

Boys Battalion Hollister Hills OHV Park

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First off I would like to say Thank You to all who attended this event!

This was the first time that Esprit De Four used the camping area at the GP Track. The multi level camping area gave plenty of room for those who arrived in their motor homes or campers. Several people choose to put up tents around the armadas. We had one main campfire ring near the restroom. There were no showers at this site so if you wanted a shower you went over to Sycamore Camp. Ole found the one power pole and supplied power for those who need it. The park gave us the gate combo so we were able to use the rear gate. The rear gate was very close to Sycamore Camp.

Saturday morning we had a brief drivers meeting so we could brake into 3 groups. Our group leaders were Ira, Ellen and Mark. Patty came down from the parks office to talk to the boys Battalion group. She explained a little bit about the history of the park and the wild life that lives in the park. All the boys were branded by a sharpie with a number on their hand so when the drivers drew a number out of the bag that told them what rider the had. By 10:15 the groups were heading into the park. Ira led his group to the lower area that went from the old school house to the obstacle course. Ellen's group traveled from the Rock Quarry all the way up to Hector Heights. Mark took the final group to Sycamore Camp, 5 fingers and the "Jungle Trail". After cleaning out the Jungle trail Bill, Chris (Ed's son) and I managed to get all mixed up on directions and almost made it to Hector Heights before we figured out we going the wrong way on the trail. It was time to head down to the O'course for some lunch and to unload the trash collected.



After lunch the drivers drew numbers again to get new riders. Now it was time to play!

My group started of in the O'course. We did the usual stuff stair step and frame twister. Jim and I were the only ones to do frame twister because there was a lot of deep mud in it! I made it through very easy on the fist pass in the Blazer but when I turned around to go through it in the opposite direction I got all 4 wheels stuck in 4 holes between the logs. There was so much mud under my truck I had Jim pull me out rather than stacking rocks. Jim made sure he did not get stuck like me on his attempt. He drove on the far right side and almost got airborne on the exit going over the stumps!



After that adventure Jim led us over to the ravine. We all did the ravine but Mark made it look real easy! As we were playing there was a person in a stock white Jeep with street tires just watching us. Just as we were leaving the Jeep started up Truck Hill. Needless to say he did not make it all the way. Jim thought we should hang out just in case we needed to call 911. After about 20-30 minutes he made it back down safely. Mark walked over to his Jeep with a clinic

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flyer in hand to talk with him. Upon leaving the driver said thank you to Mark. Maybe Mark just got a new person signed up for clinic?



Jim, Mark and my son Chris continued on to another part of the park while I headed back to camp to help get things ready for dinner. Bob from the boys Battalion group had the BBQ going and ready for the Tri-Tip! After everyone returned back to camp we all had a good potluck dinner. A meal fit for a king when you're hungry!



After dinner we had a nice campfire that the kids could roast marshmallows. We closed out the day with Jim's famous flash light presentation.

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Once again I would like to say "Thank You" to all the ED4 club members that showed up and made this weekend happen. All the men and boys from the Battalion group had a very good time!