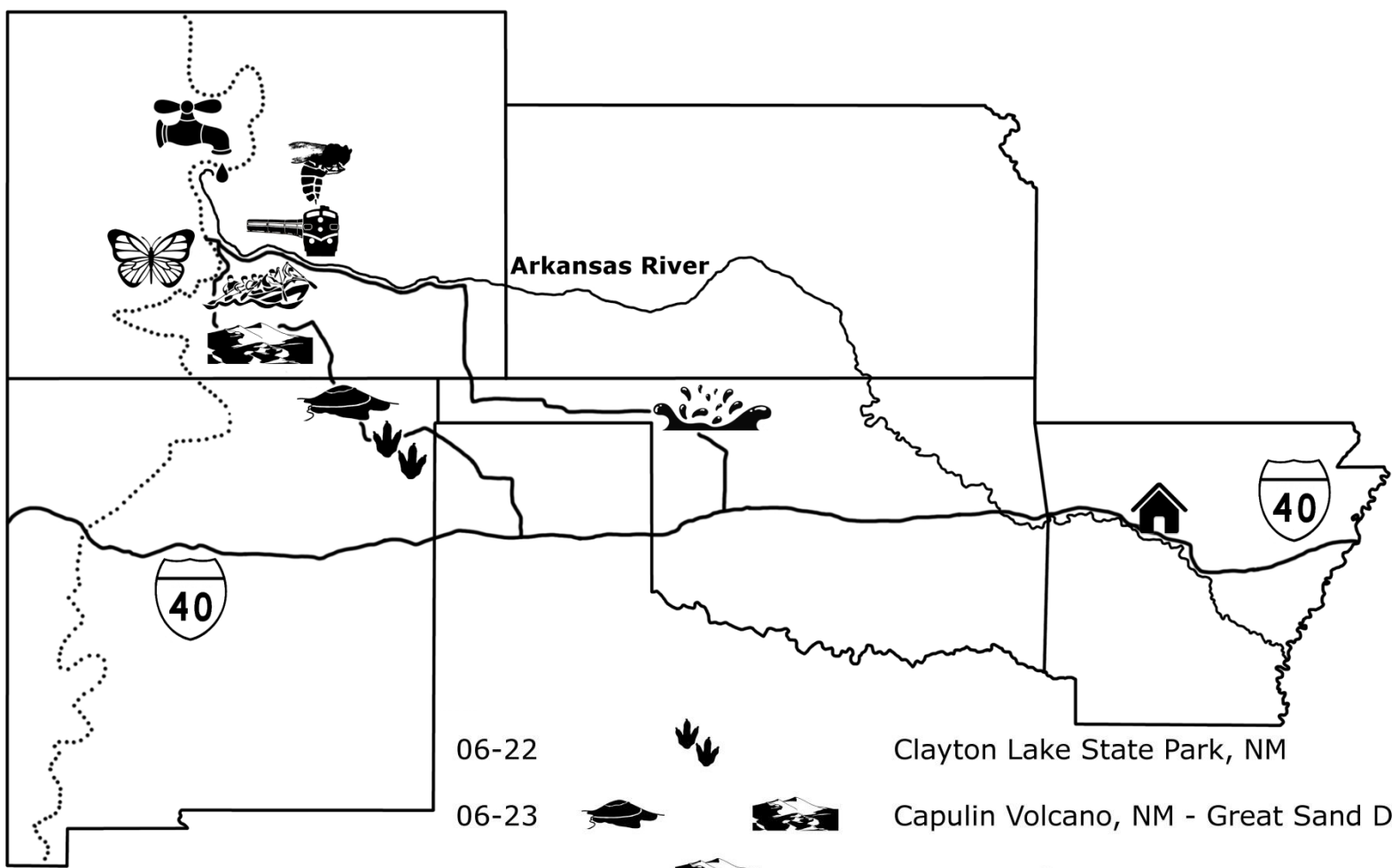


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Rivers, Rails, and Trails

June 2014





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Clayton Lake State Park, NM

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Great Sand Dunes

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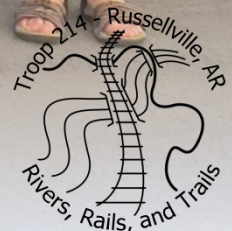


