



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

December 2011

White Horse District – SNJ Council

A Weekend at Sandy Hook

By Tim S.

On the weekend of the 14th, 15th, and 16th of October thirteen scouts left the shed to go on another amazing trip. As we arrived, we had to set up our kitchens and our tents. The next day we ate our breakfast and loaded up into cars. We first went to Highlands New Jersey to visit the twin lighthouses. We were lucky enough to have gone on the weekend of the lighthouse challenge so we could go up both of them.

Upon our arrival at Sandy Hook we walked up another light house that was taller than the first two. After that, we went to an old mortar bunker. After a lunch consisting mostly of PB&J; we explored another old base. We went to horseshoe cove after that where my brother Danny couldn't resist going into the water. Other kids walked the beach and did other activities.

The next day, we packed up to leave. On the way home, we visited the town of Allaire. We saw an old blast furnace and then learned a new way to wrestle. We finally arrived at the shed to go home after our adventures.



Playing games at Sandy Hook

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Dec 7	Hoagie Sale Kickoff!
Dec 14	Court of Honor
Dec 21	Scout Holiday Party
Dec 28	Battleship NJ Cleanup
Jan 8	Ski Trip
Jan 27 - 29	Klondike Derby

Down the Ol' Station by Scout Scoutly

On October 22 and 23rd, legions of Boy Scouts and teenagers descended on the Long-a-Coming Historical Society at the old Berlin Train Station to help Paul with his Eagle Project. Dozens of people worked hard for two days to scrape the old paint off the station and to repaint the walls, ceilings, station platform, and trim of the building a sparkling new yellow with red trim.

“It’s great to help out the community that has been Troop 48’s home for so many years,” this intrepid reporter was told by Scoutmaster Mike McCormick. “I look forward to driving past this restored historical treasure every Wednesday night.”

Buy Flyers Tickets, Help Backpacking Crew get to Grand Tetons!

Tickets on sale NOW for the Flyers vs the Sabres on Thursday, February 16! Tickets only \$50! Seats are in Section 222 and 222a, the "family section". Tickets will be in your hand in time for Christmas or Hanukkah! Flyers games are **SELLING OUT**, so get tickets now! Anne - gillespiejas@comcast.net

Also available – RAFFLE TICKETS!

- Chances for \$10 each to win one set of two tickets to the game AND you get to watch the warm-ups from the penalty box! Perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime chance! Only 100 tickets are being sold!
- Chances for \$2 each (or 3 for \$5) to win **autographed Flyers merchandise!**

Scouting for Food

By Nicholas M.

When Thanksgiving comes around every year we tend to think of three things, food, family, and four days off. All of those things are good and all but Thanksgiving is a great time to reflect and give thanks along with giving back to others. That's just what our troop did three days before Thanksgiving; we gave back to the community. Every year Holy Communion Lutheran Church hosts a Thanksgiving food drive along with our program *Scouting for Food*. Then a couple days before Thanksgiving we bring our collections up to the church along with what the church collected and we set up brown paper bags full of food and give them out. This year I have been fortunate to be able to help give out food.

It started at about 5:00 and that's when we started letting people into the church and we gave them a box of assorted Thanksgiving items like stuffing, cranberry sauce, and dinner rolls. Then they were given a frozen turkey and some vegetables. I was assigned to help people carry their turkey out to their cars. Though the turkeys were very cold and my purple shirt was half soaked from the frozen condensation by the end of it I had a lot of fun.



Everybody that was given food was very thankful and very nice along with the always very nice people from the church. I encourage everyone to try to make it out to this event next year because it is a very nice experience to be able to help make someone's holiday a little brighter.

Annual Troop 48 Yard Sale

by Luke S.

The troop yard sale on October 1, 2011 was a great success with a profit of \$450. This money will help pay for new supplies for the troop. It will also help keep the cost of trips down and enable us to replace broken equipment such as lanterns. Also we gave the shed a good and much needed cleanout that day. It began at 7:00am and we started to pack up at around 1:00pm.

Thank you for volunteering and donating your yard sale items to the troop. Please keep Troop 48 in mind when cleaning out your attic, basement, or closet and save unwanted items for us to sell at next year's yard sale.

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!

Lucien's Manor, Wait... What? **by Dan S.**

An email was sent, an email was received, and a team of scouts was called up to venture into the unknown of a council event. This is how only a few days prior to the reception, Troop 48 was selected to perform the opening ceremony at the 33rd Annual Camden County Distinguished Citizen Award Reception (boy, that's a mouthful). This reception, called together a large group of rather wealthy business sponsors for the Southern New Jersey Council of the Boy Scouts of America. These sponsors managed to raise a total of \$43,000 and this event was to honor their contributions and the contributions of three specific men who received awards. These men were, Dan McDonough, who received the Good Scout Award, James Kehoe, who received the George Meany Award, and Dr. Joseph Conway, who received the Whitney M. Young Award.

