



Ski House Service Day

The troop reserved its final trip of the year for service, which is a noble decision. Last Saturday at half past six in the morning, about a dozen scouts and adults drove two hours to the mountain house Mr. Smith graciously allows us to use every year for our skiing weekend.

Within an hour and a half, we had stacked three neat piles of wood. The rest of our work included clearing away dead trees and underbrush, pulling out dead stumps (with Dan's truck),

churning soil

beds, cleaning up the well, and raking the driveway of woodchips. Overall, the project was short and simple. The weather held up beautifully, as the forecast was

certainly ominous. Everyone worked really well and efficiently, too.



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Scouts ate lunch on the upper deck, and then the group decided to take a hike on the “Shades of Death” trail in Hickory Run. It was a very fun path, running along rivers and waterfalls.



The jungle-like density and flat-rock waterways made for an exciting



experience. At the end of our road was a playground, so everything worked out well in that respect. We turned around to return to our cars after hanging out for a while.



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Just when we got to Boulder Field, it began to rain...a lot. Everyone took a quick look at the rocky field



before driving off to have pizza and wings at a restaurant nearby. This capped off the day, as we soon drove home and dismissed by seven-thirty.

It was wonderful for a group of us to complete this service project, and everyone who attended should be happy with their efforts.

This trip was a nice way to finish off the year, as it captures service, scout spirit, and adventure all within a single day.



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