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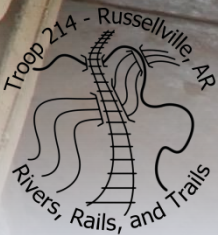


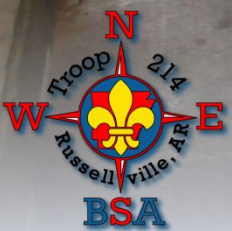
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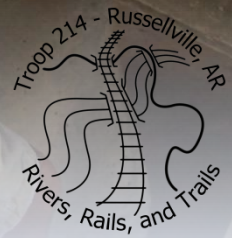


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Lunch





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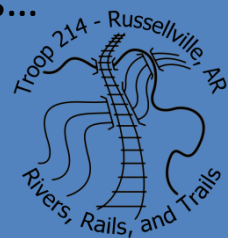


Day 1

Panoramic view of exciting Texas... Or is it: exciting panoramic view of Texas...

Sandy once said:

"Don't you dare take the name of Texas in vain!"



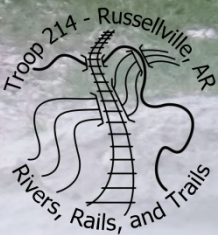


Day 1: Clayton Lake State Park, NM
Getting there under great skies





Day 1: Clayton Lake State Park, NM
Playing card games

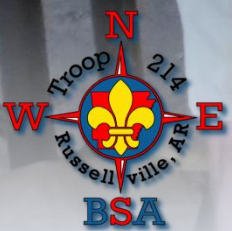




Day 1: Clayton Lake State Park, NM
No need to put up tents...



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Day 2: Clayton Lake State Park, NM
Campsite





Day 2: Clayton Lake State Park, NM
Walking toward the dinosaur tracks





Day 2: Clayton Lake State Park, NM
The lake





Day 2: Clayton Lake State Park, NM
View of the dam and dinosaur tracks area





Day 2: Clayton Lake State Park, NM
Where the heck is that geocache?



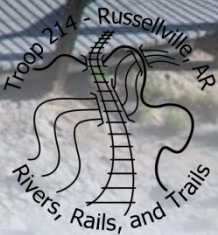


Day 2: Clayton Lake State Park, NM
Hundreds of dinosaur tracks...





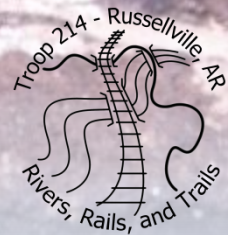
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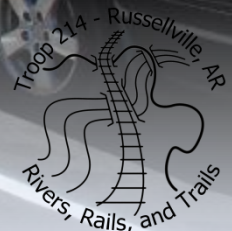


Day 2: Clayton Lake State Park, NM
Tyrannosaurus rex track





Day 2: Capulin Volcano, National Monument, NM
Hi Jake! The top ridge culminates at 8182 feet of elevation.



Day 2: Capulin Volcano, National Monument, NM
View for one hundred miles...



Day 2: Capulin Volcano, National Monument, NM
View of the crater from the ridge





Day 2: Capulin Volcano, National Monument, NM
In the crater: everyone + Jake + invisible Will...

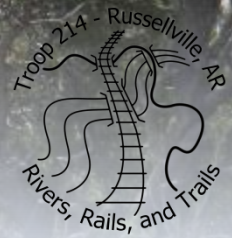


Day 2: Capulin Volcano, National Monument, NM
Climbing up from the bottom of the crater





Day 2: Capulin Volcano, National Monument, NM
Walking along the ridge of the volcano



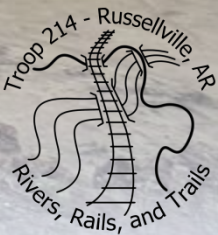


Day 2: Capulin Volcano, National Monument, NM
Jake on the bench that had been struck by lightning...



