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# **Sandhills National Refuge**



The Battalion trip for November was a new experience for several reasons. First, it was the inaugural trip for our new bus. We had plenty of space to stow our equipment and more than enough room to comfortably fit everyone in one vehicle. The wide and high backed cloth reclining seats were a big hit as well. Something else that made this trip different was in the meal schedule. On a typical trip we each bring our own bag supper for Friday

night and bring money to eat supper at a restaurant on our way home. This trip we charged \$10 more per person, but planned two extra meals into the schedule. The Leadership Team will discuss the pros and cons of trying this format again.

Our group arrived after dark at site number 2 in the Sand Hills National Reserve near McBee, SC. Lieutenant Mike had secured the site several hours prior and had a nice

bonfire blazing when the bus pulled up. The site was on the shore of a lake in the midst of a longleaf pine forest. The group spent the weekend hiking, cooking, eating, fishing, and playing Rage. One of the hikes was to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain, which was in fact just a mound of sand about 100 feet higher than the surrounding terrain. This was the first time our Battalion had been to the area. The Leadership Team is considering using this as the site of next year's invitational trip.

(Coit Morrison - Colonel)

## Prayer and Spiritual Warfare - November's Activity Patch

I know how you feel. I felt the same way. Just reading the title to this article I wanted to break out my panoply and start kicking some Kosmocrator butt. What? Are you going to war with a System Lord demon without a suit of armor? Well I'm not. And thanks to Reverend Terry Gold, none of us has to. It was such a pleasure to have Mr. Gold, with his charisma and drama background, share this subject with us. There was never a dull moment. From the opening story of an exorcism to the following weeks sword fight between Mr. Gold and Colonel Coit, we were kept on the edge of our seat. We learned that the System of Darkness of this world is made up of strongholds placed on us. These are ungodly ways of believing and thinking that determine our attitudes and actions. By reading the bible we can tear down these systems of ideas in our hearts and minds. Our most effective weapon in spiritual warfare is prayer. So, lets get busy. Put on your armor to keep the demons away. When shopping for armor you may want to follow these tips. Look for a Belt of Truth, a Breastplate of Righteousness, Sandals of Peace, a Shield of Faith, a Helmet of Salvation, a Sword of the Spirit, and of course, a Spear of Prayer. Who you gonna call?

(Don Perkins - Captain of Blue Company)

## The Critter Bus - "It Looks Like a Winnebago!"



After several months of looking, we finally found a bus that will suit our needs. As many of you know, we had inherited a mini-bus from Trinity Christian School and some of you followed that saga as we transformed the former school bus into the Creek Critter Mobile. While it served us well for a couple of years, the little bus just was not designed to be used in the way we were using it. On one of our last trips of the 2010-2011 season, the transmission began slipping. Instead of putting several hundred dollars into a transmission repair, we decided to retire the little bus and look for something more suitable to our needs. Today's technology gave us a wealth of resources, but we quickly learned that used buses are not exactly found at your local corner used-car lot. We broadened the search and even made a trip as far away as Kissimmee, Florida looking for the right bus. Meanwhile, back at home, many prayer warriors from our Trinity family were asking God to lead us to the bus we needed. Finally, a bus turned up on Craigslist

in Lakeview, North Carolina out near Pinehurst. As it turns out, the bus was owned by a small Assembly of God church and they were praying God would lead the right buyers to them. We made a trip out to see the bus. It had plenty of seating, plenty of storage and plenty of power, plus all the creature comforts like highback coach seats with individual reading lamps, air conditioning and stereo. It seemed to be everything we



were looking for in a bus and more. We were sure the bus would work for other ministry areas of Trinity Bible Church as well, so after some guidance from the Deacon Board and some negotiating with the other church, we were able to purchase the bus and bring it back to Rock Hill. We used the bus as an official Creek Critter Mobile on our November trip to Sandhills State Forest in Patrick, South Carolina. The bus performed well with plenty of room for passengers and gear. We are excited about this provision from the Lord and are looking forward to many years of ministry and service. (Dave Taylor Sr - Captain of Red Company)

## **Upcoming Events**

- Pinnacle Run, Pool and Pizza Saturday, Dec 17, 2011 at 1:00 pm For more information check out our <u>Trip Information</u> page
- Christmas Party Wednesday, Dec 14, 2011 at 1:00 pm Remember to bring food, drinks, and a white elephant gift (non-joke gift with a \$5 to \$10 value)
- NO REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, Dec 21, 2011 at 1:00 pm Merry Christmas!
- Leadership Team Meeting Sunday, Jan 1, 2012 at 12:30 pm Little Cafe -1919 Cherry Road - 803-329-1440

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