



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

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Troop 48's Newest Eagle Scouts

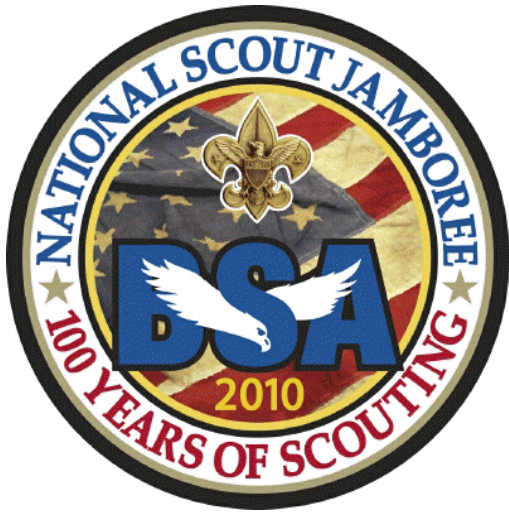
by Mike McCormick

On June 12, 2010, the troop happily presented Nolan Kier and Kyle Matthews with the rank of Eagle Scout. This well attended event was held at Hope United Methodist Church in Voorhees, NJ. Committee Chair Emeritus Ed Madden made a guest appearance in his old role as the Master of Ceremonies for the event. The event was well attended by both current Scouts and troop alumni, with many former Troop 48 Scouts there to renew the Eagle Scout pledge. Before the event closed, Mr. Kier gave a talk to the troop and guests, thanking the troop for their years of service to his three Eagle Scout sons, of which Nolan is the third.

Troop 48 would like to once again congratulate Nolan and Kyle and wish them luck as life takes them on to college, and then on into life.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

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| October 22 to 24 | Delaware Water Gap Canoe Trip, Dingmans Ferry, PA |
| November 4 and 5 | Beginner's Backpacking Trip, Batona Trail, NJ |
| November 6 | Boy Scout vs Girl Scout Paintball, Location TBA |
| November 19 to 21 | Goshen Pond, Shamong, NJ |
| December ? | Court of Honor |



Troop 48 Visits the National Jamboree

-Deb Sperling

When I realized that I couldn't send my son to the Jamboree, I was still convinced that I wanted him to somehow experience this once and a lifetime event. I wanted him to experience the 100th Anniversary of Scouting along with the brotherhood of gathering side by side with tens of thousands of other Scouts, some of whom would even be traveling from across the Pacific Ocean. I began thinking that I would just take my Scout and my Cub down to the Jamboree as day visitors.

When I mentioned my plans to Mike, he suggested that we open the trip up to the Scouts of Troop 48. However, there was just one condition; he would be away for the summer and I would need to lead the trip. That meant taking some quick training and getting an agenda planned. With Mike's help and pep talks, the trip easily slid into place and before I knew it, it was time to go. We had a total of 7 Scouts (Eric F., Nick, Luke, Pranav, Mike, Don, and Ben) and 4 Adults (Dr. Raj, Mrs. Taluci, Mr. Freeman, and I).

Leaving at 6:45 AM on Friday, July 30, we headed down I-95 to Virginia. Our first stop was at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. After checking out the museum, taking our turns on the Iwo Jima simulator, and pretending to jump from a chopper in Viet Nam, we relaxed in the shade for a picnic lunch. Hitting the road again, we set out for King's Dominion Campground. Once there, we set up camp quickly in order to have a chance to relax in the game room, play mini golf, and take a swim in the pool. After a late dinner of salad, hot dogs, and baked beans, we packed our lunches for the following day. Both the Scouts and the adults went to their tents rather early. We knew that revelry would be before sun up.

Before 6:30 AM on Saturday, July 31 all 11 of us were up, dressed, fed, and in the car headed to Fort AP Hill for the 2010 Jamboree. Keep reading and below you'll find out more about the Jamboree through the eyes of our Scouts. I want to thank the Scouts for their great behavior at the Jamboree, their resolve to safely use the buddy system in such a large crowd, their willingness to happily do anything asked of them, their resolve to compromise and work things out with little adult interference, their ability to wake up at 5:15 AM, and their great display of reverence at the Marine Museum. Special thanks to Eric who was our Senior Scout and acting Patrol Leader for this trip. Many thanks to Raj, Karen, and Brian for all of their help to ensure that Troop 48's trip to the 2010 National Boy Scout Jamboree would be a blast!

By Pranav Chug

2010 BOY SCOUT JAMBOREE

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first heard of the 2010 Boy Scout Jamboree, I didn't know what to expect. I never saw so many boy scouts before and I never knew there were so many troops. Boy scouts from all over the country came to Virginia to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The worst part about the trip was the extreme weather conditions because the sun was very brutal. However, all the fun and activities that were stored inside the jamboree took our minds off of the heat. There was an army base that taught us all about the different parts of the army. There was a video game section where boy scouts could test their skills against the exciting games. But, in my opinion, the best part was the fireworks show at the end of the day. The show happened to be the biggest firework show on an army base of all time! It was a night to remember.



The BSA has gone a long way since 1908 when it was first made by General Robert Baden-Powell in England. He thought every man and boy needed to learn about survival in the wilderness. I guess that's what Boy Scouts is all about, fending for yourself. All in all, the first 100 years of Boy Scouts have past, but I hope the next 100 will be even better.

The National Scout Jamboree

By: Nicholas Maurer

2010, what a year. We have a new president, the swine flu, and guess what? The 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. What a feat it has been, 100 years! The Boy

Scouts have undergone a lot of changes through the years. There has been 12 editions of the scout hand book. There have been high adventure bases opened around the country, like Phil mount or the Florida sea base. But what I was proud to be a part of was the 100th Scout Jamboree. If you don't know what a Boy Scout jamboree is, it is the biggest party of the year. It is held every 3 years and it held close to 500,000 scouts. This year our troop was lucky enough to visit this year for the weekend. (Thanks to a few brave chaperones!!) Steve was able go for the whole week! We took the eight hour drive down to fort A.P hill in Virginia. We hade lots of fun and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

The Jamboree Trip

-Luke Sperling

The Jamboree trip was ran and made by Mrs. .Talucci, Dr. Chugh, and my mom, Ms. Sperling. It was the 100th year of Scouting and we wanted to visit the Jamboree. My favorite part of the trip was the actual Jamboree part, even though it was so crowded and made some of the troop members claustrophobic. We saw celebrities like Mike Rowe from Dirty Jobs and stuff. At the end we saw awesome fireworks. Through the huge crowd, we slowly made it back to the cars after a really long day. If it weren't for the chaperones, we would have never gone. Thanks to everyone that helped.





GUN DAY 2010

2010 Election Results:

Senior Patrol Leader - Danny
 Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders - Steve,
 Jif, and Don
 Patrol Leaders - Pranav, Nick, and Erik
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 Assistant Patrol Leaders - Luke, Brian,
 and Eric F.
 Troop Guides - Rock and Eric F.

Upcoming trips!

**Delaware Water Gap, Dingmans Ferry, PA
 Friday, October 22 thru Sunday October 24, 2010**

For our canoeing adventure this Fall, Troop 48 is heading north to the lovely Delaware Water Gap region of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York! We'll be putting in our usual distance (a bit more than 10 miles) by canoe, but will be looking at the lovely Fall colors of that region all along the way. The troop hasn't made this trip in ten years, so it should be an exciting, new experience for all Scouts.

Cost: \$30

Batona Trail, Wharton State Forest, NJ

Thursday, November 4 and Friday, November 5 (Teacher's Convention Weekend)

Heard about those legendary Troop 48 backpacking trips and can't wait to get started? Have a trail pack that only gets used to haul your gear fifteen feet from the trailer to your tent site each trip? Do you really, really like dehydrated food and cliff bars? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then you might be ready to try Scouting's ultimate high adventure: backpacking.