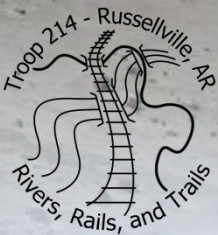


Day 2: Capulin Volcano, National Monument, NM
Exceptional views from the ridge of the volcano





Day 2: Capulin Volcano, National Monument, NM
The lava flow can still be discerned



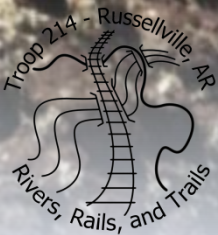


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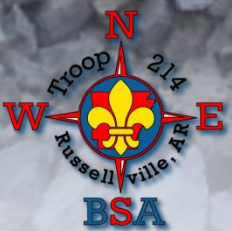
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Jake, “comfortably” sitting on lava rocks...



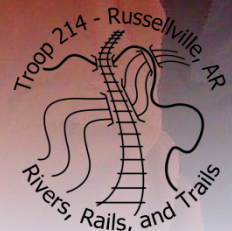


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Walking along the ridge of the volcano





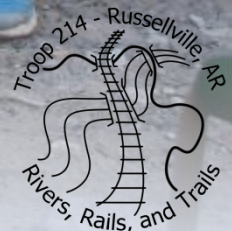
Day 2: Oasis Campground, near Great Sand Dunes, CO
Campsite in the evening. Elevation: 8200 ft.



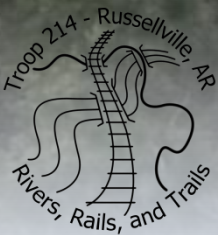
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Many popular card games were played.



Day 2: Oasis Campground, near Great Sand Dunes, CO
Campsite in the evening



Day 2: Oasis Campground, near Great Sand Dunes, CO
More games...



Day 2: Oasis Campground, near Great Sand Dunes, CO
Bad weather on the mountain tops



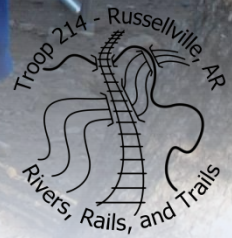
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Breakfast preparations



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Good morning!





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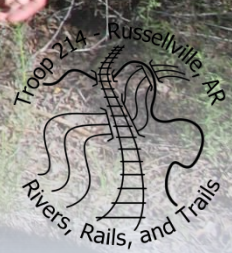


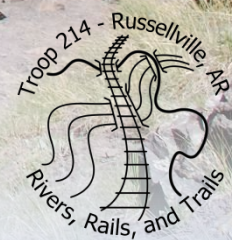
Day 3: Mosca Pass, Great Sand Dunes National Preserve, CO
Starting the hike





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Starting the hike





Day 3: Mosca Pass, Great Sand Dunes National Preserve, CO
Going up... The Dunes in the background



Day 3: Mosca Pass, Great Sand Dunes National Preserve, CO
Panorama





Day 3: Mosca Pass, Great Sand Dunes National Preserve, CO
Going up



Day 3: Mosca Pass, Great Sand Dunes National Preserve, CO
At the pass, elevation: 9700 ft.



ENTERING
Great Sand Dunes
National Preserve



Day 3: Mosca Pass, Great Sand Dunes National Preserve, CO
At the pass, elevation: 9700 ft. The Garissons in "action!"



Day 3: Mosca Pass, Great Sand Dunes National Preserve, CO
Crossing of a jungle like area at 9000+ ft...





