The hills and valleys of the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia are quiet today. The tens of thousands of boys and adults who attended the 2013 National Scout Jamboree have struck their tents and headed home. Troop A-429, which included boys from the Twin Counties, returned Wednesday, said Adam Ipock, whose son, Chris, was one of the local Scouts who went.

It must have been a grand time, leaving the boys little time to send photos home. But the elder Ipock scrounged up a few, including one of Chris having fun in a bit of mud left from the rain that fell.

There’s a reason why it’s called BOY Scouts: Chris Ipock lands with a splash after turning a rain-slick embankment into an ad hoc sliding board. (Photo courtesy Boy Scouts of America)

Accompanying Troop A-429 to the jamboree were Scoutmaster Sam Mills and Assistant Scoutmasters Tony Cannon and John Leighton, from left. Not pictured is Assistant Scoutmaster Thomas Baugher. (Photo courtesy Adam Ipock)
The Merit Badge Midway was one of the large display areas at the jamboree, and it daily would draw thousands of Scouts. (Photo courtesy Adam Ipock)

Imagine a sea of boys in uniform. That’s one of the images of Scouts gathering for one of the all-jamboree arena shows. (Photo courtesy Adam Ipock)