On teacher's convention weekend, we'll be taking a two day, 15 mile beginner's backpacking trip down the Batona Trail through the heart of the Pine Barrens in nearby Wharton State Forest. On this short trip, we'll be learning about and practicing the fine art of backpacking: cooking on lightweight stoves, properly stowing your gear, what food to bring, filtering water, etc. This trip is there for newbies to try out backpacking, as well as for a warm up/trial run for Scouts who will be attempting the four day backpacking trip this winter.

NOTE #1: Through kind donations and money raised through fundraising, the troop has several packs and tents suitable for backpacking available for borrowing. These are there for trips like these, try it out before you spend lots of money on gear!

Note #2: If you plan on coming backpacking this winter with the troop (December 27-30), then you NEED to be on this warm up, or you need to talk with me to make sure you are prepared!

Cost: \$10! Cheap!

The permission slip for these trips can be found at the end of 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!

MS 150

By Nicholas Maurer

On Friday Sept. 24th, our troop once again set out to Batso, to camp and volunteer with the MS 150 bike run. This year was different because our rest stop site was in Egg Harbor. This was a very busy rest stop because it was the last stop on Sat. and the first on Sun. At about 10 am on Sat. we arrived. We unpacked the snacks and the drinks, made motivational signs for the riders, and welcomed worn out riders with open arms. I was working the most popular part of the rest stop, the Fig Newton snack stand. The bananas were also popular. The riders were very thankful for our help and we were thankful for them riding. Two of our own adult members were riders, Ed Madden and Cindy Johnson.

Sat. night we were treated to a delicious spaghetti dinner on the boardwalk in Ocean City. Afterwards we hit the boardwalk. We went to the arcade for about an hour then we strolled on the beach. I was able to make my 8 bucks last all night. The next morning we had to get up very early to return to the rest stop. We are looking forward to helping again next year.



Schedule for 2010/2011

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- November 6 - Boy Scout vs Girl Scout Paintball, Location TBA
- November 19 to 21 - Goshen Pond, Shamong, NJ
- December – Court of Honor
- December 27 to 30 - 50 Mile Backpacking Trip, Location TBA
- January 7 to 9 - Troop 48 Iron Scout Competition, Location TBA
- January – Ski Trip, Jack Frost Mountain, PA
- February 6 - Super Bowl Sunday Hoagie Sale
- February 11 to 13 - Antietam Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD
- March 4 to 6 - Pequea Creek, PA
- April 15 to 17 - Maryland Biking Trip
- May 13 to 15- White Water Rafting
- Spring – Spring Fundraiser
- June – Swim Day
- June – Eagle Court of Honor
- Summer 2011 - Summer Trip, Bike Training, and more!

Ryan Matthews Eagle Project



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PERMISSION SLIP - Delaware Water Gap



When?: Friday, October 22 – Sunday, October 24, 2010.
Please meet at “the shed” at 6 PM, we will be aiming to leave by 6:30!

Where?: Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania

Cost?: \$30 - Please make checks payable to “Troop 48”

Our annual canoe trip, this time through the beautiful Upper Delaware River.

Please eat dinner before you come Friday!

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
Initials of Scout if paying by Scout account: _____

PERMISSION SLIP – Beginner's Backpacking Trip - Batona Trail



When?: Thursday, November 4 - Friday, November 5 (Teacher's Convention weekend). Please arrive at the church on Saturday at 7 AM. We will pack and depart around 7:30 AM. If enough people are interested, we will pitch camp in the yard after Wednesday's meeting and stay there until Thursday morning.

Where?: The Batona Trail, Wharton State Forest, NJ.

Cost?: \$10 per scout.

Over teacher's convention, Troop 48 will be hosting a one night backpacking trip through Wharton State Forest, covering 10-15 miles in two days. This trip is for those Scouts who have never backpacked in their life and want to learn, and for those Scouts planning to attempt the 50 miler coming up later this year who need a practice run with their gear.

Note: Backpacking gear (packs and tents) are available for borrowing from the troop!

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PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

I will be available to provide transportation for _____ scouts. (number)

____ on the trip out
____ on the trip back.

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