Day 3: Mosca Pass, Great Sand Dunes National Preserve, CO
Coming back down



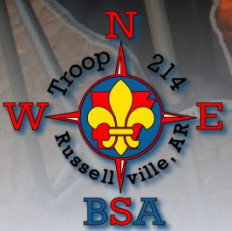
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Coming back down



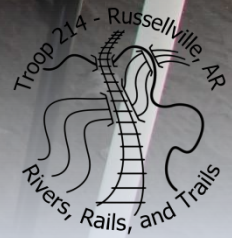


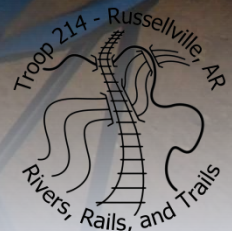
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Evening games for everyone!





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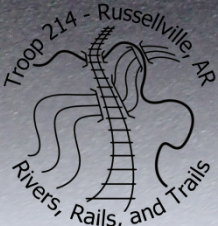


Day 3: Great Sand Dunes, CO
The dunes in late evening.





Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
The dunes in early morning.

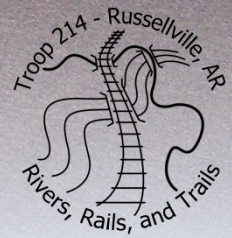


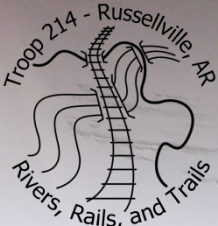
Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO

The dunes in early morning. On our way to climb High Dune!



Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Only 5 decided to climb High Dune in early AM





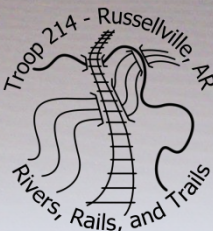
Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO

Climbing High Dune. The shadows are still long... Very few in front of us...



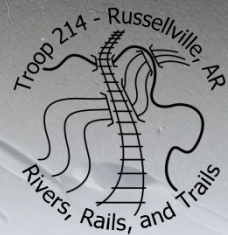
Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO

Ridge of a dune, designed by the wind. Oasis Campground in background.



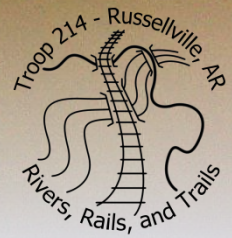


Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
All kinds of foot steps.



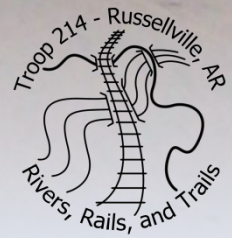


Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Five sets of foot steps.



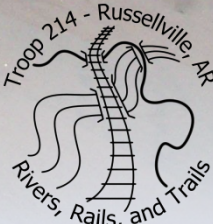


Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
On top of the Word!



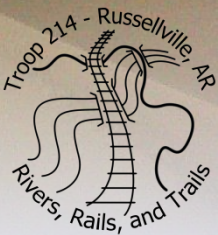


Day 2: Great Sand Dunes, CO
High Dune. Elevation: 8850 ft.



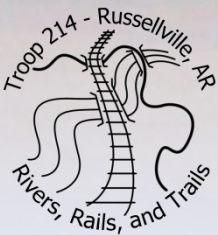


Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
View of the main dune field (30 square miles).



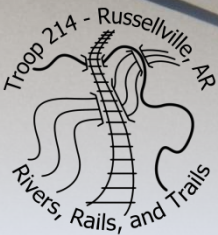


Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Running down from High Dune



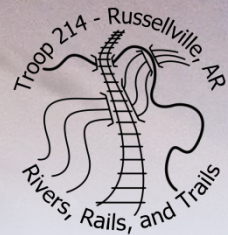


Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Maxim and Garrett decided to climb the High Dune.





Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Garrett on top of the High Dune.



