



# Bugle



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## Mount Cheaha

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On Friday, February 18 at 4:30 we started loading our gear for our backpacking trip to Odum Trail in Cheaha State Park, near Birmingham, Alabama. We had planned to leave at 5 p.m. but didn't pull out until 6 p.m. Mr. Matson's tire got "bitten" by a curb so he lost time while the flat tire was changed.

We arrived at Cheaha at 1 a.m. in the morning and discovered the campground was closed! Fortunately, we found another place to set up camp. The next morning we got up, broke camp and were hiking by 10 a.m. We had a hard time on the eight mile hike because some of the trail wasn't well marked.

Saturday night we had MRE's for dinner. The weather forecast predicted rain but we were lucky and only had a few sprinkles during the night. Sunday while we broke camp

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## Scout Master's Minute

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Troop 608 and the Boy Scouts of America believe that a Scout should receive recognition for his achievements.

Advancement sets a pattern of setting positive goals and reaching them throughout life. Even though it is not one of the primary aims of Scouting, advancement is a natural byproduct when your Scouting experience is acquainting you with the BSA ideals, the patrol method, the outdoors, association with adults, personal growth, leadership development and the Scout uniform. It's easy to advance by following these four basic steps:

### 1. The Scout Learns:

Much of the learning comes from the other boys in your patrol, or troop and active participation in the troop program. Activities are directed towards the skills needed.

### 2. The Scout is Tested:

The specific requirements determine the type of testing – verbal or demonstration (doing an activity).

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Cheaha crew at the High Falls finish