

# Urban Hike

On Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, a group of Troop 209 boys made a trek to downtown Los Angeles. The point of the excursion was to learn more about our neighboring city and its vast history. Our journey began with a trip on the Red Line from North Hollywood to Union Station. Union Station was designed by John B. and Donald D. Parkinson, the station was opened in 1939. From union station we went to Olvera Street which was the site where Los Angeles was founded in 1781. As we exited Olvera Street we headed over to Phillippe's for breakfast which is known for making the first "French dipped sandwich" in 1918 when a cook accidentally dropped the bread of a sandwich into the drippings of the meat from the oven. After we ate to our fill, we walked over to the downtown district and visited the Our Lady of the Angeles Catholic Cathedral. We learned that it was the first Roman Catholic Cathedral to be erected in the western United States in 30 years began construction on May 1999 and was completed by the spring of 2002. From that point we strolled over to The Walt Disney Concert Hall which was constructed from 1999 to 2003 at a base cost of \$240 million. We went inside quickly to tour its magnificent architecture then proceeded on to our next stop at City Hall. Los Angeles's city hall was completed in 1928. Dedication ceremonies were held on April 26, 1928. It has 32 floors, is 454 feet high, and is the world's largest base-isolated structure. Then from City Hall we hungrily walked over to the Central Market and had lunch. The boys had a smorgasbord of eclectic foods to choose from. After we

could eat no more, we hurried across the street to Angel's flight to ride up to the California Plaza. The California Plaza was a ten year, \$1.2 billion project which was started in 1983 and ended in 1992. We then went on a short walk over to MOCA, which was founded in 1979 and is the only museum in Los Angeles devoted exclusively to contemporary art. From MOCA we made the long journey back to the subway where we took the Red Line back to North Hollywood. All in all, the trip was a success and the boys were able to learn even more about their neighboring city; Los Angeles.



Union station 1



Olvera Street



Phillipes



The cathedral



Walt Disney Concert Hall



Market Center



Angel's Flight



flight

California Plaza one and two



Red Line