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TROOP MITRE UPDATE

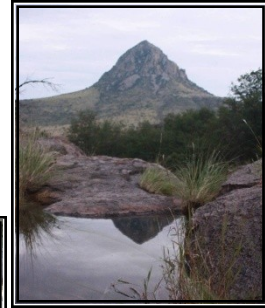
UPCOMING WORK WEEKEND

SUMMER 2011

OCTOBER 14-16, 2011

Work will start Friday morning and not stop until we drive out of the CMP gate on Sunday! One of this year's big projects includes giving the Comanche Hootie some much needed TLC with new screens, door, awnings, roof repair and along with some good old fashion paint! As time & work crew numbers allow we will also work on renovating Tonkawa latrine. The Great Hall or "Winnie Hall", as some know it, also needs a little TLC on doors and window frames. There is always plenty to do that doesn't involve a hammer like weather proofing signs and picnic tables or trimming trails or just helping in the kitchen!

Oct. 5th is registration deadline. **SIGN UP NOW TO LEND A HAND!**



Above 1st Pool

Troop Mitre Mission

The Mission of Troop Mitre is to serve as ambassadors, to preserve CMP history, to build relationships among those who love CMP and to raise funds for projects such as camperships, program materials and maintenance supplies. Your membership ensures that girls can always experience the Mitre Magic, the starry nights, rugged trails, deep friendships and the lasting memories that only CMP can provide.

CMP REUNION 2012

JULY 26-29, 2012

Here's your new To-Do list:

- Mark your calendar!
- Get ready to celebrate the 65th year for CMP & 100th year for Girl Scouting!
- Start digging out your old camp photo albums, song-books & camp shirts!
- Contact your former GS troop members and organize a troop reunion within the Camp Reunion!
- Make something to donate for the "Feeding the Flame" auction fundraiser! (See below)
- Let Jana Jones know if you are interested in volunteering to help with Reunion preparations!

Troop Mitre is partnering with the council to host this event. Kathryn Currier and Heather Westerfield (shown here in camp truck) have volunteered to Co-Chair the planning committee! Other volunteers: Barbara Brant, Nita Merrifield, Jana Jones, Tina Baskin, Freda Walker & Sarah Peet. Activities to include: Flag ceremonies, hiking, swimming, campfires, cooking out & singing!



"Hey, all you crafty folks out there! it's Reunion time that means it's time for our world famous "Feeding the Flame" Auction - and that means it's time to make stuff! Remember we are looking for artsy or handmade goodies. We're doing things a little differently this year- hopefully we'll avoid a four hour bidding frenzy! We'll have a store where folks can buy smaller things, a silent auction and, of course, the traditional live auction. We have to have a little frenzy!"

from Nita "Milo" Merrifield



Stories From Around the Campfire

BREATH TAKING HIKE

In June while camping with friends at Mitre, I had the opportunity to hike the plateau. We decided to start up Mescalero Cave trail and go across the Lava Beds to Fat Man's Misery. Typically, I would have taken in the majesty of the view & the simple fact that I was at Mitre with friends. I would have taken a few pictures of Mitre, Kokernot, Frankenstein and the boulders atop stairway. This particular hike, however, took my breath away for a different reason.

We all know the Fort Davis, Alpine, Marfa area was hit hard by grass fires & the fires approached camp, but I was not prepared for how close. The lava beds were burned. There was very little grass to be found. Yucca and century plants charred. The top layer of dirt was made of ashes from the fire. The ash caused my shoes to turn black while we walked through. The smell of burnt grass surrounded us as we made our way across. It was devastating to think that another foot & the camp would have been fully involved and there would have been very little anyone could have done to save it.

I believe a higher power was working because there was grass that was not burned touching areas that were burned. My emotions were all over the place. I was so thankful Mitre was safe, but taken aback at how close we came to losing our "home." I hope I am never witness to such a close call again.

Melissa "Moose" Harrington ~ Counselor 1997-2000



WILDFIRE UPDATES ~ Found at inciweb.org

ROCK HOUSE WILDFIRE For over a month, high winds, tall grasses & dry brush carried the Rock House wildfire along and within feet of CMP's main camp. Many prayers were said & answered as the national, state and local firefighters worked through the night to hold back and stop the fire just behind the warehouse. The wildfire that began on April 9th was not 100% contained until May 12th & only after it burned 314,444 acres. The Rock House fire started in Marfa, burned to Ft. Davis then spread out from there towards McDonald's Observatory, Buffalo Trails Boy Scout Ranch and south towards CMP.

May 1, 2011 at 12:59 am
"I was just on the rock house fire on a FS hotshot crew in Madera canyon. Retardant lines were drying out & the fire burned right through them. We had 60 mph wind gusts last Tuesday which was blowing over 2 blade wide dozer lines. fuels are so dry there any thing that crosses takes off in the wind. not a traditional tx fire to say the least." posted on Wildfire Today website



MITRE PEAK WILDFIRE As Sandy Culpepper said on Facebook, "Can't be good if it is named, 'Mitre Peak' fire." With the rains that came at end of July also came lightning. The fire started about 10 miles NW of Alpine & has burned 1548 acres. It is 95% contained as of this writing. With all the previous clearing work around camp along with low winds, no threats or evacuations were issued.

Many thanks to all the firefighters & council staff who have been working hard to make sure CMP is safe!!!



CALENDAR

September 1, 2011
Troop Mitre Membership due
 (Council homepage Search: Troop Mitre)

October 15, 2011
CMP Work Weekend
 Register by Oct. 5

July 26-29, 2012
CMP Reunion
Celebrating 65 Years!

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