



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

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White Horse District – Garden State Council



So Much Fun at Sunfish Pond

By Magnus P.

When we got to Worthington State Forest, we dropped the base campers off at their camp, and we backpackers headed for our camp. We started hiking up the mountain late at night, around 11:00-11:30. It took us a long time, and there was only one flat spot. After 45 minutes, we got to our campground and made camp, and went right to bed

since it was 12:30 at night. In the morning, we broke camp and started our hike. It was very rocky, and we were pretty high on the mountain. We soon got to Sunfish Pond, and filled up on our water, had a break there, and then we kept on hiking. We kept on hiking, and saw plenty of other good views of the lake. We also saw some small stone structures at an opening, and I thought that was cool. While we were hiking, we were coming across a ton of stones, and at some parts, there were huge stones that kind of reminded me of a sidewalk. At a few high spots, we could see very far, and very wide, especially at the View. We could see villages, big buildings, and even an airplane doing tricks. After a little bit, we started to hike again. It was almost all downhill from there and a lot more rocks as well. We then got to a more even area with rocks all around, and a small bridge with a stream under it. We had to keep on hiking, because nearby

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UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Nov 1 – 5** **Candy for the Troops**
- Nov 1 - 24** **Scouting for Food**
- Nov 7 -9** **Goshen Pond**
- Nov 22** **G.I.F.T Food Distribution**
- Nov 29** **Council Service Project - Camden**

Climbing Night at Elite Climbing

By Magnus P.

The night we went to Elite Climbing was a really fun one. One where most of us can't forget it that easily. We were all climbing on a ton of walls, and it was a lot of fun. Some of the walls there were hard. There was one that not even Will could climb. And I overcame a wall that I tried to overcome last year. And now I need to overcome the wall Will climbed. And on some walls, we were doing races to see who could reach the top first, or the quickest. It depended on what walls they were climbing. We finished our climbing, and then we began to head home.

Fun at French Creek

By Magnus P.

It was dark when we got to the camp, and it was also cold. Since it was late, we just set our tents up, hung around for a while, and went to bed. Some of us stayed at a fire for a while before they went to bed.

The day after that we went on a hike, and did the orienteering course. We hiked through campgrounds for a bit, and then we began our hike into the woods. The scenery was nice, and it was mostly flat terrain. There were trees all around, and there were piles of rocks every now and then. None of us got seriously hurt on the rocks, and we were moving along at a slow pace, so we could watch our step more easily. Even if there was mostly flat surface, there still was a lot of downhill and uphill, more downhill for the first part. We got to a playground and a big field, and a smaller field near the two, and in that smaller field was a tree, marking the beginning of our orienteering course.

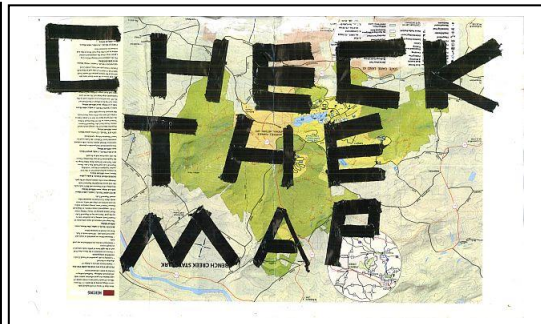
The first patrol to start it off was the Beaver Dragons, and ten minutes later the Badger patrol began. Finally, Eagle patrol went ten minutes after the Badger patrol. Everyone was stumped on one or two of the trail markers, but everyone managed to finish. Even if Eagle got stuck, we still managed to finish in first place time-wise.

Well, after that, we started our hike back to our camp. Now that we were on our way back, there was more uphill than downhill, and more uphill than the flat surface since we were taking a different route.

We got to our camp, and we all started making our dinners. After dinner, we got to do our free time. Most of us played manhunt, others sat around and relaxed, and James and I made a small teepee structure. After a bit, a big fire was lit and people started to play Fire Jenga on the grill that was over the fire pit. People made block towers, some were small, some were big, and one was very big. After the big one collapsed, we all just sat around the fire and went to bed a while after that. In the morning, it was colder than the night, and we got our stuff packed up and left the campground to the shed. And that's what happened at French Creek.



Taking a break at French Creek.



The most worth-while thing is to try to put happiness into the lives of others.

~ Robert Baden-Powell

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was a lodge, and we had to get food to eat for lunch. After a while, we went out of the lodge, got our stuff, and started to head back. After a long time, we got back up to the View, and then we rested there again. We could see a birthday balloon float by as we rested. The temperatures were obviously much warmer then. We kept on hiking back, and we got to the rocky area where we filled up on our water again, and cooked our dinner. Most of us enjoyed our dinner, while the smoked chicken tasted horrible to some people. After eating, we got back to our camp and went to sleep. The next morning, we got up, and broke camp. We went down to the cars, and hung around on a waterfall. We then headed to Hot Dog Johnny's, and then headed home.

Loving the Lums Pond Trip

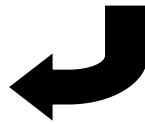
By Magnus P.

