

North Valley District Fall Camporee Summary (from Charlie Koppcho):

Wow! What a great North Valley Fall Camporee at Jacobsburg State Park and Boulton – thanks to Charlie Koppcho, Scoutmaster Neffs Troop 57 and Camporee Chair, his committee, and the folks from Jacobsburg National Historical Society and the Jacobsburg Environmental Center! The weather couldn't have been better. We camped in the style of the Colonial period and lighted our sites with candle lanterns and torches. We also cooked colonial beef stew prepared in Dutch ovens over campfires – did you see the pig on the spit? The Historical Society and Roger Rangers also encamped in the colonial period. They sponsored stations for Scouts and taught tomahawk throwing, flint and steel fire starting, cannon firing, shooting a black powder long rifle, and provided tours of the Long Rifle Museum along with the demos at the Blacksmith Shop. In separate sessions, Scout leaders from North Valley offered merit badge programs in Nature Stream Study, Hiking, Fishing & Fly Fishing, and Cycling – the 18.5 miles of trails in Jacobsburg State Park were awesome! A Campfire Program was held Saturday evening and awards were presented for Best Colonial Style Cooking, Best Homemade Candle Lantern, and Best & Clean Camp Site. Scouts and leaders were entertained by the Colonial Times Minstrel Show.