



# Trails of Troop 48

*Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.*

**October 2009**

**White Horse District – SNJ Council**

## Troop Election Results for 2009-2010!

On September 23, the Scouts of Troop 48 selected their leaders for the 2009-2010 year. Many rousing speeches were made, many secret ballots were given out, and many close votes were held. Here are the final results:

- Senior Patrol Leader - Aaron K.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader - Dan S.
- Patrol Leaders - Evan M. & Sean G.
- Assistant Patrol Leaders - Erik L & Nick M.
- Troop Mascot – Big Friendly Ben

In addition to the elections, Steven H. was appointed as the new Troop Guide and Dan B. was appointed as the new Troop Quartermaster. Good luck to all of the Troop’s new leaders!

Those that still need leadership positions, please see Mike McCormick, as the troop is still in need of Den Chiefs, Scribes, a Troop Historian, and other leaders.

### Batona Trail - September

By Dan S.

7 o'clock Saturday morning, Troop 48 is loading up and heading out for another weekend in the wild. This time we were destined for Brendon Byrne State Forest in the Pine Barrens for a backpacking/hiking trip on the Batona Trail. The group of 8 consisted of two backpackers and 6 hikers. After dropping off our stuff at the National Forest Service Station, which was kind enough to provide a spot for us to camp, we drove to where we were to join the trail by Pakim Pond. After showing the newer scouts how to orient a map, we set-off down the 7 mile stretch of trail, which we were hiking that day, with the newer scouts leading the way. After

forgetting to tell the leading scouts about trail heads we veered off the trail for a little ways before it came to our attention that we were no long on the trail, and we promptly returned to the trail. About half way through, we stopped for lunch at a fire tower, which we climbed up a little ways. The second half of the trek we moved just as quickly with much encouragement from Jiff and I, and we arrived back at camp a good two hours ahead of schedule, which is something we don't usually accomplish. Upon returning to camp, those who weren't backpacking gathered their stuff and set off to the tree plantation where our tents were to be setup. After setting up the tents in a row which we don't do on a regular basis, we directed our attention to our dinner of pasta. While some people in each patrol cooked dinner, the other half was put to the task of cutting up wooden pallets for the fire with axes and saws. Just as we began to start kp, after finishing our meal, mother nature decided it was time for it to rain which cut kp short temporarily and also canceled our plan of going to Apple Pie Hill. While it rained,

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### UPCOMING EVENTS...

- 10/9** Set-up night for Yard Sale – Berlin, NJ
- 10/10** Troop Yard Sale – Berlin, NJ
- 10/23-25** Canoe Trip –Wading River
- 11/5** Battleship NJ Work Party
- 11/11** Troop Spaghetti Dinner
- 11/20-22** Batona Campsite Trip, Tabernacle, NJ

For a complete listing of this year’s events, see page 4!!!

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younger scouts worked on their requirement or just read a book that they brought with them. After the rain subsided and kp was finished up, I set about the task of starting a fire with the limited dry resources that I had, which I ended up failing miserably at, so Mike had to start the fire. Once the fire became established, it was time for a rousing game of man hunt down in the plantation for about 45 minutes.

Following that, everyone gathered back by the fire for a little bit to enjoy some cookies, and then it was time to hit the sack. Bright and early the next morning, everyone was awoken to cook up some pancakes, clean up the camp site, and finish the last 4 miles of the hike for the morning. After completing kp without it raining and patrolling the camp ground, Troop 48 headed out toward Ong's Hat, one of the many forgotten towns of Southern New Jersey! Once we were finished admiring the spot where Ong's Hat once stood, we hiked briskly back along the road, instead of the trail, to camp, where we threw out bags in the cars and left, having completed another amazing trip to the Pine Barrens.