Our campsite was a nice, big area, with a back trail behind it. We went in there to do some exploring, but we didn't make it so far due to some area in the back smelling weird. Anyway, we started our hike, and we were hiking around a big lake, and while we were hiking, we went on a loop off to the side of the lake that was a mile long. There were a few muddy spots on that loop, and in the whole hike altogether. We came across a docking area with a few paddle boats there, and that's when it started to drizzle a bit. After that, we crossed a bridge with a zip line string on the other side of it. And then,

there was a big obstacle course in the trees. I thought that was awesome looking. After that, and after hiking through the woods for a bit more time, we hiked by people who were playing Frisbee golf. Then, we reached a pavilion-like structure and waited there for a bit so everyone could catch up. When everyone got there, we continued past a picnic area and into the woods, which were swampier than the last part of woods we were in. After a while of that, we got to a clearing where the lake and forest met, and there was a bench there with a tree branch slightly over it. That scene was a really nice one, and most of us got pictures on it. After that, we kept on hiking until we got to a dock. I could see the other docks on the other side of the lake that had the paddle boats in them. And the lake looked pretty big and long. After our hike, we got back to our camp and then organized a game of Manhunt. It lasted a long time, and it was pretty epic. After that long game, we all went to bed, and left the next morning.



Beaver activity at Lums Pond.- June



Climbing night at Elite Climbing – June.



May at Valley Forge

By Magnus P.

It was somewhat a warm day when we got to our camp. We got everything unpacked and headed up towards the camp to set everything up there. After that, there wasn't much else to do, since it was around 5:00-6:00 at night, or around there. So we just hung around a bit then went to bed. The next day was the hike. But we did our things at camp before going onto the hike. Sadly on the hike, when we just started hiking, there was a dead deer. But other than that, the hike was fun! We hiked through a small town, and as we hiked, I think I saw an old vehicle, which I think is a Citroen 2CV. I thought that was cool. Anyway, the village got thinner as we neared the field-like areas. We were walking by the fields, and on the other side of us was the forest. We were hiking by fields of wheat, and they were pretty big, and I liked the view. We kept hiking, and we started to get a bit higher. We were above some layers of ground, and there were some hills down there, and farther out was a really nice looking building. I think it was either a church or a college, I forget. But it was a pretty big building. Anyway, we kept hiking and we got to a little building that seemed to be a fort, and there were two cannons in front of the building aiming out into the fields. After a while of hiking by the fields, we then started hiking through the woods. There was a really steep hill, and it lasted a good while. We got to the top, and I could see through the trees, and we were high. It seemed pretty far down when I looked down and saw the road and river. The hike down that hill wasn't as steep as it was when we hiked up it. After that hill, we got back to the clear areas, and there was a huge arched sculpture called National Memorial Arch. We rested at that for a bit, and after the rest, we did a suicide charge across the field towards the other side. Very few of us ran all the way to the other end of the field. We had another break, and we hiked back into the woods. We soon reached the Valley Forge museum area, went in, got some food to eat, and then watched a movie on the history of Valley Forge, and what happened in it. When we were done, we sat outside the building and had some lunch, while we also played catch with the football. After a while of that, we got up and kept on hiking. We were hiking through the woods again, and we were hiking the same trail we hiked, but in reverse. Soon, we arrived back in camp and we had a few hours of free time left before we slept. So we did what we felt like doing for the remaining hours and then went to sleep.



*Hanging
out at
Valley
Forge.*

2014-2015 Troop 48 Schedule!

October 28 – November 24 – Scouting for Food
November 1 – 5 – Candy for the Troops Drive
Friday to Sunday , November 7-9– Goshen Pond Campout
Saturday, November 22 – GIFT Food Distribution
Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving Troops Greeting
Saturday, November 29 – Council Service Project – Camden Playground Cleanup

Wednesday, December 10 – Court of Honor
Friday to Sunday, December 12-14 – Monmouth Battlefield State Park, NJ – Explore
Wednesday, December 24 & 31 – No Scouts due to the holidays.

Friday to Sunday January 9 to 11– Klondike, NJ
Sunday January 4 – Ski Trip, PA
January – Super Bowl Hoagie Sale

February 1 – Super Bowl Sunday Hoagie Day
Friday to Sunday, February 20-22 – Belleplain, NJ – Yurt campout

Friday to Sunday, March 13-15 – Killians Pond, DE - Hiking

April TBA - Backpacking Trip
Friday to Sunday , April 24-26 – Pequea, PA - Campground

Friday to Sunday , May 15-17 – Weisner State Park/Knoebels Grove Trip, PA
– hiking and park

Friday to Sunday , June 5- 7– Cape Henlopen, DE – Sea kayaking
Saturday, June 20 – Monmouth Battlefield Reenactment, NJ
Friday to Sunday, June 26-28 – Alumni Trip, NJ

Friday to Sunday , July 17-19 – Great Egg Harbor River Canoe Trip, NJ

August TBA - Lake George Summer Trip, NY

September 26-27 – MS 150