



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

March 2015

White Horse District – Garden State Council

Belleplain Camping Trip By Joseph B.

This weekend was the Belleplain trip where all the scouts slept in yurts for the freezing weekend. On Friday night, it went down to -2 degrees and the yurts didn't help much either. On Saturday after breakfast, the troop went on a fitness trail (except for me, Bar, most of the adult leaders, and one other scout). Then when they came back we went to Cape May and went to the beach to see the WW2 bunker. Next we went to the top of the Cape May lighthouse. Then we went to the small reptile house there. Finally, we went to the wreck of the SS Atlantus, a ship made out of concrete. There were many icebergs out in the water. We walked on them, but Jeremy (one of the leaders) went out too far and the ice behind him collapsed and left him stranded. Two scouts (leader of Badger Patrol) and Will (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader) made it back safely. On Sunday, we had to rush to get out of the campsite. We finally left 5 min after we were supposed to. But it was still a pretty cool trip.



Checking out the frozen ocean by the World War II Bunker!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- March 13 to 15** **Gettysburg Trip**
- March 21** **SkyZone Day**
- Apr 4** **Josh's Eagle Project**
- Apr 8 - 11** **AT Backpacking**
- Apr 18** **Rock Climbing Day**
- Apr 24 to 26** **Pequea Campout**

Monmouth Battlefield By Magnus P.

It was a cold winter night when we arrived at our campground, in Allaire State Park. Just how cold was it exactly? I'm not really sure. But it was cold. Anyway, it was just a couple hours before we went to bed, and luckily, while we slept, we slept comfortably. So the hours rolled by, it was soon time to get up and get ready for our hike. We packed our hiking gear up, got into the cars, and then we headed out to start off our hike at the Monmouth Battlefield. We arrived at the visitor center, where we waited to begin the hike. Our original plan was to hike for ten miles, but we made a wrong turn and apparently we only hiked for around four to three

This month in Scouting!

Friday to Sunday, March 13 to 15 – Gettysburg campout. Hiking 13 miles as we retrace the footsteps of the soldiers of the largest battle ever fought in North America! Bring some extra cash to get a cap in blue or gray!



miles. So, while we were hiking we saw many cool things. Some of the cool things we saw were things like a big wasp nest in a tree. It was a dead nest, and some scouts decided to knock it down. We continued our hike and someone realized that we turned the wrong way, but we were already near the end of the hike, so we just decided to ignore that mistake and finish the hike early. When we were right near the end, we stopped at a field and had lunch. There, we played a game of capture the flag in this huge field. I was

at one of the far corners, and I could see two deer run through a nearby orchard, which I thought was pretty cool. We packed up all of our things and then we started hiking again, and we neared the park center. There we went inside to look around at the many different things there was to see in there. At the park center, we saw Tim's grandpa there, who would tell us about Monmouth Battlefield's history. So we talked about it, and the history behind the battlefield here has a really interesting history. Monmouth Battlefield is where Civil War soldiers trained, but Monmouth became famous because there was a Revolution War battle there. That field where we were having the game of capture the flag was also a part of the battlefield. Tim's grandpa also talked about the Civil War itself. After a long talk and many questions, we moved to a nearby camp where there were soldiers there who had guns. They demonstrated how they would shoot during the war. So we stuck around watching them shoot, and the gunshots were pretty loud. But they were shooting blanks. So we went back to camp and we hung out there and ate our dinner. We continued to hang around at camp until we all went to bed. And in the next morning, we broke camp and left.

Jack Frost's Visitors (Troop 48) By Magnus P.

It was a fairly warm winter day, and we were headed up to a mountain the troop was familiar with, since we go skiing on it every year; Jack Frost. We were all excited to get up there and begin our skiing, snowboarding, and tubing adventures. Getting ready took a while, but it luckily didn't take too long to get ourselves ready to go down the slopes and hills. Mike and his crew went tubing, or as Abe would call it, "Weeeee choo-choo!" Lucas and I decided to start off by going down the Snowflake, which is a good hill to get



you back into the flow of things. So We Went down Snowflake a couple of times, and I've really improved from last year. I wasn't falling as much, and I could go much faster. I only really fell three or four times, unlike last time when I fell a hundred times on every slope I went on. But now, I was skiing much better strangely. So after a few skis down that slope, I decided to go on an intermediate course. We've been skiing down that slope for a while, and so I decided to go down another slope called Easy Rider. This was my favorite slope out of all of the other slopes. It was a very good intermediate course, one with plenty of steep slopes that were extremely fun to go down, and I caught some air on most of them. And, did I mention that the scouts I was skiing with along with myself and my dad rode for Gondor? Well, we did. It was pretty cool, and I was the fastest skier out of everyone. Skippy said that I don't pizza when I ski down, only french fries. We tried Jane's Lane, and that one was just another definition of a death run to me and others. We went back to Easy Rider, and skied down that for the remaining time. Everyone else went in, leaving me outside. I continued to ski for an additional amount of times, and then I went in as well. We left after many minutes of resting and returning our gear. We left soon afterwards, and the Purcells with my dad and I went to the cracker barrel to grab some food. And then after that was the end of my day of skiing.



Schedule of Trips and Activities 2015!

March 13 - 15 - Gettysburg Campout
March 21 - Trampoline Zone Day Trip
April 4 – Josh’s Eagle Project
April 8 to 11 - Backpacking Trip on the AT New Jersey/New York
April 18 - Rock Climbing Day
April 24 to 26 - Pequea Campout - hiking and caving!
May 2 to 3 - Troop Lock-in at “the shed”
May 15 to 17 - Weisner State Park/Knoebels Grove - Hiking and fun at the amusement park
May 31 - 50th Anniversary Dinner for adults and alumni (18+ years old)
June 5 to 7 - Cape Henlopen Campout (Seak kayaking)
June 20 - Battle of Monmouth Reenactment
June 26 to 28 - 5th Annual Alumni Trip (Canoeing for former Scouts and any leaders, past or present)
July 11 - Troop Swim Day/BBQ
July 17 to 19 - Great Egg Harbor River Canoe Trip
August 1 to 7 - Lake George Summer Trip
September - TBA campout
October 2 to 4 - MS 150 Trip
October 23 to 25 – Goshen Pond
November 14 to 15 – Annapolis Trip (College Football Game and tour of Annapolis Naval Academy)