*Troop 48 Ready to hike Batona Trail*



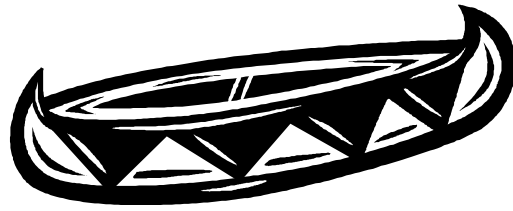
*Discoveries on the Batona Trail!!!*

**Yard Sale**  
**Don't forget to bring**  
**your stuff to sell at our**  
**yard sale on the 10<sup>th</sup> of**  
**October!**

**SCOUT DUES**  
**If anyone has not already paid their**  
**scout dues yet, please see Bob Faust.**

**Congratulations!**  
**Special congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts:**  
**Nolan Kier**  
**Kyle Matthews**

## Upcoming Trip!!!



### Wading River Canoe Trip

Friday, October 23-Sunday, October 25

Troop 48 will be returning to the Wading River for our annual canoe trip from October 23 to October 25! We will be exploring the winding, wild Wading for 9.1 miles (as the river flows) from Hawkins Bridge down to Bodine Field. Camping both nights will take place at Bodine Field, a monster sized campsite fronting the river where generations of Troop 48ers have camped, built large fires, and played countless games of man hunt.

Weather permitting, the troop will head out Saturday night to nearby fire tower at Apple Pie Hill, the highest point in South Jersey. From there, on a clear night, you can see the lights of both Atlantic City and Philadelphia. Before heading back Sunday morning, the troop might explore the Chatsworth General Store, the Brickbrae Terra Cotta Factory, or the Harrisville Paper Mill.

**Please meet at the shed at 6 pm on FRIDAY! The cost is \$25, the permission slip is attached to this newsletter!**

### ***EASY TROOP 48 FUNDRAISER!***

Wish you could do more to support Troop 48 but never seem to find the time? Well now you can *and* take care of your errands at the same time when you use Shop Rite gift certificates purchased through Troop 48! These gift certificates come in handy denominations of \$25 and \$50 and are sold by Deb Sperling during each troop meeting. With every card you purchase the troop makes money!

## Troop Schedule 2009-2010

- October 10 – Annual Troop 48 Yard Sale, Holy Communion Church, Berlin, NJ
- October 23-25- Canoe Trip, the Wading River, Wharton State Forest, NJ
- November 11 – Spaghetti Dinner
- November 20-22 – Batona Trail Campsite Tabernacle, NJ
- December - Court of Honor
- January - Ski Day at Jack Frost Mountain, The Poconos
- January - Klondike Derby
- Sunday, February 7 - Super Bowl Sunday Hoagie Sale
- February 19-21- Rodney Scout Reservation, Northeast, MD
- March 26-28 – Gettysburg, PA
- April 16-18 – Bike Trip on the Valley Forge Rail Trail, Philadelphia to Valley Forge, PA
- May 21-23 – kayaking and swimming at Assateague Island National Seashore, MD
- June - Swim Day
- August – Summer Trip to Acadia National Park in Maine

## **PARENTS: INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED IN SCOUTS?**

*Troop 48 is always looking for new parents to help handle the variety of adult roles that make Boy Scouting a positive experience for our children. Adult leadership in Troop 48 is on a volunteer basis, and offers ways to get involved even if you can only offer a small commitment.*

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**Don't forget to check out the Troop website for pictures, forms, the troop schedule, and much more!  
[www.troop48berlin.org](http://www.troop48berlin.org)**



**Sharing knowledge on Batona Trail**

## PERMISSION SLIP – Canoe Trip



When?: Friday, October 23 - Sunday, October 25. Please arrive at the church on Friday at 6 PM. We will pack and depart around 6:30 PM. Please eat dinner before you come!

Where?: Bodine Field, Woodland Township, NJ.

Cost?: \$25 per scout. Cash or Check (made out to Troop 48) is fine!

On this trip, we will be canoeing the Wading River from Hawkins Bridge to Bodine Field, 9.1 miles total.

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SCOUT: \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to attend the troop activity/trip and has permission to engage in all activities, except as noted below. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to treat, hospitalize, and secure proper anesthesia and/or order injection or surgery for my son/ward.

RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

If your son is required to take medication or has any other special needs, please list the details below:

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