

Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

February 2015

White Horse District - Garden State Council

50 Years of Troop 48

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2015 has arrived, and with it, Troop 48's yearlong celebration of our 50th birthday! Things started off very well with a packed house at the Court of Honor in mid-December, with attendance not only from our current Scouting families, but visits from many former Scouts and leaders. We also had one of our biggest and best troop Klondikes in January, featuring an array of challenging events for our patrols.

At the Court of Honor, we debuted the Troop 48 documentary about our first 50 years. The theme of the video was our adventures for the last 50 years, and we've got some good ones to start off our second 50 years. We're returning to some of our favorite adventures in the next several months, including Gettysburg and Pequea. We're also trying some new spots, including sea kayaking at Cape Henlopen in Delaware in



UPCOMING EVENTS...

Feb 20 - 22 Belleplain Campout

Mar 13 - 15 Gettysburg Campout

Mar 21 Trampoline Day Trip

Mar TBA Josh's Eagle Project

Apr 8 - 11 AT Backpacking

Apr 18 Rock Climbing Day

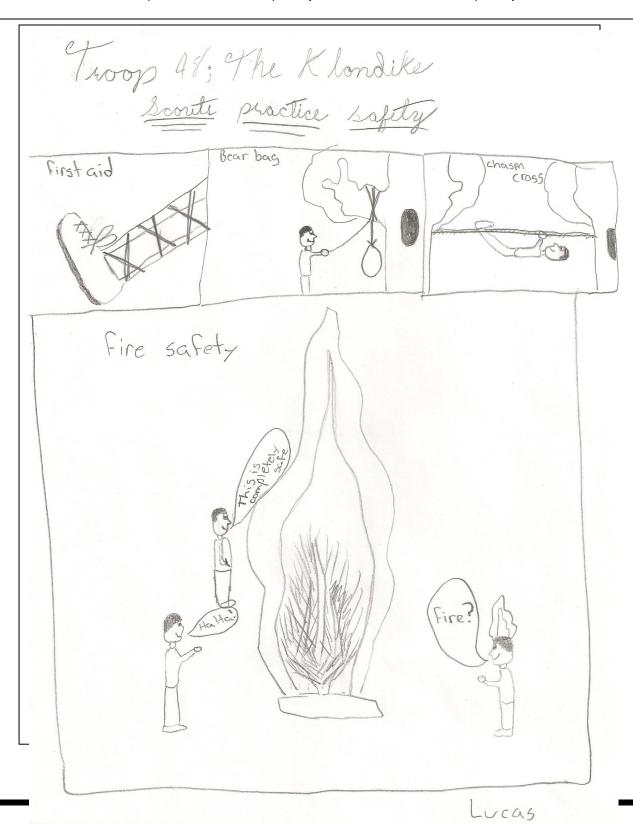
June and canoeing the Egg Harbor River in July. April will see us attempt a 50 mile backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail through New Jersey and New York on some of the most interesting mileage the AT has to offer. The centerpiece of the year will be August 1 to 7, when we return to the site of our very first summer trip – Rogers Rock Campground on Lake George in New York.

A huge thank you to all the Scouts and leaders who have made the last 50 years so great!

For those that missed the video, you can check it out on Troop 48's YouTube page!

This month in Scouting!

Friday to Sunday, February 20 to 22 – Belleplain Campout! Troop 48 will spending the weekend in some yurts. Saturday, we'll head down to Cape May to check out the WWII gun bunker and will take a hike. Cost is \$45. As always, families receive a \$10 per Scout discount if paid by 2/18 and a \$20 discount if paid by 2/11!



Schedule of Trips and Activities 2015!

February 16 – Merit Badge Day with Mrs. Sperling

February 20 to 22 - Belleplain Campout

March TBA - Josh's Eagle Project

March 13 - 15 - Gettysburg Campout

March 21 - Trampoline Zone Day Trip

April 8 to 11 - Backpacking Trip on the AT New Jersey/New York

April 18 - Rock Climbing Day

April 24 to 26 - Pequea Campout - hiking and caving!

May 2 to 3 - Troop Lock-in at "the shed"

May 15 to 17 - Weisner State Park/Knoebels Grove - Hiking and fun at the amusement park

May 31 - 50th Anniversary Dinner for adults and alumni (18+ years old)

June 5 to 7 - Cape Henlopen Campout (Seak kayaking)

June 20 - Battle of Monmouth Reenactment

June 26 to 28 - 5th Annual Alumni Trip (Canoeing for former Scouts and any leaders, past or present)

July 11 - Troop Swim Day/BBQ

July 17 to 19 - Great Egg Harbor River Canoe Trip

August 1 to 7 - Lake George Summer Trip

September - TBA campout

October 2 to 4 - MS 150 Trip