



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

February 2010

White Horse District – SNJ Council

District Klondike 2010

Cold, the feeling and uncomfortable lack of warmth, is a good way to describe one of the main feelings of the trip for all, at least once during the trip, BUT when it is cold, there is character to be built and lessons to be learned. While it was cold, the trip harbored close to 30 scouts which is an astounding number of scouts, especially for the Klondike. The Klondike is a day a competition between other patrols in our district (White Horse) featuring events like fire building and first aid (neither of which were featured at this Klondike, which is odd). After not attending last years, the troop, which has a long history of cleaning up at the Klondike, returned to see how well we could do, and from what I saw, we didn't do half bad.

The trailer was almost done being packed from Wednesday night, so the main things to finish up were to load the sleds into the truck and wait for everyone to arrive. This took us to about 7, when we left. After a rigorous ten minute drive, we pulled up to our campsite, which was conveniently the closest one to the parking lot from a short trail. One stellar thing about this trip was the pavilion located in the site, relieving us from the battle of setting up the rain fly. Once we removed patrol boxes, coolers (as if we really needed them), sleds, and logs from their respective vehicles, the next three tasks of building a fire, setting up tents, and going back to get more wood were tended to. At 9 that evening, the patrol leaders, myself, and our scout master reported to a meeting at the Webster Lodge to register the patrols and find out the game plan for the following day. When we returned to the campsite after the meeting, we were greeted by a smoldering pile of pine needles that was supposed to be a fire. In response to this, a larger fire was built from what little was left of the previous one. The warmth and size of this fire was hard put though because of the subfreezing temperatures. Following the evening snack, scouts slowly began to disappear into their tents, until the fire was put out, and everyone went to their beds, ending the evening.

6 o'clock, after an evening's rest with the temperature at a steady 16 degrees, we awoke, or at least tried to awake. By 7, a fire had been started and the patrols began to see what they could do about

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

2/19-2/21 Rodney Scout Reservation

3/26-3/28 Gettysburg

March Rifle & Shotgun Day

4/16-4/18 Valley Forge Rail Trail

4/23-4/25 Paul Bunyan Camperee

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breakfast with everything except the orange juice and maple waffles, pop tarts, and (eggs and sausage?). Following breakfast ceremony to start the day's events. The eagle patrol did the patrols saluted and said the pledge of allegiance, and then we were on.

I spent the day as part of the beaver patrol, and the first stop for us was orienteering. Before we could start the event though, sled inspections were made which we did fairly well on. The event, following the inspection, was a course of points off north using a pace of 50ft, and in the end, we managed to hit all the points except the last one by a little. Next, on the list, we headed to the semaphore communication station where we sent messages using only semaphore.

District Klondike 2010 Results

Mixed:

Beaver - 2nd

Eagle - 8th

Venture:

Panther - 6th



Congratulations to the patrols for their effort and determination in the events.

Jack Frost Ski Trip

By Nick Maurer

On a freezing Sunday morning a group of brave (or just plain crazy) Scouts gathered at the shed very early to make the very long two hour quest to Jack Frost for our annual ski trip! Now this wasn't any ordinary trip because there was no set list of activities. Everyone had a different experience. For me it was learning how to ski, and doing well. To Ben taking a



Mike having fun in the lodge!!!!



Fun times for the whole family!!

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Schedule for 2010

- February 19-21- Rodney Scout Reservation, Northeast, MD
- March - Shotgun & Rifle Merit Badge Day
- March 26-28 – Gettysburg, PA

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

PERMISSION SLIP – Rodney Scout Reservation



When?: Friday, February 19 – Sunday, February 21 - Arrive at “the shed” at 6 PM (planned departure – 6:45 PM).

Where?: Rodney Scout Reservation, Northeast, MD

Cost?: \$25

Please make checks payable to “Troop 48”

Troop 48 returns to Rodney Scout Reservation for our yearly “cabin campout”. Come ready to explore the upper Chesapeake Bay, play some cabin hockey, and maybe visit the nearby lighthouse or United States Naval Weapons Station.

Please eat dinner before you come!

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:

I am paying by ___ cash ___ check ___ Scout account Intials: _____