



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

February 2014

White Horse District – Garden State Council

Troop 48's Time at Fort Washington by Magnus P.

December 13-15, 2013

It was very cold. There was a ton of snow there, and everyone could not wait to get things going. We all could predict that this camping trip would be an awesome one, even if there were some minor problems. Some of us got to dance on the ice while two other scouts were playing hockey with Mr. Banana. After we did all of that, we got to go sledding. And if you ask me, I believe that that is most scouts favorite part of the trip. The time sledding was the best. There were all kinds of sleds there. There was a shovel sled, a Flexible Flyer, and a few others that were extremely fun to ride on. We got some nice pictures of us sledding down on whatever we felt like sledding in. That time was just amazing, especially when a bald eagle was flying overhead. We even skipped the hike just for all of the sledding! Anyway, that's not the only fun activity we did there. We even got to have a snowball war. That was also really fun, especially when you're just pelting every enemy you see with snowballs. Anyway, after a long, but fun time, we couldn't wait to crawl into our tents and go to sleep. But some of us decided to sled. AGAIN. But sadly the next morning, we had to leave that amazing campsite and go home. But we weren't the only ones who didn't want us to leave. It rained, and the temperatures dropped below freezing and our tents were caked in ice. And when we tried to pack up, our things were frozen to the tables. And that's what happened when Troop 48 went to Fort Washington.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Feb 28 – Mar 2	Rodney SR, MD
Mar 21-23	Sandy Hook
Apr 11-13	Lehigh Gorge Camp
April TBA	Spring Break Backpacking
May 30 – Jun 1	Campout
Jun 20-22	Lums Pond, DE

Congratulation!!!

Congrats to Troop 48's newest Eagle Scouts!

Nick Maurer
Greg Hunter
Ethan Zeigler

All three did a great job with their projects, come congratulate them at their upcoming Eagle Court of Honors!

This month in Scouting!

February 28 to March 2 – We return to Rodney Scout Reservation, one of Troop 48's favorite places in the world. We'll be camping out in Shawnee Cabin again, so bring your hockey stick and some board and card games! Activities during the day will include two hikes, a 4 mile hike and a 10 miler.

Troop 48's 48th Court of Honor by Scout Scoutly

This year marked Troop 48's 48th Birthday, which was celebrated on December 11. The ceremony was held at Holy Communion Lutheran Church, where SPL Nick M. acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Each Scout was recognized for his achievements this year. The Silver Bullet Award - for the Scout who attended the most trips this year - went to William Lowell who made 11 trips. The The Walter Kowalewski III and Andrew Baldyga Memorial Award - who goes to the Scout who best exemplifies the Spirit of Scouting - went to Nick M.

The Scouts enjoyed the annual slide show, and many desserts were consumed afterwards in the social hall.

Many thanks to Holy Communion Lutheran Church for allowing us to have our ceremony there and to all the families of the Scouts who brought treats and came that night!

Super Bowl Hoagie Sale

February 2, 2014

By Ann Gillespie

Thank you for all your help and support! We had a great sale. We made a profit of \$1332 and sold over 400 hoagies.



Sledding Round #1 at Fort Washington.

Troop 48 Goes Skiing

January 4, 2014

By Magnus P

The skiing trip on that cold winter day at Jack Frost was brilliant. At the sight of those neat slopes, we all wanted to go skiing, or snowboarding. Most of us took a skiing class before we got to go skiing. I'm glad I took the class, or else I wouldn't know how to turn. Anyway, it was cold, but we boy scouts didn't care that much. It was fantastic just sliding down the slopes at high speeds. I hope to go back there next year, but with more scouts to ski with. Because most of us, probably even ALL of us loved this trip. I know I did. But next time, I know it will be much more fun, because most of us now know how to ski, and we can go on more challenging slopes, maybe even The Black Diamond.

Upcoming Events - 2013-2014!

Friday to Sunday, February 21-23 – Rodney Campout – Northeast, MD.

Friday to Sunday, March 21 – 23 – Sandy Hook Campout – Sandy Hook National Recreation Area, NJ.

Friday to Sunday, April 11 – 13 – Lehigh Gorge Campout, Jim Thorpe, PA.

Friday to Sunday, May 30 – June 1 – May Campout

Friday to Sunday, June 20 – 22 – Lums Pond Campout, Bear, DE.

Friday to Sunday, June 27 – 29 – 4th Annual Alumni Campout (for leaders and former Scouts, aged 18 and older) – World's End State Park – Muncy Valley, PA.

Friday to Sunday, July 18 – 20 – Beginner Backpacking Trip – Worthington State Forest, Columbia, NJ

August – Summer Trip to Massachusetts!

September 26-28 – MS 150 City-to-Shore Bike Ride – NJ