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Backpacking in Vermont

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WORCESTER - Boy Scout Troop 54 of Worcester traveled to Vermont for its August backpacking trip. The drive to the trail head in Manchester, Vermont was a very scenic 2-1/2 hours, passing through several picturesque Vermont towns. The troop hiked a section of the Long Trail / Appalachian Trail, as well as the Prospect Rock Trail and portions of the Branch Pond Trail and the Lye Brook Trail. For its overnight stops, the unit camped first at Bourn Pond and then at Stratton Pond.

The weather was wet, providing Scout Peter Servatius just the challenge he needed to start a nice, hot fire in the pouring rain. Luckily, the Stratton Pond camping area featured tent platforms, provided to reduce impact to the area. Without those, our tents might have floated away during the torrential overnight rain. By the last day, much of the trail was more like a stream or a pond.

This was the 98 year old troop's fifty-sixth consecutive month with at least one overnight camping trip.

Caption for IMG_2862.JPG: Troop 54 Scouts and their Unit Commissioner backpack along the edge of Stratton Pond.

Caption for IMG_2868.JPG: Troop 54 Scouts take a lunch break just off the Appalachian Trail.