When the four of us who were assigned with the task of representing our troop at this event arrived, we realized we may very possibly be at an event that was rarely attended by any member of Troop 48, and we were somewhat taken aback. The atmosphere and class around us revealed that this was indeed a meeting of many people whom more than likely sponsored boy scouts. Some sort of underlying theme of the event involved Camden Boy Scouts and one troop in particular, Troop 123, which was present from a Camden charter school. As it so happened, Jiff, Paul, and myself, were involved in the opening ceremony. This entailed, the carrying of the American and Council Flag down a flight of steps and placing them in their appropriate bases. Along with this, we were supposed to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law, but the presenting congressman, took it upon himself to lead those parts making our job extremely easy. Paul was also selected to give the opening prayer as well as speak on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, exemplifying it's impact in his life. This he did resoundingly with a story involving a latrine. When this was all completed the awards were presented to the aforementioned men, and Jiff was chosen to carry the awards to the recipient along with another scout from Troop 123. This strung us out till the end of the reception, and then we departed, in a state of amazement at the event we just participated in which we were all unprepared for.

Calling all Troop 48 Scouts and Families

Come enjoy an evening out as we celebrate the year 2011 for Troop 48.

Court of Honor

**Wednesday, December 14, 2011. Please arrive promptly at 6:15 p.m.
for set-up. Court of Honor to start at 7 p.m.**

Holy Communion Lutheran

Rt 73

Berlin, NJ

What to bring: Each Scout is asked to bring a *snack item* or a *dessert item* (like brownies or cookies). Veggie trays, soft pretzels, cheese and crackers, and fruit trays are welcomed, too.

Scouts who wish to participate may bring a *POLYANNA GIFT* (something any Scout could use valued at \$10- suggestions include flashlights, hats/gloves, hand warmers... go ahead and get creative!)

What to wear: *CLASS A UNIFORM*, dress pants or uniform pants-no jeans please.

Upcoming Events - 2011-2012!

Wed, Dec 7 – Hoagie Sale kickoff! Let's sell some hoagies!

Mon, Dec 12 – Gifts for Berlin Children due

Wed, Dec 14 – Court of Honor (See ad above)

Wed, Dec 21 – Scout's Xmas Party – 7 PM – “the shed”

Wed, Dec 28 – Battleship NJ Work Party – Permission slip attached

Sun, Jan 6 – Jack Frost Ski Trip – Jack Frost Mt, Jack Frost, PA – Cost TBA

Wed, Jan 25 – Hoagie Orders due

Fri to Sun, Jan 27 to 29 – Klondike Derby, Pine Hill Scout Reservation, Pine Hill, NJ – Meet at shed at 5:30 PM – Cost - \$20

Sun, Feb 5 – Super Bowl Hoagie Sale! Location TBA!

Wed, Feb 8 – Ceremony to Honor Arthur Eldred, 1st Eagle Scout, on the Centennial of his having achieved that honor – Berlin Cemetery, Berlin, NJ – Time: TBA

Thurs, Feb 16 – Scout Night at the Flyers – Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia, PA – Tickets - \$50 through the Troop. Contact Jim Gillespie or Tom Ferrari – tomferrari10@gmail.com. Raffle tickets for game tickets & to watch the warm ups from the bench (\$10 each, only 100 sold!) or for autographed Flyers merchandise (\$2 each) also available!

Fri to Sun, Feb 17 to 19 – Rodney Scout Reservation – Northeast, MD – Meet at the shed at 5:30 PM! Cost - \$25

Fri to Sun, Mar 23 to 25 – Gettysburg, PA Trip – Gettysburg, PA – Meet at the shed at 5 PM. Cost - \$25.

Fri to Sun, Apr 13 to 15 – C&O Canal Canoe Trip – Georgetown, MD – Meet at the church at 5:30 PM. Cost – TBA

Fri to Sun, Apr 27 to 29 – Highland Games Campout – Pine Hill, NJ – Please meet at the church at 5:30 PM. Cost - \$20.

Fri to Sun, May 18 to 20 – Assateague Island – Berlin, MD. Please meet at the shed at 5:30 PM. Cost – TBA

Sat, June 9 – Troop BBQ & Swim Day– Atsion Lake, Shamong, NJ - 11 AM to 4 PM. Cost - \$5 per person (to the troop to help offset food), \$5 per carload (to the park when you come in). Friends and family are invited!

Aug 8 to 19 – Grand Teton Backpacking Trip

Aug TBA – Troop 48 Summer Trip – Location to be voted on this month.

Sep 28 to 30 – MS 150 City-to-Shore Bike Ride! - Please meet at the shed at 5:30 PM. Cost - \$20 - Riding or helping at the rest stop, all hands on deck to help out this weekend!

PERMISSION SLIP – Battleship NJ Cleanup



When?: Wednesday, December 28

Please meet at “the shed” at 7:00 AM, we will be leaving by 7:15! We’ll return by 1 PM. Carpools home can be arranged for those Scouts that need them.

Where?: Battleship New Jersey, Camden Waterfront, Camden, NJ

Cost?: Free

Troop 48 returns to “The Big J” to help them clean their encampment area. Wear clothes you can get dirty! Eat breakfast before you come and pack a bag lunch! Loans of shop vacs are appreciated! We’

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:
