



Sleeping Beauty Mountain

On September 21, 2019 Troop 45 went on a one night camping trip to Sleeping Beauty Mountain located in Fort Ann, New York. The group consisted of four Scouts and three Leaders. After parking the group hiked about a mile to an area called Dacy Clearing where we set up our camp. After eating lunch we hiked to the summit where we had great views of Lake George, the Green Mountains of Vermont and the Adirondacks. We took a different trail down which took us past Bumps Pond. We then returned to camp and enjoyed the rest of the the day. The entire hike was about five miles. We had a fun night cooking our dinners on the camp stoves and spending time by the fire. In the morning we packed up our gear and headed home.



Olana hike

On October 13, 2019 Troop 45 hiked at Olana State Park, the historic home of Frederic Church. The group consisted of four Scouts and five adults. We hiked a total of five miles around the park. We worked on using maps and compasses to find our way. The group also discussed the different varieties of trees in the park and how to identify them. The views of the Hudson River and the surrounding area were beautiful and the weather was perfect.

Herkimer Diamond Mine

On October 19, 2019 Troop 45 attended a Geology merit badge camporee at the Herkimer Diamond Mine in Herkimer, New York. The group consisted of nine Scouts and three leaders. We met in Coxsackie at 5:00am and departed at 5:30 to arrive in Herkimer by 7:30am. The merit badge program began at 8:00am. Our Troop had seven Scouts participating in the Merit Badge program which lasted until 3:00pm. After the classes finished all the Scouts went mining and had a great time. All seven Troop 45 Scouts earned the Geology Merit Badge. After the closing ceremony, we went back to our camp and cooked chicken parmigiana and spaghetti for dinner. It was a chilly evening and we were all tired and turned in early. On Sunday morning we cooked breakfast (pancakes and sausage) and packed up our gear. We headed home around nine and arrived in Coxsackie around 11:30am.