

I was selected to go to Puerto Rico on a Boy Scout exchange. We spent 1 week in scout camp and one week with a Scout and his family. I stayed with Jose Colón in Arecibo. Newspaper clipping about it.

The other was a Sun picture. I was assistant cook. We took frozen trout for supper & string them like we caught them. The cook Frank Dykens in the middles & Frank DeVito Director



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in Puerto Rico

(Editor's note: Todd Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fisher of Overlook, recently participated in "Project Amigos," the Boy Scout expedition to Puerto Rico. He has written the following about his trip.)



"One outstanding experience of my trip to Puerto Rico was the survival hike through the Guajataka River gorge. Four days before the hike we took survival training at Ramey Air Force base on Puerto Rico. At the training session, conducted by a United States

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Air Force sergeant, we learned about the vegetation and animal life we would see. We learned how to prepare food, such as the coconut, for both eating and drinking, and how to recognize poisonous plants. After the training session, we toured the base. "The day of the hike we got up early in the morning and were driven by car to the mouth of the Guajataka River. After the first hour of the hike we could understand what our teacher at Ramey had meant when he said, 'I have been in both Alaska and in South America, but this is the roughest country I have ever seen.' The river was a winding river not too wide or deep, with dense jungle bordering it. This was boxed in by overhanging cliffs between 100 and 500 feet high. The jungle had some coconut, breadfruit and banana trees with very few snakes lurking about. That day we crossed the river 10 times, with the contaminated water sometimes to our shoulders. That night we pitched camp in a seldom-found clearing and ate 'C' rations for supper. About midnight it just poured for half an hour, soaking everything. "The next day we ate a quick 'C' ration breakfast and started out. This time, the jungle was wet and muddy. We got to the end of the gorge about noon, after crossing the river 14 times. Later, we found out we made history, by being the first organized group to go through the entire gorge."