



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

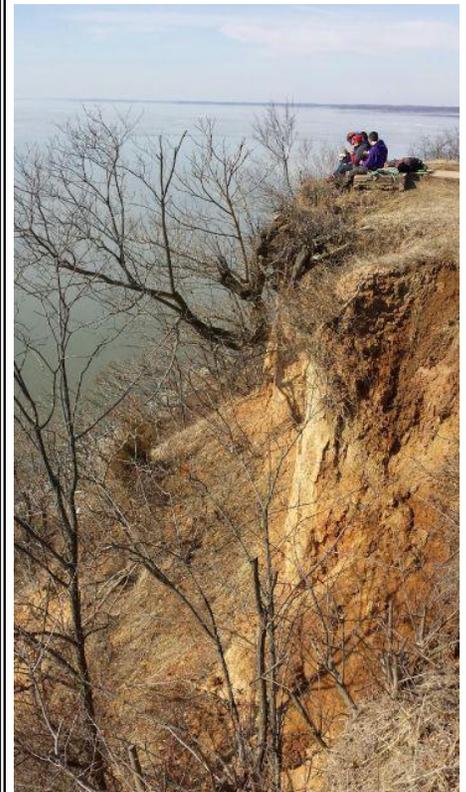
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Camp Rodney and the Elk Neck Adventure

by Magnus P.

When we arrived at the cabin in Camp Rodney, we got everything unpacked, and claimed which beds would be ours. We also rearranged the bunks for fireplace reasons. After that most of us played a game of cabin hockey while others attended the fireplace to chat a little. After we did that for a while, we all went to bed, because tomorrow would be the two mile hike, and the eight mile hike. When we arrived at the parking lot of the two mile hike, which was in Elk Neck State Park, we saw a doe, and watched it. While we were hiking, we were walking along some nice scenery. I saw a small rock that was like a very smooth arrow head. We saw a little shore that had big ice chunks on it. Then we got to the lighthouse, and the view there was awesome. We saw a passing by ship, and we were very high up. We were as high as 100 feet! The two mile hikers stayed at the light house and played football on that cliff, but the eight mile hikers went to finish their hike. We passed the shore of ice chunks and Will picked up one that was like a giant spike, until he shattered it by smashing it on the ground. And



UPCOMING EVENTS...

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| Mar 21- 23 | Sandy Hook Campout |
| Apr 11-13 | Poconos Bike Trip |
| Apr 25-27 | Mullica River Trail Backpacking Trip |
| May 4 | Eagle Court of Honor |
| May 30 – Jun 2 | Valley Forge Campout |
| June 20-22 | Lums Pond Campout |

then we all got into vehicles that were going to the eight mile hike, which was in another part of Elk Neck State Park. While we were hiking, we saw even more amazing scenery. We even saw a bald eagle. We got to the top of a small mountain, and we were even higher up than what we were at the lighthouse! We hiked down the mountain over some really muddy spots, and small streams. We came across a pavilion where we all ate our lunches. And when we were done, we started on our merry way again. While we were hiking, we missed a turn causing the distance to be longer. And in all, the eight mile hikers really hiked 9.6 miles. When we got back to the cabin, we started resting by either playing Magic cards or Pokémon cards, or just chatting by the fire, until it was time to go to sleep. So the next morning, we got everything packed and rearranged the bunks to their original positions, and then started heading home.

Next month in Scouting!

Friday to Sunday, April 11- 13 – Poconos Bike Trip! Come with Troop 48 as we bike the rail trail near Lehigh Gorge State Park! We'll be going through an old railroad tunnel! Cost - \$25 by April 2.

Friday to Sunday, April 25- 27 – Mullica River Trail Backpacking Trip – Snow days may have cancelled our Appalachian Trail Adventure, but join Troop 48 on a weekend backpacking adventure to the Mullica River Camp! This is a GREAT trip to give backpacking a try, as we walk the 12 miles or so from Atsion to Batsto. Cost - \$20. Scouts are expected to buy their own freeze dried meal for Saturday night!

Troop 48 at the Klondike Derby

By Magnus P.

Our stay at Goshen Pond was a nice and fun one, because this stay would be patrols from 48 racing against each other, while racing against the Venture Crew. And we were all ready for the race of the Klondike Derby. But the race was on Saturday, so we had to wait for the rest of Friday. We all went to bed early so we'd be refreshed in the morning. Before we raced, we had to do activities to get a lot of points. (I myself wasn't there due to archery, so I'm not sure whether you just collected as many points as possible, and/or something else.) Most of us did really well on the activities. But the winners of it were Eagle Patrol. And then finally, the time has come to begin the race of the Klondike Derby. We all got lined up at the starting line.

There was one patrol that would race by carrying their sled. The rest pulled and dragged their sled. The race went by pretty quickly, probably because of how fast we were pulling the sleds.

The winning patrol of the race was Panther Patrol, with the help of our S.P.L., Nick. And during that evening while we were cooking, it started raining. Not just raining, but POURING rain. We all had to get in under a tarp, and I could hear people talking about a certain time when they were at Pequea. I forgot what they were saying, exactly, but I do know that it was some sort of chant about Pequea. After the storm, some of our tents held up pretty well. Therefore not a lot of tents had been flooded. The day after that, we packed our things up and were ready to leave.

I got up pretty early, and saw that Bar's kitchen was practically hovering away, with one of their kitchen's polls lying by some tents. When all of our things were packed, Will and Luke were still sleeping. So, we attempted to pull a prank on them to freak them out. But they woke up before we had a chance to leave them behind, and so that is what happened during our time at the Klondike Derby at Goshen Pond.

