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10 Mile Hike

By Isaac Tysanner 3-20-05

The hike started off with a light sprinkle. Our trip started off at the summit of Hicks Rd. We took the Woods trail in light and eventually moderate rain. We continued along until heavy rain was upon us, which was when we approached the summit of Mt. El Sombroso. During the light rain we saw 4 newts, and quite a few wild flowers. We kept hiking until we reached a fork. It was still raining so we ate our lunch under a tree. The Greens under their ponchos Mr. Green's hat filling up with water. Mrs. Hall sitting on her poncho at the base of a tree, and my mom and I standing at the base of a tree. Occasionally a gust of wind would blow sending a ton of water on us. We finally decided to take a route along Priest Rock and Kennedy Trails, which was about .5 a mile shorter. This slightly shorter trail turned out to be roller coaster ride on foot; up one steep hill and down another. The end of our gusty, rainy trip started to calm down on our last section of the Limekiln trail. Once I reached the end of this trail, going through treacherous weather, I practically rejoiced. That is the summary of a treacherous hike, despite my forbidding predictions of rain.

Tsunami Relief Fund

By Patrick O'Malley

In light of the tsunami disaster Troop 290 organized a donation to help the families in need. We organized a three-week donation drive to get money to send to Unicef, who would then send the money to the tsunami victims. As Boy Scouts by donating we were living up to our scoutly commitments. A scout is helpful and friendly and it is our goal to do a good turn daily. Helping the victims agrees with all these principles.

This proves what the Boy Scouts are. Since the founding of Boy Scouts by Baden Powell, it has been a community—no, international service organization. Whether it's the stereotypical image of the Boy Scouts

helping the lady across the street or donating money to tsunami victims, we Boy Scouts will do our part. Its what we do.

This drive to donate money has benefited everyone involved. Obviously the tsunami victims are getting care from the money we donated. The people who donated money can feel good; knowing their money is helping someone in need out there. Also this project was good for the leadership involved as well. Personally this has given me a taste of how leadership works, a crucial part of Boy Scouts, and has hopefully made me a better person through leadership and experience.

The total sum of money we raised was \$1,618. This money will go to help all the victims in recovery. The money will provide basic necessities for the people, which include food, water, shelter, medicine, and other things that will help the victims. Every donation no matter how large or small helps.

