



# The Fat Cow



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Editor- Will N.

## The Zipline Trip

By Evan E.

On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, a small group of scouts and adults departed from St. Martins to begin the Zipline Trip. After a beautiful car ride through the Santa Cruz Mountains, we arrived at Mount Hermon Canopy Tours in Felton. Next, we met our tour guides who strapped us in zipline gear and led us off to the start of the zipline course. After a brief tutorial, which was scary enough, we rode on a total of eight ziplines through the towering redwoods. Some ziplines took us over a river, and others led us through dense forest where we couldn't even see the end of the zipline. For most of us, we conquered a fear throughout the day being sometimes 100 feet off the ground. For all of us, we had a wonderful experience and a great Sunday afternoon. Once we finished ziplining, we took off all of our gear and drove back to St. Martins. Overall, it was a phenomenal trip and we look forward to doing it again in the future.



## The Desert Trip

By Carter C.

This year's desert trip was a complete success in many ways! Out of the many activities we participated in, there are a few that stood out more than the rest. One of the best activities was when the entire group went to the black flats area. When we got there we hiked to the top of the flats and explored in the chasms in search of geocaches. We found most of them, but as the groups piled in to the last one no one could seem to find it. Will W. volunteered himself to crawl into a small crack in the wall and search for it. After we spent hours searching, it eluded us and we decided to leave.

On the way back was the most fun part. We all bounded down the hills, sliding down the sandy slopes. It was a lot of fun. For the other activities we did some more geocaching and some rifle shooting. When we started shooting shotguns, however, a freak gust of wind came through the desert and ravaged our campsite. It utterly destroyed Mr. Brady's sunshade. As the trip wound to a close we made a quick stop at a burger joint and everyone had a great time. All in all, I think it was an epic trip and I look forward for the desert trip in two years hopefully!

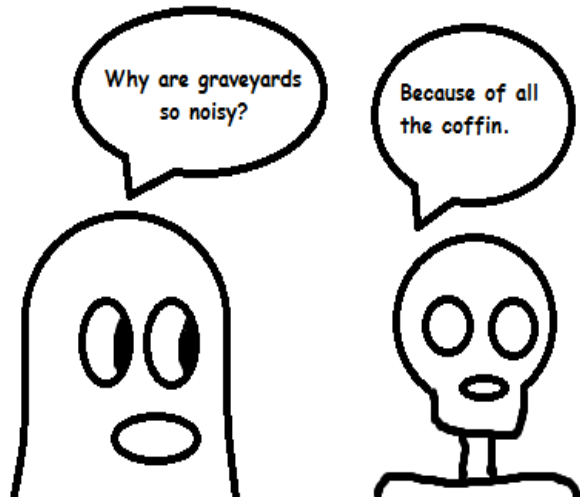
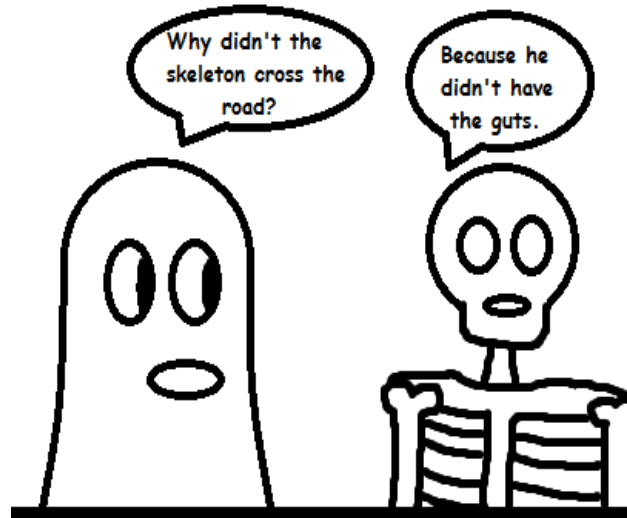
## You Bet Tour By Ashton M.

This trip was truly unique. On a Friday night, we arrived at You Bet to a nice cold chill and we set up our tents. We woke up in the morning to a very crisp fall breeze and excited spirits. We proceeded to set up the famous “burrito” (Fun fact: it’s kept in Mr. Brady’s mother’s closet year round). We then did a scavenger hunt over the sand dunes that cover Mr. Brady’s property. It was so much fun. That same day, we took the “burrito” down, for its purpose had been served as a cover for Mr. Brady’s presentation on the gold mining of the area. That night, Leonard had fun with fire. The flames reached an approximate height of twenty-five feet. We shared memories, stories and shirtless photos. The next day, we woke up, packed up, and left. Overall, the trip cannot be expressed in words, you have to experience it. This trip happens every, it is never cancelled, it is never boring, and I hope to see you on it next year!



## Upcoming Events

- **Mystery Trip : November 12-13**
- **Angel Island : November 19-20**
- **Skydiving Trip : December**



## Editor's Note By Will N.

- **Improvise** - To compose and perform or deliver without previous preparation.

In my time as a scout, I've been on many trips and outings. Every trip I've went on has been planned out in advance to some extent. But in most cases, the one trip element that makes a trip special is improvisation. For example, on the Train Trip, we found ourselves at station in Klamath Falls for many hours. What could we do? We hiked over a mile to a movie theater, saw “Unstoppable”, and rode in taxis back to the station. Things like that add so much to the experience of the trip, and all it takes is a little improvisation