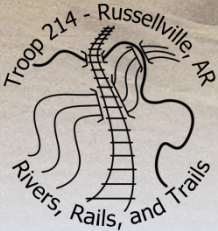


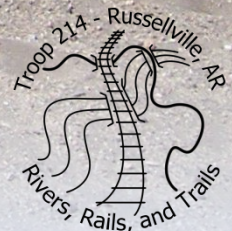
Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO

Jon explains to Jake the route he took to climb the High Dune.

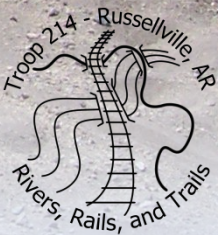


Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Jake the Great!





Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Back down at the foot of the dunes. Medano Creek in background.



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Back down at the foot of the dunes. Medano Creek in background.



Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Fun in the 2-3 inches of flowing water in the Medano Creek.



Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Fun in the wet sand of the Medano Creek.





Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Look! My feet burry themselves in the creek...



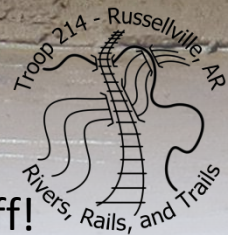


Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Engineers work on narrowing the creek channel.





Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO
Well! Somebody is having fun in the the Medano Creek.

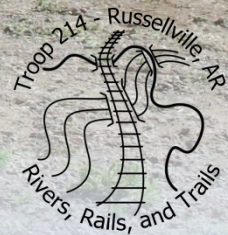


Day 4: Great Sand Dunes, CO

Do we look like we'd play in the water? Nope! Not even taking our shoes off!

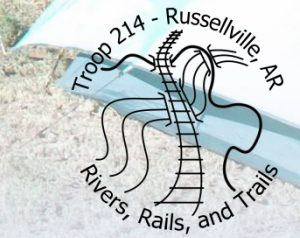


Day 4: Maysville, CO
Camp site. Elevation: 8,300 ft.



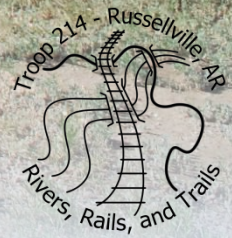


Day 4: Maysville, CO
Camp site



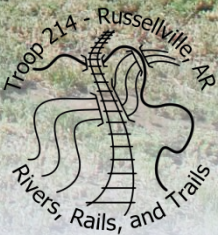


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Day 5: Maysville, CO
Camp site





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Day 5: Arkansas River, CO
White water rafting with River Runners



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White water rafting with River Runners





Day 5: Arkansas River, CO
Garrett, Tyler, John, Maxim, Mr. T. In little action



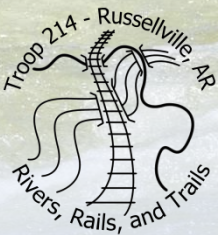


Day 5: Arkansas River, CO
Small rapids to pass





Day 5: Arkansas River, CO
Get ready... Forward 1!





Day 5: Arkansas River, CO
Woooooohhhooooo!





Day 5: Arkansas River, CO
Mr. Gregg, Chase, Mr. Philippe, John, Jake, and Mr. Mike

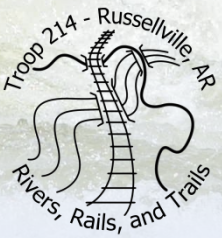


Day 5: Arkansas River, CO
Forward 2!





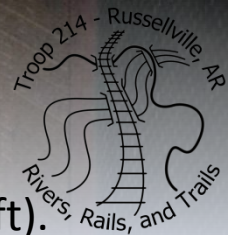
Day 5: Arkansas River, CO
We might get wet...





Day 5: Arkansas River, CO
Good thing the water temp is above freezing...





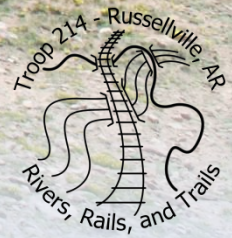
Day 5: Monarch Pass, CO

BSA Mr. Gregg, Mr. T., John, and Jon. From pass (@11,300 ft) to crest (@11,900 ft).



