

## October 2009

During the days of Oct. 16-18, the troop went to the Fort Massac campout where the members had a fun and exciting time. Fort Massac is a replica based on the shape of the fort in 1802. It is like a military showcase, where excitement lines the entire fort. It is a state park on the Southern tip of Illinois overlooking the Ohio River. The fort is also a re-creation of pioneer life during the 1700s. The original fort was burnt down by the Indians when the French abandoned it. George Washington ordered the fort to be rebuilt and it remained intact until 1811 when an earthquake tore it down; it was later rebuilt. There are many activities available in this fort, there is also great food. Bowl shaped bread filled with soup is one of the many delicious foods offered at Fort Massac. Many antique items including Indian clothing and jewelry are sold at the site.

### Weather:

The campout at Fort Massac was a bit on the chilly side. At night, the weather got pretty cold and a sleeping bag was essential. Overall, the campout was fun and entertaining largely due to the many items available at Fort Massac.