



Flying H Youth Ranch 370 Flying H Loop Naches, WA



This last month the boys embarked on the Second Annual Sailing Trip led by Captain John Colby Stone in the San Juan Islands. Piled in the van, the boys along with five staff members, myself included, left Naches with our tents, clothes, and Mountain House meals for the next five days. We made good time getting to Deception Pass on Whidbey Island and set up camp for the night just before the rain began to pour. Mike and Anita Hunting, former staff members, met us at the campground and blessed us with some KFC and other delights!

The next morning we met Captain John at the dock and boarded his beautiful vessel, the S.V. Cutty Sark, a 52 foot classic ketch built in 1957. The boys were divided into two groups on-watch and off-watch, those on-watch were each

assigned to position on deck and those off-watch were each assigned to a sail. We sailed underneath the Deception Pass Bridge and onward to James Island where we made camp for the night. We were later joined by one of our boy's parents who cooked a wonderful meal for us of salmon, hamburgers, and red velvet cupcakes to celebrate their son's upcoming Birthday! After dinner we had the pleasure of one of Captain John's wonderful stories and knowledge of the island's history.

The following day we continued sailing to Sucia Island. Once more we unloaded our gear and made camp. Most of us spent the couple hours before dinner exploring the island. A couple of the tents leaked that night and we woke up to a foggy morning. It was decided that instead of continuing on to another island, risking sailing through foggy shipping lanes we would instead stay on Sucia. This was a beautiful island and many of us did not get to see all that we wanted to the day before, so it worked out nice.

On Friday we sailed all the way back to Whidbey Island, this was the only day that we got really wet while sailing even though the clouds had been threatening us all week. Despite the gloomy clouds, we did not have enough wind during the week to truly sail. Regardless, Captain John did allow us to put up the sails each day. We thoroughly enjoyed the Captain's talented storytelling and the history he shared with as well as learning to sail and navigate! It was a tired and smelly drive home, but well worth the adventure!

Tricia Hunting



Prayer Requests:

- Our Family Resolve; June 21-23. The theme will be the Call to Manhood.
- The boys and family upcoming home assignment time, June 23rd - July 7th. Pray that it would be a time for the families to work on issues. (and have fun together)
- While the boys are away, many of the staff will be traveling. Please pray for safety, especially for Steve & Terri Alumbaugh, they will be flying to South Carolina and then helping their son and family drive back "home".
- Applications for new boys and intakes to be scheduled for this summer.

Praises:

- Jim Fried had hip surgery, his recovery has gone well, but please pray for continued healing.
- We had a successful 22nd annual Lit Night. The boys, some of the staff and some of the staff kids performed. It was fun to share a meal together and have a relaxed, fun evening.
- We now have another trip to town car for the staff. We were donated a Subaru Outback.