Day 5: Monarch Pass, CO
Going up!

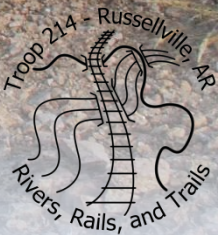




Day 5: Monarch Ridge South, CO
Getting to 11,900 ft. of altitude



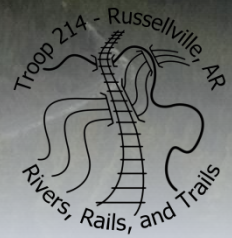
Day 5: Monarch Ridge South, CO
View toward South-West from the top of Monarch Crest.



Day 5: Monarch Ridge South, CO
Jon next to some un-melted snow.

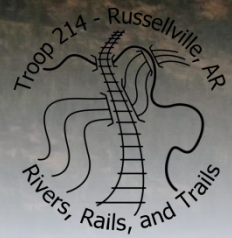


Day 5: Monarch Ridge South, CO
Monarch Resort ski slopes





Day 5: Monarch Ridge South, CO
Awesome view





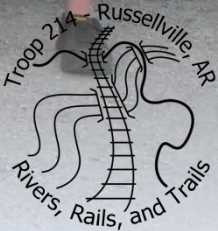
MONARCH PASS
ELEVATION 11,312 FEET
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National Forest *National Forest*



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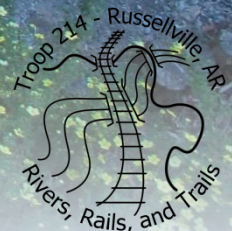


Day 5: Monarch Pass, CO
Everyone at the pass.



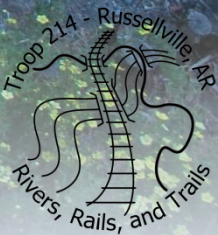


Day 6: Maysville, CO
Breakfast . Jackets and head wear: it's in the mid 40s...





Day 6: Maysville, CO
Breakfast





Day 6: Maysville, CO
Warming up in the morning sun





Florissant Fossil Beds
National Monument



Day 6: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO
Elevation: 8,400 ft.



Day 6: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO
Petrified redwood trunks (they were green 35,000,000 years ago...)



PLEASE PROTECT THE INTEGRITY
OF THIS TREE STUMP
BY REMAINING BEHIND THE FENCE

ISFSOLS = FOSSILS



Day 6: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO
Two future Junior Rangers!



Day 6: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO
Learning about petrified wood

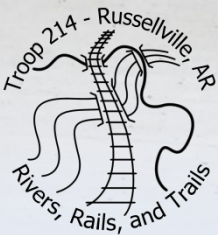


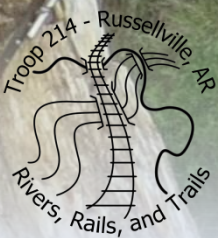
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Learning about petrified wood





Day 6: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO
Buddy system at work





Day 6: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO
In front of a giant petrified redwood stump



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It's a walk in the park... En route to Junior Ranger!

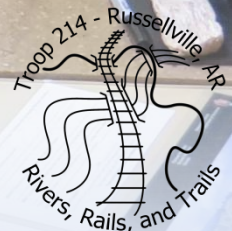




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Florissant Fossil Beds



Day 6: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO
Two new sworn in Junior Rangers!



Day 6: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO
Lunch





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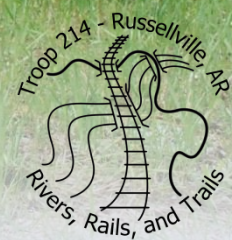


Day 6: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO
Lunch. The Guardian of the Water Bottles! Never in a theater near you...





