

Troop 97 October campout: Guns and Gourmet

Every year, Troop 97 does *Guns and Gourmet*: the annual October campout. Generally we go to Rodney Scout Reservation, but this year that was all full. So this year we went to Resica Falls Scout Reservation.

Every year, during our annual *Guns and Gourmet* trip, Troop 97 has competitions to earn patrol points. A cooking competition: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. An archery competition: patrols compete for the best score. A rifle competition: patrols compete for the best score. And a shotgun competition: patrols compete for the best score. The Arrows of Lights get to come on the trip as well, to get a taste of what it is like to be in the troop before they join.

Each year, the cooking competition has a twist. This year, we had to incorporate a secret ingredient. So while we were meal planning, we had to plan with the secret ingredient in mind. The secret ingredient turned out to be dragonfruit! Each patrol incorporated it into each meal in their own unique way.

In the end, the Bumbleboys patrol ended up winning the most points, with the Night Owls in second, and the Arrow of Lights came in third because of their meal. Their adults helped them make it. And the Cheesesteak Champions in fourth place. *Guns and Gourmet* is always one of the major highlights of the scouting year for Troop 97.