May 22nd and May 23rd were the days of the second to last Philmont workup hike, where Crew 42 camped for one night along the Gray Wolf River on Duncan Flat, 2.8 miles from the Trailhead.

On the day of the event we once again met in the Wal-Mart parking lot to collect ourselves and perform a quick pack check. After distributing crew gear, we drove to the Trailhead, from where we hiked down the beautiful and slippery trail past Duncan Flats and on into the great unknown until we arrived upon a small campsite by a stream [Ed: Slide Creek Camp]. At that point we decided to turn back and trudge back to Duncan Flats. Once at our campsite on the Gray Wolf River, we raised our tents, ate our Mountain House meals, and finally settled in for a pleasant sleep before the final hike out.

The next morning was overcast and reflected our opinion of the impending 2.6 mile uphill hike up to the trailhead. But after some breakfast burritos we changed our opinion and quickly tackled the steep trail. Tired and wearisome after the long hike, we reconvened at Fat Smitty's for a victory Burger and then set off for the last time (or so we thought) on to Wal-Mart. Then when the bridge opened and barred our way, we decided to officially close our event for the first time in Crew 42 history on the Hood Canal Bridge with the ever-present thorns and roses, and then head out on our separate ways.