

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

May 2011 White Horse District – SNJ Council

# Pequea

By. Cameron L. Zeigler

Pequea was my favorite trip of the year. We camped on top of mountain. On the way there Mike and someone else got lost and missed a turn in the dark. To get to the cave we had to go on a hike. Most of us went in the cave, but some scouts stayed outside. In the cave we went in many chambers. At one point we climbed a wall to get in one. It had a 17 foot high roof and we found ledges on the wall to sit on. When we turned off our flashlights our eyes could not adjust for us to see anything. On the way back to the campsite it was raining. Three tents were blown down when we got back to the campsite. We left early though, because there were very strong wind gusts. It was a fun trip, even the early ride home was an adventure!!

Saturday,	Eagle Court of	
June 18	Honor	EASY TROOP 48
June 24, 25, &	Steven's Eagle	FUNDRAISER!
26	Project	I UNDRAISER:
July 15 to 17	AT Warm-up Hike	
		Wish you could do more to support Troop 48 but
July 30 to	Alleghanies	never seem to find the time? Well now you can
August 5	Summer Trip	

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!

#### Back Packing – The Batona Trail By: Mike McCormick

Our backpacking trip went very well. Tom Ferrari and myself were dragged 51 miles down the Batona Trail by the five Scouts who completed the expedition - Dan S, Luke, Pranav, Don, and Karenveer. Tom and I couldn't be any prouder of these five young men. They really tested their limits both physically and mentally and, when it was all over, showed themselves as individuals and as a group of accomplishing a monumental task, literally one step at a time. I believe this is the Troop's first backpacking expedition of 50 miles or more since Philmont in 2006, but I'm sure its not their last. I, for one, look forward to what these five individuals and their fellow Scouts will do in the Alleghanies this summer and, looking ahead, in Wyoming next year.

> Don't forget to check out the Troop website for pictures, forms, the troop schedule, and much more! www.troop48berlin.org

### **Please Note!!!**

#### by: Mike McCormick

As a final note, for those that have not heard yet, I am getting married the first weekend of June. Because of this, I am taking a breather from Scouts for the months of May and June. For those two months, Assistant Scoutmasters Ken Smith and Tom Ferrari have graciously volunteered to run the troop in my stead. All questions, comments, concerns, RSVPs, plans, ideas, complaints, suggestions, documents in need of signing, requests for car rides, text messages, newsletter article subscriptions, blue cards, money, phone calls, checks, New Scout applications, Adult Leader Applications, requests for pie contest judges, and novelty Pez dispensers should be directed to one or both of those gentlemen. Thanks for the help guys!

Ken Smith - 856- 287-9035 or ken smith@paeb.uscourts.gov

## **PERMISSION SLIP – Whitewater Rafting**



When?: Friday, May 13 – Sunday, May 15, 2011. Please meet at "the shed" at 5:30 PM, we will be aiming to leave by 6:15!

Where?: Hickory Run State Park, White Haven, PA and Whitewater Challengers, Jim Thorpe, PA

Cost?: TBA - Please make checks payable to "Troop 48"

Please have your Scout pack clothes that can get wet (wool socks, old sneakers, a windbreaker, and water resistant gym pants. If it's going to be warm, they can pack a bathing suit too!), everyone will be getting wet as we raft down the 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.

The Troop has permission to fill out all wavier forms at Whitewater Challengers so that my Scout can participate in Whitewater Rafting.

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

PARENT SIGNATURE:

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

