



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

June 2015

White Horse District – Garden State Council

The Awesomely Awesome Summer Trip Issue

What do I need to know?

When is it? Saturday, August 1 to Friday, August 7

What are we doing? Planned activities include swimming in Lake George, climbing Rogers Rock, visiting Fort Ticonderoga, tubing at Ausable Chasm, hiking at Cat Mountain, canoeing at Putnam Pond, and doing the Adirondack Extreme Tree Top Course (events may change due to weather or other factors outside Troop 48's control)

Cost- \$250 for the week.

All Scouts must have the following:

- An up-to-date medical form with a physical & medical insurance info
- Complete a swim test
- A signed Summer Trip permission slip

Scout Quote of the Month:

"Lake George is the finest place on Earth for summer camping"

~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell

The Summer Trip

by Mike McCormick, Scoutmaster

Back in June of 1994, I went on my first summer trip with Troop 48. We went down to Shenandoah National Forest. I'd been to camp before, staying at Pine Hill or the YMCA camp in Medford, but nothing had prepared me for the fun of a Troop 48 Summer Trip. Even 20 years later, I can remember running through those woods playing capture the flag each night, hiking the mountains of Virginia, and doing a search-and-rescue drill (a plane had crashed only a few miles away) like it was yesterday. I had never had an adventure like that in my life, and to this day it remains my favorite camping trip of all time. You can bet that I never missed a summer trip after that.

This year's trip is extra special because it has been 50 summers since our first trip down to Lake George in the summer of 1965, and it's been 24 years since our last summer trip to Rogers Rock. Like every summer trip, this one is sure to be filled with great activities and great memories. It's my sincere hope that every scout in Troop 48 will be out there come the first week of August! They'll never forget it.

Knoebels

By Magnus P.

It was a cool and dark night when we got there. We were camping in a scout camp for this trip at Bashore Reservation. We set up our camp in a huge field where there were platforms there for us to put our tents on. Lucas, Red and I got firewood to start a fire, which burned for a few hours. We then went to sleep. We woke up next morning, pretty earlier than planned. We made our breakfast, and when we were done, we had about two more hours of time to ourselves. We fixed up our camp to get ready for the rain that was to come, by placing all tents on the wooden platforms. It was time to leave for the park. We got into the cars, and we were driven to the Knoebels Amusement Resort, where we ate our lunch outside of the park. We went in, we got our wristbands, and then we were free to roam the park and go on rides. The first ride that my group went on was a very tall wooden coaster, called, "Twister." When I was about to get on, I was nervous myself, but I knew it would be fun. We got on, and I was really nervous. The train started rolling, and I was ready. We went at a mild speed, but then we went down a hill, and then the speed started to pick up. Next thing I knew, the ride was running wild! After we got off of that, we went to a ride in which I always called Flyboats. They were little cockpits with sails on them, to make us glide through the air. The second time we went to it, there was a big lady on it who made it look like the boat would snap the cables because she was flailing the sails around, and making it bounce really hard. After we went on it the first time, we then went to these circular things that rolled around, and you'd have to make them loop. Lucas and I went into the same cage, but we sadly could not spin. We were close, though. We went onto another ride after that,

which I forget the name of, but it would spin around quickly, over little hills while music was playing and strobe lights were operating. We then went to the food court to eat some food, and then we went to the stratosphere, which is a huge tower in which people ascend to the air slowly, then are suddenly dropped. We then went to a Gravitron thing, except this on tilted you into the air. I sadly didn't go on it, because of how nauseous I felt. After that, we went on some more of the rides, and then we headed back to camp. We left because of a big incoming storm.

But the time at the park was great! We got to wander around without some adult telling us to stay together in a group with someone we may not like, and we were able to change groups, and we got to go on plenty of rides. It was a really fun time.

When we got back to camp, it was wet there, but not too wet. Some of us started a fire, and others hung around at the pavilion. After that, we then all went to bed, and left in the morning. This trip was going to face a lot of difficulties, but thanks to Ethen Zeigler's dad stepping in to drive, the problem about not having enough drivers was resolved.

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Lake George Memories...

By Gary Lake, Scoutmaster Emeritus

The 69 summer trip was supposed to be to a Lake George campground - the one we always stayed at - the name will come to me later (Editor's Note: Rogers Rock Campground). You will see a bus in some of the pictures - we traveled in that for a year or two. Anyway since the leaders never really came out and told us -the best I can gather the campground was never booked or something so there was a mad dash to figure out where the troop could stay. Somehow we ended up staying on the grounds at Fort Ticonderoga. It was a great trip because we would sneak into the fort at night and scare ourselves to death.

There was a bagpipe player that would occupy the fort during the day and play for the people visiting. One night either he or someone else put him up to going out in the field - which you can see in some of the pictures, below us toward lake champlain - to play the bagpipe and try to scare us. Well we didn't scare very easy so as I remember three of us started running to catch him not seeing the cow fence made of wire. I can't remember if it was me or one of the others but someone hit that fence waist high and flipped over the fence into a nice cowpie. Didn't stop us though - we still ran through the field and cowpies but to no avail - he eluded us. But great memories though. The next day in the fort the bagpipe player never fessed up - but he was smiling a lot.

Schedule of Trips and Activities 2015!

June 5 to 7 - Cape Henlopen Campout (Sea kayaking)
June 10 – Skyzone
June 13 - Sherveer's Hornaday Service Project - Lake Worth County Park, Lindenwold, NJ
June 17 – SPL Election and Anything Goes Night!
June 20 - Battle of Monmouth Reenactment
June 24 – Beginning of Summer Meeting schedule!
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 shelves in Haddon Heights)
Summer/Fall - Timmy's Eagle Project (working out in Wharton State Forest)
Summer/Fall – Don's Eagle Project
July 11 - Troop Swim Day/BBQ @ Atsion Lake in Shamong, NJ
July 17 to 19 - Great Egg Harbor River Canoe Trip
August 1 to 7 - Lake George Summer Trip
September 18-20 - Batona Trail Trip - hike to Apple Pie Hill.
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)
December – Court of Honor
July 15 to 29, 2016 - National Jamboree at The Summit Reserve (National BSA Event)
July/August, 2016 - Troop 48 High Adventure Trip