



# Trails of Troop 48

*Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.*

**December 2017**

**White Horse District – Garden State Council**

## Monmouth Battlefield

By Scout Scoutly

June 28, 1778, George Washington exploded in anger at his second in command, Charles Lee. This would perhaps be the Continental Army's, fresh off a winter of intense training at Valley Forge, best chance to seriously injure the British army, who were retreating across New Jersey after occupying Philadelphia. Lee had been ordered to occupy the British while Washington brought the rest of the army up, but had retreated when pressed by the British.

Washington rallied his troop, pushed them back into battle, and won one of the biggest battles of the American War for Independence. The British army would not venture out of New York City in force for the remainder of the war.

In November, Troop 48 visited the site of this epic battle. We went through the museum to learn about the battle that day. Then, our newer Scouts led a five mile hike around the battlefield. We took lunch in an apple orchard, then raced a rainstorm to finish out the hike.

That night, the patrols had dinner, then spent the night around the campfire. Smores were the order of the evening, along with grass flavored soda.

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### **Mike's Minute**

by Scoutmaster Mike McCormick

Inventor Thomas Edison famously failed over 1,000 times to figure out what filament would work for an electric lightbulb. When asked about this failure, Edison said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

Scouting is the same way. Whether its remembering what to pack, missing a requirement, or trying to get something done before it rains, we find a lot of ways that won't work around here. But that's how we find the ones that do. And the ways that don't work make the best stories anyway.

Need to buy food? Want to support Troop 48? Why not get Shop Rite gift cards!?

Just see Kellie Walker at any meeting to get Shop Rite cards! Troop 48 gets a percentage of each card bought!

## **Ryan's Eagle Project**

By Scout Scoutly

Last month, Ryan and twenty volunteers spent Thursday of Teacher's Convention weekend painting two buildings at Virtua Hospital. For this Eagle Project, Ryan coordinated the painting of these two huge buildings, although a healthy amount of Scout painting was done as well.

"Did you get any paint on the building?" was overhead from several parents afterward.

The answer is that the Scouts did a fine job painting, and the buildings looked great afterwards. Congrats to Ryan on finishing his Eagle Project, and good luck with your final push to Eagle!



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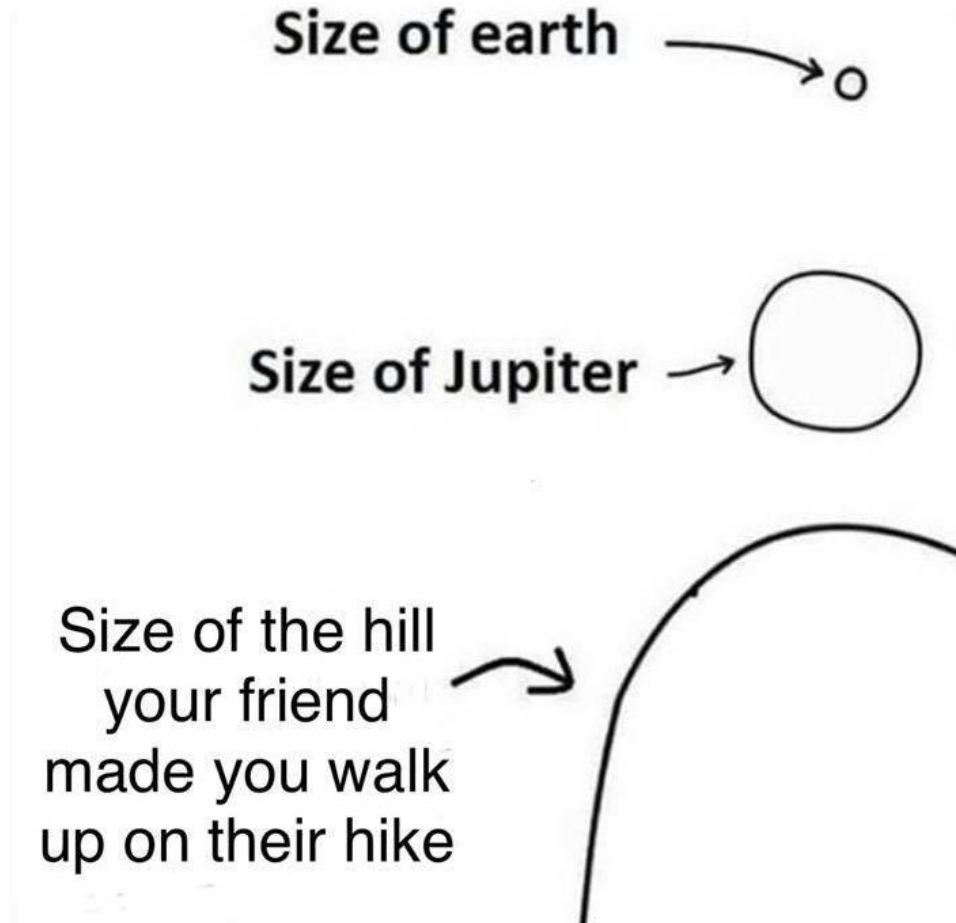
**“Teach Scouts not how to get a living,  
but how to live.”**

~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell. Founder of Scouting

**Next trip: Friday to Sunday, December 8-10 – Camp Alpine at the Pallisades! Trip!**

We'll be heading up to the Pallisades, a set of cliffs that straddle the New Jersey/New York border across the water from New York City. There, we'll hike, scramble across boulders, go looking for a castle, and check out where Alexander Hamilton was killed in America's most famous duel.

**Scout Meme-of-the-Month**



## **Upcoming Events - 2017-2018!**

Friday to Sunday, December 8th to 10th – Palisades/Camp Alpine

Wednesday, December 13 - Court of Honor and Troop 48's 53rd Birthday!

Sunday, January 7 - Troop 48 Ski/Snowboarding/Tubing Trip - Jack Frost Mountain, White Haven, PA!

Friday to Sunday, January 26th to 28th – White Horse Klondike Derby

Friday to Sunday, February 16th to 18th – No-Be-Bo-Sco Cabin Camping

Wednesday, February 28 - Climbing Night @ Elite Climbing

Wednesday, March 14 – Winter Court of Honor

Friday to Sunday, March 23rd to 25th – Poconos/Crystal Cave Trip \*

Friday to Sunday, April 6 to 8 - Beginner Backpacking Trip - Mullica River Trail - Atsion to Batsto, NJ \*

Friday to Sunday, April 27th to 29th – White Horse District Camp-er-ee - rifle shooting, archery, etc!

Friday to Sunday, May 4th – 6th – Valley Forge Bike Trip

Saturday, May 26 - Memorial Day Flag Placement @ Berlin Cemetery.

Saturday, June 2 - World War II Reenactment Day Trip – Reading, PA

Wednesday, June 6 - Annual Planning Meeting

Friday to Sunday, June 8th to 10th – Canoeing – Wading River – Camping Bodine Field. \*

Wednesday, June 13 – Anything Goes Night

Wednesday, June 20 – Potluck Dinner and Spring Court of Honor

Friday to Sunday, July 13th to 15th – Sea Isle City Fishing/Crabbing trip. \*

Saturday to Friday, August 4 to 10 - Summer Trip - Acadia National Park in Maine! \*

Friday to Sunday, September 14-16 – Beach Jam - Wildwood, NJ.

Friday to Sunday, September 28 to 30 - MS 150 Campout.