



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

November 2011

White Horse District – SNJ Council

A Weekend at Sandy Hook

By Tim S.

On the weekend of the 14th, 15th, and 16th thirteen scouts left the shed to go on another amazing trip. As we arrived, we had to set up our kitchens and our tents. The next day we ate our breakfast and loaded up into cars. We first went to Highlands New Jersey to visit the twin lighthouses. We were lucky enough to have gone on the weekend of the lighthouse challenge so we could go up both of them.

Upon our arrival at Sandy Hook we walked up another light house that was taller than the first two. After that, we went to an old mortar bunker. After a lunch consisting mostly of PB&J; we explored another old base. We went to horseshoe cove after that where my brother Danny couldn't resist going into the water. Other kids walked the beach and did other activities.

The next day, we packed up to leave. On the way home, we visited the town of Allaire. We saw an old blast furnace and then learned a new way to wrestle. We finally arrived at the shed to go home after our adventures.



Playing games at Sandy Hook

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Nov 2 to 21** **Scouting for Food**
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- Nov 6 & 10** **Erik L's Eagle Project**
- Nov 18 to 20** **Batona Campground Trip**
- Nov 21** **Scouting for Food Distribution**
- Nov 24** **Feed the Troops Rally**

Down the Ol' Station by Scout Scoutly

On October 22 and 23rd, legions of Boy Scouts and teenagers descended on the Long-a-Coming Historical Society at the old Berlin Train Station to help Paul with his Eagle Project. Dozens of people worked hard for two days to scrape the old paint off the station and to repaint the walls, ceilings, station platform, and trim of the building a sparkling new yellow with red trim.

"It's great to help out the community that has been Troop 48's home for so many years," this intrepid reporter was told by Scoutmaster Mike McCormick. "I look forward to driving past this restored historical treasure every Wednesday night."

Buy Flyers Tickets, Help Backpacking Crew get to Grand Tetons!

Tickets on sale NOW for the Flyers vs the Sabres on Thursday, February 16! Tickets only \$50! Seats are in Section 222 and 222a, the "family section". Tickets will be in your hand in time for Christmas or Hanukkah! Flyers games are **SELLING OUT**, so get tickets now! Anne - gillespiejas@comcast.net

Also available – RAFFLE TICKETS!

- Chances for \$10 each to win one set of two tickets to the game AND you get to watch the warm-ups from the penalty box! Perhaps a once-in-a-lifetime chance! Only 100 tickets are being sold!
- Chances for \$2 each (or 3 for \$5) to win **autographed Flyers merchandise!**

Upcoming November event information

- **Candy for the Troops** – November 2 to 9 -Bring your extra Halloween Candy to the troop meetings on November 2 or 9th! All candy will be sent to our troops overseas.
- **Scouting for Food** – November 2 to 21 - collect canned and non-perishable food from your friends, family, and neighbors and bring them to Scouts between November 2 and 21. All food will be given to the food bank at Holy Communion Church.
- **Erik L's Eagle Project** – Nov 6 & 10 – Erik is building a fence at the Animal Orphanage in Voorhees, NJ. Times TBA!
- **Tree Farm Day** – November 11 – Grand Teton Crew helps out at the tree farm in New Egypt to raise money for their trip
- **Batona Campground Trip** – November 18 to 20 – the Cub Scouts come to visit as we build an obstacle course, have a short hike, play manhunt, and build a monkey bridge. Fun times for all at our traditional, long-running November campout! So long-running that I attended this trip as a Cub! Permission slip at the end of this newsletter!
- **Scouting for Food Distribution** – November 21 – 5 PM to 9 PM at Holy Communion Church – Come help put together Thanksgiving meal packages and distribute them to the less fortunate!
- **Feed the Troops Rally** – November 24 – 2389 Marlton Pike W, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002. We'll meet at the church at 9:30 to carpool over for anyone interested. Bring flags to wave as we thank (and surprise) hundreds of young men and women, currently training at Fort Dix to be deployed overseas, who can't be with their families on Thanksgiving. Please wear "Class A" uniforms.

Annual Troop 48 Yard Sale

by Luke S.

The troop yard sale on October 1, 2011 was a great success with a profit of \$450. This money will help pay for new supplies for the troop. It will also help keep the cost of trips down and enable us to replace broken equipment such as lanterns. Also we gave the shed a good and much needed cleanout that day. It began at 7:00am and we started to pack up at around 1:00pm.

Thank you for volunteering and donating your yard sale items to the troop. Please keep Troop 48 in mind when cleaning out your attic, basement, or closet and save unwanted items for us to sell at next year's yard sale.

EASY TROOP 48 FUNDRAISER!

Wish you could do more to support Troop 48 but never seem to find the time? Well now you can *and* take care of your errands at the same time when you use Shop Rite gift certificates purchased through Troop 48! These gift certificates come in handy denominations of \$25 and \$50 and are sold by Deb Sperling during each troop meeting.

With every card you purchase the troop makes money!



Paul instructs Ben on the finer points of painting at his Eagle Project.



Karl and Luke selling, selling, selling at the yard sale.



Troop 48 at Sandy Hook – Top: Jif. Middle: Don, William, Josh, Nick, Skippy, Dolan, Timmy, Russell, Pranav, and Luke. Bottom: Spencer and Danny. Not pictured: Tom, Matt, Mike, and Mr. Smith.

Blast from the past!

Troop 48 mucks it up in the mud on a camping trip in the Fall of 1967.



PERMISSION SLIP – Batona Campground



When?: Friday, November 18 – Sunday, November 20, 2011.
Please meet at “the shed” at 5:30 PM, we will be aiming to leave by 6:30!

Where?: Batona Campground, Wharton State Forest, Tabernacle, NJ

Cost?: \$20 - Please make checks payable to “Troop 48”

Obstacle course. Monkey bridge. Campfires. Awesomeness. The WEBLOS and other boys interested in Scouting will be visiting with us and camping with us on this trip. Invite your friends!

Please eat dinner before you come Friday!

SCOUT: _____ has permission to attend the troop activity/trip and has permission to engage in all activities, except as noted below. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to treat, hospitalize, and secure proper anesthesia and/or order injection or surgery for my son/ward.

RESTRICTIONS: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

If your son is required to take medication or has any other special needs, please list the details below:
