



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

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White Horse District – Garden State Council

No-Be-Bo-Sco

By Scout Scoutly

This weekend, we adventured many hours north to Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco in Blairstown, NJ! This is always a favorite month of camping in Troop 48, because it's the month of our annual cabin camp out!

Adventure was in the cards too, as Troop 48 scaled a mountain from camp to reach the Appalachian Trail. After admiring the views from the top, we ventured down the legendary Appalachian Trail. Along the way, we found more views, bear scat (sadly, no bear), and a lot of remains of old buildings and maybe campsites along the trail! 7 miles of tough hiking, so great job to everyone involved! "The hike was fun, but hard," said Tim.

After a steep drop down, we circled back to the cabin. There, the patrols had a cooking competition (winner to be announced on Wednesday!), the scrambled to get the patrol gear stored in the trailer as the snow storm hit! They did that quickly, and we got the vehicles and trailer to the upper part of the camp (didn't want to test an icy hill!)

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Mike's Nick's Minute

by ~~Scoutmaster Mike McCormick~~
Super Bowl MVP Nick Foles

"I think the big thing is don't be afraid to fail. In our society today, Instagram, Twitter, it's a highlight reel. It's all the good things. When you look at it, you think, like, wow, when you have a rough day, your life's not as good as that, [you think] you're failing,"

"Failure is a part of life. That's a part of building character and growing. Without failure, who would you be? I wouldn't be up here if I hadn't fallen thousands of times, made mistakes. We all are human, we all have weaknesses."

Palisades!

By Magnus P

I must say, the Palisades are a very neat place to be. However, when Troop 48 stumbled upon this place, they were met with bitter cold temperatures. Oh, and snow. Snow was also a frequent thing to see there. Anyway, setting up camp wasn't too bad of a task. The scouts, with the help of each other, have managed to set up camp in a reasonable time, and snuck into their tents into their sleeping bags.

There they slept, waiting for the next day; a hike, which appeared to be easy, however, Mother Nature decided to say, "nope," and make it difficult for some of the scouts.

Morning arrives, and the scouts emerge from their tent, fresh for the cold day. They had made their delicious breakfasts, packed their lunches, and headed out for a short, but brutal hike. Snow was beginning to fall. They have reached their destination, the place where the hike for the scouts would begin their hike. They got out and began walking, with snow beginning to lay itself down on the ground in a small layer. The scouts were on their merry way. Onto the trail they merge, surrounded by snow covered trees, bushes, rocks, and other things of nature. Their scout master points out that there was a castle nearby. The scouts march toward the stone structure, pile inside, and begin a small snowball fight. After that, they continue, merging back onto the main trail, continuing their descent to an area which would be the start of nature's brutality.

They've soon reached the bottom, and then they began to walk to the beginning of large rocks; the beginning of a large climb. The rocks are big, and they're also getting wet from the continuous snowfall.

But, the scouts climb, and they climb those rocks with ease, and they continue until they reach flat ground; now covered with snow. The snow, I must say, certainly did affect the performance of the scouts. Not positively. They had to watch their step, or else they might step on a rock that is too slippery and fall flat on their butt. But, they walked. And walked. And walked.

They were later at the lowest point on the trail. How do I know this? Well, I know this because they were right next to the Hudson River. At many points, one false step could have led to a scout falling in the bitter cold water (Which no one did, thankfully). After a bit of this low altitude hiking, they reach begin of an ascent: the gateway to getting out of this hike. By this point, something on someone was wet due to the constant shelling of snow that nature is tossing at us.

Up we climbed, to our exit of this hike. This is where I believe the most falls occurred on this hike, due to the steepness of the climb and how tired some of the scouts might have been. But, even if they fell, they were still brave enough to continue the treacherous hike. Because they knew that if they kept walking, soon it would end (Might as well jog the rest of it in that case). Up they went, until the end. The snow has packed a few inches on the ground, and also came down harder, faster. They got out in time to not suffer in the cold any further on that hike.

They return to their camp. One tent had malfunctioned a bit, but no biggie. The scouts fixed it, and crept inside to sleep, while their SPL, James, made them their dinner. A fire was lit, but it wasn't roaring.

The scouts ate their much deserved meals, and huddled down to sleep. The snow had calmed down, but kept coming. Nature was calming down, and the camp grew silent with sleeping scouts, who were eager to leave the following morning.

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!

While six inches of snow fell outside overnight, the Scouts hid out in the cabin (good scheduling!) where they played Uno, Risk, paper football, and about a million different card games. "I thought the snow as pretty cool," said Anthony.

Sunday morning, we hiked up to the cars with our gear and started for home, stopping off (of course) at Hot Dog Johnnys, because Hot Dog Johnnys. As Matt said, "I think snow is a great topping for hot dogs."

As Matt said when we pulled up, "I think snow makes a great topping for hot dogs." Truer words were never spoken.



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"It's the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man."

~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell. Founder of Scouting

Next trip: Friday to Sunday, March 23-25 – Friday to Sunday!

Crystal Cave Trip to the Poconos! Cost is \$45, but \$10 early bird discount if paid by our meeting on Wednesday, March 14th! We'll be exploring Crystal Cave and doing some other fun things as we welcome (finally) Spring! This will also be the last chance for Scouts to earn camping nights toward their Winter Camper Award!

Scout Meme-of-the-Month



Upcoming Events - 2018-2019!

Wednesday, March 14 – Winter Court of Honor and Parent Meeting - Holy Communion Lutheran Church (aka the big building next to the shed) - Berlin, NJ

Wednesday, March 21 - Swim Night - 7:30 to 9:30 PM at NL Aquatics Center (formerly the Coliseum) in Voorhees, NJ. Perfect time for Swim Tests, Swimming Merit Badge, or swim lessons! \$10 per Scout. This will take place instead of our regular meeting, see Aaron's email for details!

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

Wednesday, March 28 - Meeting @ "the Shed" at 7 PM!

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

Saturday, April 14 - Spring Hoagie Sale

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

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

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

Wednesday, May 30 - Canoe Practice - Penbryn Lake - Winslow, NJ

Wednesday, June 6 - Annual Planning Meeting for 2018-2019!

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 & Parent Meeting

Saturday, June 23 - Troop 48 BBQ and Picnic - Atsion Lake, Shamong, NJ

Wednesday, July 4 - Berlin Borough 4th of July Parade - Berlin, NJ

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 City-to-Shore Campout.

Still to be announced - Troop 48 Lock-in, James's Eagle Project