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March Camping Trip - Lee State Park



Lee State Park was built in 1935 in order to provide riverside recreational opportunities for the residents of Lee County, South Carolina. Along the Lynches River, which is partially protected from development by the state of South Carolina, kayaking and canoeing trips can be taken through the park's hardwood forest floodplain. Fishing may also be enjoyed from along the banks of the river and

children can fish for catfish in the park's artesian pond. The park's rich diversity of natural habitats and wildlife make it an ideal setting for nature walks.

Significant Features : Bottomland hardwood forest wetlands make up the majority of Lee's 2,839 acres. Over 700 acres are enrolled in the USDA NRCS's Wetland Reserve Program. This is an agreement with the Federal Government that these wetlands will remain wetlands for perpetuity. Artesian wells are a combination of man-made and natural features. The CCC drilled down into



confined aquifers throughout the park. The water is under pressure in these confined aquifers. The pressure pushes the water to the earth's surface to create artesian wells that flow 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Wildlife : Unique wildlife include the federally endangered wood stork, marsh rabbits and fox squirrels. Not-so-unique wildlife but “charismatic” – wild turkeys, white-tailed deer, bobcats, gray foxes, summer tanagers, yellow-billed cuckoos, yellow-bellied turtles, green tree frogs, three owl species (great-horned owl, barred owl and screech owl), beavers and river otters.



The purpose of this trip was to introduce the guys to geocaching. Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. We were able to locate four caches on the park

property. We had beautiful weather with temperatures in the low 80's. It was particularly nice to visit the artesian wells for some cold refreshing water during our hike through the park. I believe we had about fifteen guys on this trip and it was especially nice to have a few dads join us, Chris Lais and Darrell Spell. In true battalion fashion, we ate well. For breakfast we had egg and cheese muffins and for lunch we had Coit's famous pizza quesadillas.

(Don Perkins - Captain of Blue Company)

Heeding the Call

Most CSB Battalions rely on “shares” to help fund their regular operations. Shares are like membership dues and can be an integral part of the Battalion ministry. But, the Trinity Battalion has shunned away from that concept and has relied upon donations and support from Trinity Bible Church, TorchBearers, and the Battalion leadership. Recently, however, we felt a burden to do something more for the young men from among our alumni who God has called into foreign missions. So, we started collecting “shares”...not for daily, normal operations, but to be able to help our alumni. It's not a lot of money. In fact, it usually amounts to a few dollars per week. But, to a missionary on a foreign field, a few dollars a week can have life changing impact in their ministry. We typically gather the shares until we have enough to send a \$25 check to one of the missionaries. Then, we rotate which missionary gets the \$25 gift. After a year's time, we may send out 8 or 10

checks...all from loose change collected on Wednesday nights. Along with the checks go the prayers of the Battalion 2733 that God may use that little bit of money and multiply it manifold in the work of the Kingdom.

Alumni missionaries currently supported by the Battalion:

Jon Stoll – Ethiopia

Rodney Unruh – Kenya

Jeff Owens – Irian Jaya

Nathan Owens – Antigua

Aaron Hoffmann – Papua New Guinea

Ryan Thomas – Southeast Asia

(Dave Taylor Sr - Captain of Red Company)

Become a Torchbearer



As with most things, to get something done there usually is a related cost. It's no different with our Battalion. The cost of monthly trips, especially fuel, has increased dramatically these past few years. Patches, materials and other items needed to conduct our meetings add to this tally. Special projects are added to a list and sorted according to priority - we chip away at the list as we are able. One of our goals is to keep the cost of being part of the Battalion to a minimum. For years we have charged only \$10 per person to attend our monthly overnight trips. This year we were forced to increase the charge to \$15 - but this still falls short of covering the cost of food, transportation, and other fees. Other than the \$15 charge for a trip, we don't charge any dues to help support the many other things our Battalion does in conducting our Weekly meetings. We are very thankful for those who have helped to fill in the gap. We call these people our TorchBearers - those who help support our ministry not only through prayer, but financially as well. For a commitment of as little as \$5 per month you too can become a TorchBearer. Some of our supporters give \$25 and more per month. Your gifts are tax deductible and you will receive an enameled pin as a token of our appreciation of your support. If you would be interested in receiving more information about how to become a TorchBearer - please send your request to info@2733.com - we would be happy to tell you how. We hope to see many of our Alumni to take on the challenge of becoming a TorchBearer this year.

The Students Become the Masters



You might not guess based on the title that this is an article about our most recent 2733 Alumni event. On March 24th we met at the Creek Critter Cave for a Rook Night Blowout. We enjoyed good fellowship and wonderful Little Caesar's Pizza.

It was a small, but good, turnout. Ryan Thomas, Coit Morrison, Jon Moore, Chip Dease, and Bradley Avers and myself, were all in attendance.

The game went on for well over an hour but at the end Coit had to make a choice to bring Chip down, however, it didn't matter because Coit was very much in the negative. I will leave the exact score out to save Coit's pride, but the Rook Master is no longer on top. In fact, Coit finished in last place.

Ryan Thomas ended up winning the evening while everyone else destroyed each other's scores. Keep reading the Chronicle to find out when our next Alumni event will be, and if you have any Alumni Event suggestions email me at davidtaylorjr1985@gmail.com

(Dave Taylor Jr - Captain of the Alumni)

Upcoming Events

- **Camp-O-Rama 2012** - Friday, Apr 27, 2012 - For more information check out our [Trip Information](#) page
- **Senior Leaders Meeting** - Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 7:00 am - Little Cafe - 1919 Cherry Rd
- **Leadership Team Meeting** - Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 12:30 pm - CiCi's Pizza - 1807 Cherry Rd (continued at 1:30 in the Cave)
- **Backpacking to North Harper Creek** - Friday, May 18, 2012 at 4:00 pm - For more information check out our [Trip Information](#) page

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