



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

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Pequea

By Magnus P.

It was like two years ago when we were last at Pequea, warm, slightly moist, and a bit cloudy. Our cars drove up a very steep hill which was also very long, to the same campsite we were two years earlier. When we got there, we started to set up our camp. We got the tents all set up, and we were ready for camping. It was late at night, so we didn't do too much, so we soon went to bed.

The next morning, we were going to go on the hike. We got our packs up, and we got ready to head out. We then headed out, and we all went down the steep hill. A few other scouts and I ran down the hill, while everyone else walked. We waited a while for everyone to get down, and when they did, we continued the hike. We were walking along this river, called Pequea Creek, on a dirt trail. As we walked, we met up with my uncle and aunt, and this kid named Ameer. We hiked along the trail with them, and we were also walking along these nice houses. They all looked almost the same, colorful, high up, with people walking around doing what they have to do. It was just as nice as two years ago.

We got to a parking lot where we waited up for everyone, and we continued the hike. We got to the wooded area, and there we knew we were close to the cave.

We hiked, and then got to Wind Cave, the cave we'd be exploring. Badger first went into the cave, while Beaver and Eagle ate. When it was time

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

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| June 5 -7 | Cape Henlopen Campout |
| June 13 | Hornaday Project |
| June 20 | Battle of Monmouth Reenactment |
| June 26-28 | Alumni Trip |
| July 11 | Troop BBQ |

Scout Quote of the Month:

"It is risky to order a boy not to do something; it immediately opens to him the adventure of doing it." ~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell

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for me to go in, I got on my helmet, and walked in. It was cooler in there than it was out there, but not as as two years ago. We explored a bit, trying to find a new way out other than where we came in. We were unsuccessful, but the scene in there was amazing. We found a tight lemon squeezer, which had no way out, except for going backwards. We got out of that, and we explored a bit more. There was a pit labelled "Hell." Lucas and I were the first ones to go in. By this time, we were way below the surface. We ventured as far in as we could go, when other scouts and adults joined us in Hell. We climbed up and explored more, which is when I found the Holy Grail. We explored that a while longer and we then got out of the cave, the same way we came in. We hiked back to our camp, and while we were there, some of us went to the store. I went there, and when I got back, I made a good arrowhead from a rock I found on the ground. We hung around the fires, made dinner, and then we were off to bed, and left the next morning.

The Lock-In

By Magnus P.

It was a cool evening when we got to the shed. Some scouts were already there, and we were coming to the lock-in after we were at Josh's Eagle Scout project. So we got to the shed, and we took out the trailer. Some more scouts came, and they found places to sleep. I was going to sleep in the trailer, but I ended up sleeping in BAR's tent. Scouts hung out with each other, playing board games, or doing other things. Some of them got a huge fire going. The temperature was getting cooler. We got some nice delicious pizza that we all ate. There was plain, and pepperoni. By then, everyone was inside playing games, or outside by the fire. By this time, BAR had chosen me to play a game of "Munchkin" in their tent. We played this for a while, until we all fell asleep. At one point I fell asleep with my sleeping bag's bag on my head that I put on. When it was my turn, I woke up thrashing and throwing the bag away. We then slowly began to fall asleep. Luckily, I brought in my sleeping bag, so I could stay in there. It was around 2:30, and the church was still making a ton of noise. It was the morning, and everyone started to pack up and leave. Everyone was done packing up, and picked up by their parents. I was a bit surprised the church was still not partying.

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One Crazy Klondike

By Magnus P.

It was a cold night when we got to our campground. We were located in a different site rather than last year's Klondike Derby, so that meant a new adventure to us, meaning more fun. We hung out and set up camp, and Lucas and I had some difficulty setting up our tent due to the ground being very hard for the stakes to go in. Then after we got our tents all set up, some other scouts along with me got a fire up and running. It was a decent sized fire, and we all enjoyed it very much. We sat around and talked, and after possibly a few hours, we all went to bed. Most of us slept comfortably through the night, even if the temperatures were close to zero.

Waking up was not so fun, especially with the cold temperatures lowering through the night. But, we soon adjusted to the temperatures and we were up and about, getting our things ready for the Klondike events, and collecting firewood for our fire. We got up one hour late.

At our first event, we were located in the Yukon Territory, at Whitehorse, most of us were blindfolded and the scouts who were blindfolded had to pull the sled. We had to learn special commands on the blindfolded event, in order to do the competition correctly. It took us a while to get to the spot we needed to get to, but we soon got to it.

Next, we had to get a radioactive bomb can thing out of a certain area, keeping our distance away from it, and burying it. We dug a hole with our hatchet, and it was a nice hole too. It was the perfect size for the can. Other scouts got the bomb out by picking it up with two poles, one on each side. A rope was tied at the end of each one, creating a lasso-like thing. They surrounded the can with the ropes, and when we were done digging the hole, they picked it up by pulling on the poles and transporting it to the hole we dug. We also cut a nice piece of log out, cover the hole, and then buried it with dirt.

After that, we headed on out, to our next destination. At this destination, which was in Dawson City, we were visiting Dan. We had to save some guy who was Shiv who fell off of a telephone pole, who broke his right arm, right leg, and got electrocuted. We did pretty fair on this one, but we accidentally dinged his head when putting him in the sled. We got finished this activity early, so we had around 20 minutes of time to ourselves.

After those 20 minutes, we headed out to Miner's Prayer, where the scenario there was that the leader of the patrol broke his leg while we were stranded out in the wilderness trying to deliver a huge log to a group of people who are celebrating their existence. There is where we had our lunch. We had sausages with chicken noodle soup. One flavor we had was cheddar cheese filled, while the other was brats.

We then traveled to this chasm in Miles Canyon, where we had to cross it, bring all of our gear with us, using just one rope that was already there for us. Thankfully, a majority of our patrol made it across, along with almost all of our gear.

Next up was where we had to track a mysterious bear in Chilkoot Pass. We strung up our sled, and we did a good job, too! We then searched for the bear, to see if it actually existed. We found the clues that told us that it did, and so we kept on looking, in hopes of finding the bear. We have succeeded in finding the bear.

Now was the time for the great race! We got lined up, and then we were off! We were pretty quick, but soon things got wild when kids started falling and getting ran over. After a bit of that, Eagle won. After that, we've relaxed the rest of the day. We ate dinner, played some games, and we went to bed, and left the next morning.





Schedule of Trips and Activities 2015!

- June 5 to 7 - Cape Henlopen Campout (Seak kayaking)
- June 13 - Sherveer's Hornaday Service Project - Lake Worth County Park, Lindenwold, NJ
- June 20 - Battle of Monmouth Reenactment
- June 24 – Senior Patrol Leader Election
- June 26 to 28 - 5th Annual Alumni Trip (Canoeing for former Scouts and any leaders, past or present)
- Summer - Jacob's Eagle Project (moving office and building)
- Summer/Fall - Timmy's Eagle Project (working out in Wharton State Forest)
- 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 - Palisades (Alpine Scout Camp). Date TBA.
- September – Patrol Elections
- October 2 to 4 - MS 150 Trip
- October 23 to 25 - Goshen Pond Trip
- November 13 to 14 - Annapolis Trip (Navy Football game and tour of the Naval Academy)
- July 15 to 29, 2016 - National Jamboree at The Summit Reserve (National BSA Event)
- July/August, 2016 - Troop 48 High Adventure Trip