



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

April 2018

White Horse District – Garden State Council

Troop 48 Visits Crystal Cave

By Magnus P.

This was going to be a nice, chilly weekend for Troop 48 when we went out to Kutztown, Pennsylvania, visit the Crystal Cave. We headed out on our long journey, and after a while of driving, we reached our destination for the night. We had begun to set up camp in the dark of the night, assembling our tents so we could sleep in them in our cozy sleeping bags, waiting for the next day to arrive.

When the next morning came, it was a tiny bit chilly out, but not enough to discomfort us for the whole morning. We got ourselves dressed, made our nice breakfasts, and we had packed gear that we'd be needing when we went out to visit Crystal Cave, and Roadside America!

Our drive to Crystal Cave not much time at all. We did go by a huge Cabela's store, a place we'd be visiting again, soon. We get there, and we did a bit of looking around at their gift shop, and we saw some pretty nice things. We hadn't spent much time, when we were suddenly brought out to experience the main reason why we went on this trip, which was visiting Crystal Cave! We walked up the path, leading us to the entrance of the cave. We were also introduced to a small room, where we saw a small video on the basic history of this cave, and its discovery. We then ventured into the cave, being led by a tour guide, as we were shown the various formations in this cave, each one being given clever names. After a tour of this cave,

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Mike's Minute

by Scoutmaster Mike McCormick

In Scouting, the patrol is everything. The patrol is your team that you go camping with. It's your kitchen staff to get those dinners ready. It's your adventure team to go exploring with. Most importantly, it's your family that watches out for each other and makes sure that everyone is okay. While it's great to be a member of Troop 48, Scouts are members of their patrol first and foremost.

Happy Scouting!

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seeing the stalagmites and stalactites, we ate our lunches, and headed back out, to visit Roadside America.

We get to Roadside America, a little attraction which is basically a huge diorama, and we enter inside the building. We move into the room that has the diorama, and there are toy trains everywhere. This was truly an astonishing masterpiece, I can safely say. The whole thing was as big as the room itself! The whole town was modeled off of towns throughout the U.S., ranging from the wild west in the 1800s, to the 1960s. It was truly a great scene.

After Roadside America, we then ventured out to the Cabela's store we saw on the way to Crystal Cave. This place was huge. They also had a huge amount of guns there too, one being a Thompson. That was my favorite part about visiting this store. We also noticed that nearby, was an army surplus store. There, I made the great investment in buying a gas mask.

We head back to camp for the day, and I could safely say that we have been satisfied with what went on that day. At camp, we were free to relax or explore, which is what most of us did for that night. We stayed at camp for the rest of that day, and the next morning, we packed up our gear, and we completed this trip.



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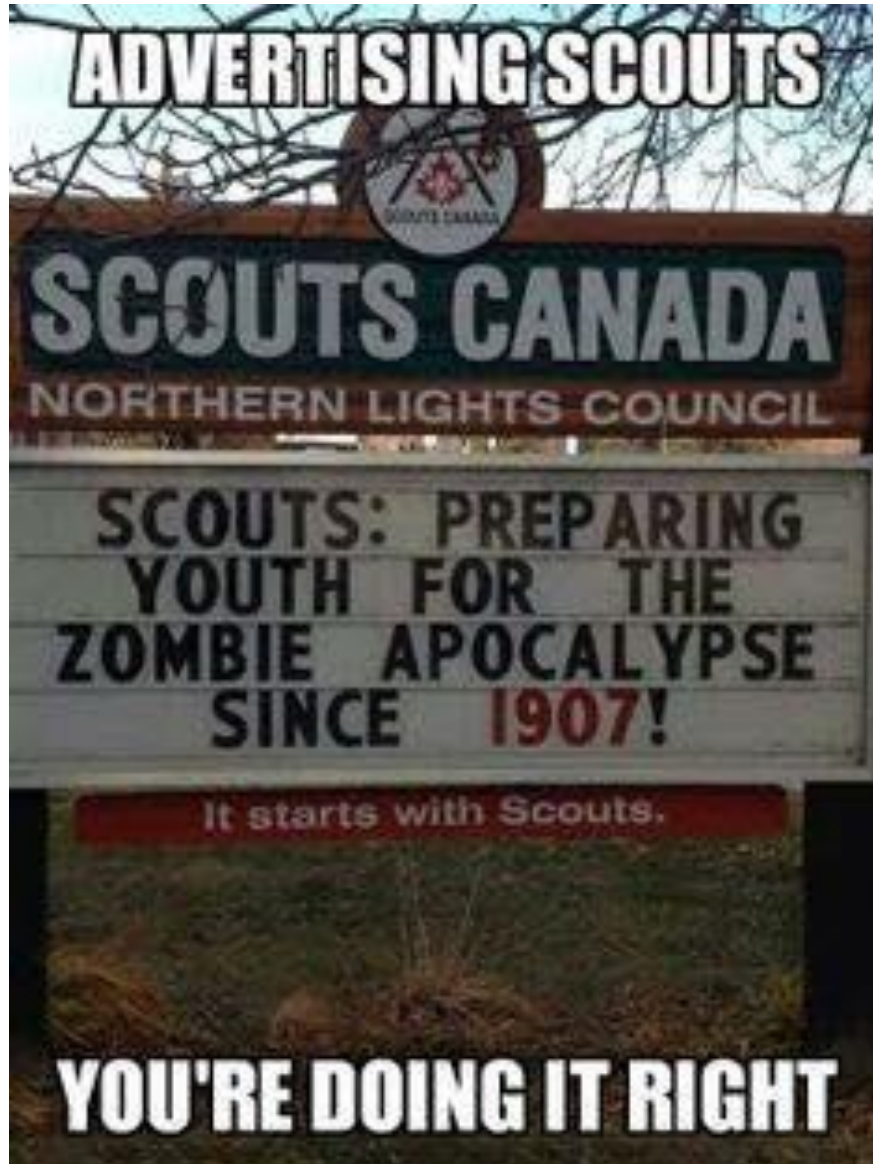
Next trip: Friday to Sunday, April 27 to 29 – Friday to Sunday!

White Horse District Spring Camp-o-ree - "Targets" is the theme, and the plan is for Scouts to go rifle shooting, do some archery, and do patrol events that involve targets throughout the day! Cost is \$40 per Scout, with a \$10 early bird discount if paid by Wednesday, April 18!

“Our aim is to bring up the next generation as useful citizens with a wide outlook than before and thereby to develop goodwill and peace in the world through comradeship and cooperation.”

~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of Scouting

Scout Meme-of-the-Month



Upcoming Events - 2018-2019!

Wednesday, April 25 - Meeting @ "the shed"

Friday to Sunday, April 27 to 29 - White Horse District Spring Camp-o-ree

Wednesday, May 2 - Map Reading Night Meeting @ "the shed"

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

Wednesday, May 9 - Meeting - Map Reading Challenge @ Black Run Preserve

Wednesday, May 16 - Meeting - Water Safety & Rescues @ "the shed"

Wednesday, May 23 - PLC Meeting @ "the shed"

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

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

Friday, June 1 - Troop 48 Fishing Night @ Acorn Hill Lake in Voorhees, NJ with Mr. Pannu!

Wednesday, June 6 - Annual Planning Meeting for 2018-2019 @ "the shed"

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

Wednesday, June 13 – Anything Goes Night @ "the shed"

Wednesday, June 20 – Potluck Dinner and Spring Court of Honor & Parent Meeting @ "the shed"

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 – To be determined

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.