up, and it genuinely felt like spring (without the pollen). During our walk around the Washington Monument, a man in the Secret Service approached us on a bike. We stopped for a chat and pictures; he even gave us a pin from the Secret Service.



All of us saw the Boy Scout, World War II, Korean War, and World War I memorials. At sunset, the group climbed the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and relished the view of the capital laid out in front of us.



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For dinner, we went to Bobby's Burger Palace, which was excellent (even if some of us thought the music might've been a little loud).



Those we had met in the morning left for a hotel while the rest of us returned by train to camp and quickly went to sleep.

We woke around seven on Sunday and grabbed a quick breakfast at McDonald's after packing up our site. Mass was at St. Hugh half past nine. The troop finally drove home, where everyone arrived around two in the afternoon.



This trip was, honestly, one of the best of the year. The weather was magnificent and we saw so much of the nation's capital. Although



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the group was small, the weekend was large, and that counts the most.



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