Day 6: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, CO
Lunch





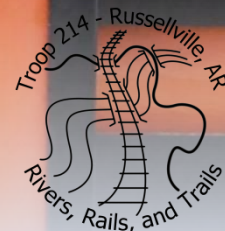
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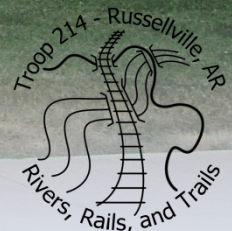




Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO

Here we are!





Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
The train station



Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
Comfortably seated, waiting for departure



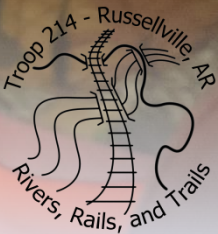
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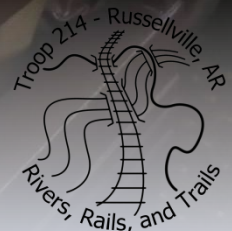


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Waiting for departure



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Having fun yet?

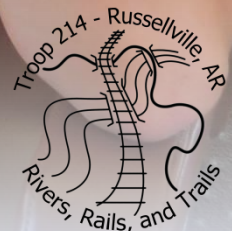




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Photographer photographed...



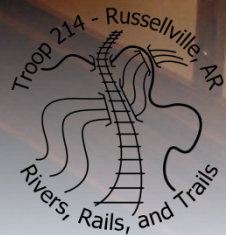
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Quite a conversation...



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Comfortably waiting for departure

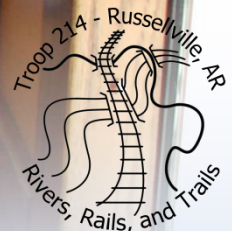


Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
The bar/restaurant car





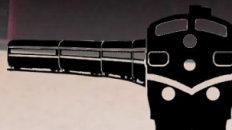
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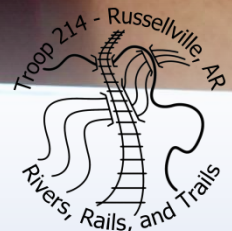


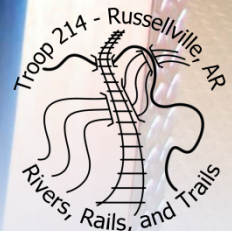
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The vista-dome car





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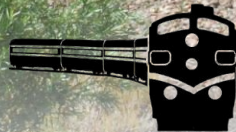




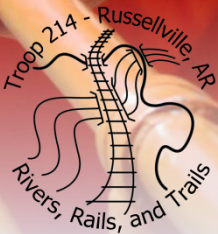
Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
The kitchen (under the vista-dome car)



Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
Leaving Cañon City, the train goes along the Arkansas River



Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
Getting close to the gorge. Everyone is on the open car!



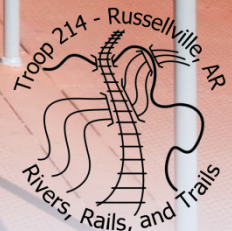


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Entering the gorge, the Arkansas River gets narrower and narrower...



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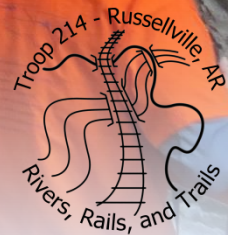
BSA Different cars at the narrowest point of the river (observe bank reinforcement)



Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
In the gorge, the train grazes the mountain by maybe 3 feet...

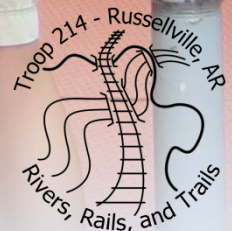


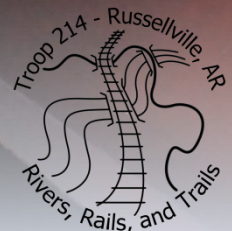
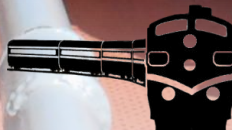
Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
The narrowest point of the gorge





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Some cool dudes...





Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
Troop 214 on the open car



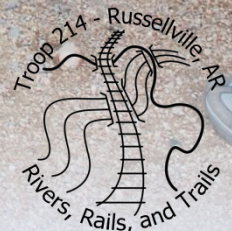
Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
The bridge is 900+ ft. above the train tracks and river...





Day 6: Royal Gorge RR, Cañon City, CO
Perfect alignment!



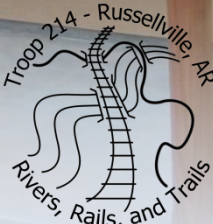


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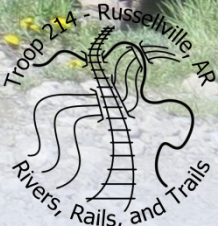


Day 6: Basin Drive, Cotopaxi, CO
The Vickers' cabin.



THE ALPINE TUNNEL ROAD HAS BEEN CLOSED TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE OUR IMPORTANT ROADWAY HISTORY YOU ARE WELCOME TO HIKE ON SIDEWAYS AND ENJOY VIEWING WHAT IS LEFT OF THE HISTORIC ROAD GRADE

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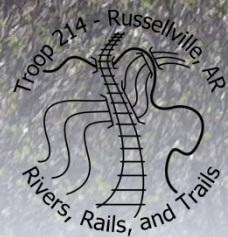


Day 7: Continental Divide Trail, CO
At the starting point of the hike

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL
ALPINE TUNNEL WEST PORTAL
TUNNEL LAKE

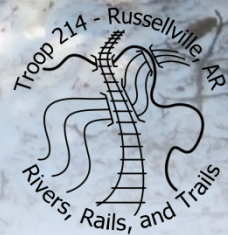


Day 7: Continental Divide Trail, CO
Going up to the tunnel



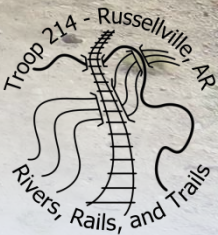


Day 7: Continental Divide Trail, CO
There was still lots of snow along the trail





Day 7: Continental Divide Trail, CO
Going up to the trail by following an old train bed.





Day 7: Continental Divide Trail, CO
Our exact coordinates are...





Day 7: Continental Divide Trail, CO
Climbing to the top of the ridge



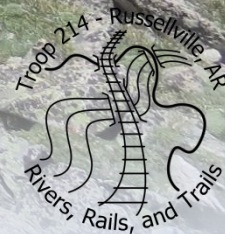


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Day 7: Continental Divide Trail, CO
View toward the west from the top of the ridge





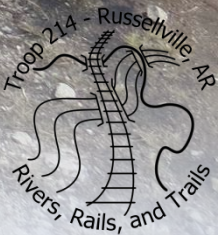
Day 7: Continental Divide Trail, CO
Going down from the Continental Divide Trail





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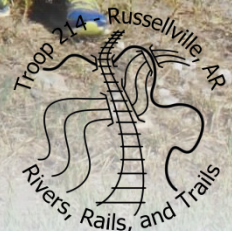
There was much more water from snow melting on our way down





Day 7: Continental Divide Trail, CO
Buddy system, even here...





Day 8: Maysville, CO
Last morning, last group picture before departure.

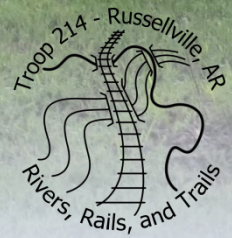


Day 8: Boiling Springs State Park, Woodward, OK
On our way home



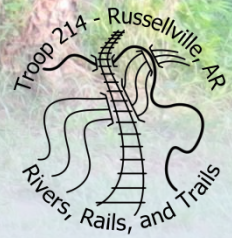



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Perfect spot for a hammock



Troop 214 - Russellville, AR

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