



# Trails of Troop 48

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

**April 2015**

**White Horse District – Garden State Council**

## Wishing Mike Luck!

By Magnus P.

In a matter of months, Mike will be headed out from the troop to start a dream he has been wanting to pursue—hiking the whole AT. He'll be leaving at around the 5th of May to Georgia after getting the supplies that he needs, then it is "Bye bye Mike!"

So Mike, Good luck on this backpacking trip. And we all hope you have a fun time!

## Three Days at Gettysburg By Magnus P.

It was a cool night when we got to the shed. We were all packing up and getting ready to go to our campsite at a very famous battlefield—Gettysburg. We piled into our cars and then we headed out to our campsite. The drive took around 2 to 3 hours, and when we got there, it was raining for a while. We first got our patrol tarps all set up, ready to put our kitchens in. After we've set up our kitchens, we got our personal gear set up. We then fell asleep soon after that. The next morning was a cool one. My patrol made breakfast sandwiches for breakfast that morning. We hung around camp for a while longer; then, we got our hiking gear up and ready to go on the hike through Gettysburg Battlefield. We started after we visited the visitor center, where we learned about the battlefield's history, and saw a bunch of guns up on display. We watched a short movie, and then we saw a huge oil painting that shows what was going on during the battle. We stayed for a bit, and then headed out to begin our 7.7 mile hike through Gettysburg Battlefield. We started walking down the path that would lead us to the battlefield. The scenery around the path was nice, and there was a lot of stuff to see, like trees, trees, and more trees. But sadly, there were no bees (Sorry Jeremy), well, at least none that I saw. We got to an opening, which lead across a road to the entrance of the battlefield. We entered, and we were greeted by a little building and fields. Big and long fields. We came to this one monument that was big, called the Pennsylvania Monument.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Apr 4**                      **Josh's Eagle Project**
- Apr 8 to 11**              **AT Backpacking**
- Apr 18**                      **Rock Climbing**
- Apr 24-26**                **Pequea Trip**
- May 2-3**                    **Troop Lock-In**
- May 15-17**                **Bashore/Knoebels**

Scout Quote of the Month:

*"A boy is not a sitting-down animal."*

~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell



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In one pillar, there was a stairwell that led to the balcony at the top, and that's where we viewed some of the battlefield. It would be a lot, but there was a really thick fog there. We got down, and continued our hike. After a while of hiking, it was time for lunch. We stopped at a very small castle looking structure, on Little Round Top and that is where we were going to eat our lunch. After we were done eating, we were going to have a small game of War, but I'm not sure if the game actually happened, since I didn't see much activity around our scouts. We packed up the remainder of our food and headed out, and continued hiking. So we continued hiking, and we got to Devil's Den, where we hung out, jumping onto rocks and roaming around underneath of them. After a bit of doing that, we got our gear up, and we headed out, to continue our hike at Gettysburg. The view was just as nice before, only this time the trees were far away and replaced by fields, but there were also really nice looking monuments. We hiked to a spot where a small monument was erected, and where that monument was, there was a soldier who held the American Flag as a charge was made into Confederate soldiers, causing them to fall back. We kept on hiking after learning about that, where the end of the hike drew nearer and nearer. After a while, we got to the beginning of Picket's Charge, a legendary charge in American history. We ran across the field. Stephen and I were far ahead, then we had to get back on the trail from running off course. We kept on running, and Jason soon met up with us. Stephen soon fell behind, and then after a while, I fell behind. Jason ran the rest of the charge while I slowed down to a bit of a jog. We then rested on a fence, waiting for the other scouts. When they came, we left, and we got to another monument. We rested a while longer at that one, then we continued hiking to the end of the hike. We got to the cars later, and went back to camp. While we were awake, a number of us hung out in the bathroom because of the warmth. Little Nick, Stephen and I hung out and walked around camp. We cooked dinner, which for my patrol, was seasoned grilled chicken. Then, it was time for us to sleep. So we all got comfortable in our sleeping bags, then went to sleep, and in the morning, we broke camp and headed home.

## Hike of the 10 Commandments

By Magnus P.

The 10 commandments hike is a hike learning about the churches while we visit the churches, and the different faiths of other religions, and it is a hike because we walked it. This is a hike that we scouts do every year at different towns. It started out in a little meeting room of a church, which was the First Presbyterian Church, on 21 East Church Street, in Blackwood, where in that room, we learned our first commandment, from a Jewish person "You shall have no other gods before me." We then moved into another room, where we sat in some pews as three priests talked to us about two commandments, which were "You shall not make unto you any graven Images," and "You shall not take the name of the lord of your god in vain." We then learned the history of the church we were in.

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We headed out, and began our 5.7 mile hike to learn about the 10 commandments. We got to our second church, which was supposed to be our third, but time was running short, so that church became our second one. That church was called the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, on 401 Erial Road in Blackwood. There is where we learned the commandment, "Honor your mother and father." So we learned that we should honor our parents because they were the ones who brought us into the world. After that, we then learned about the history of that church. We then moved on to our third church, which was going to be our second one, but like I said, the two churches had to be switched around due to time. "You shall remember the Sabbath and keep it holy," was the commandment we learned there, at the Bethel Christian center, which was on 1583 Blackwood Clementon Road, in Blackwood. After that one, we went to Our Lady

of Hope Roman Catholic Church, which was on 701 Little Gloucester Road, and there, we learned "You shall not steal." Then, we went to the First Baptist Church on Little Gloucester Road in Blackwood. We learned "You shall not murder" and "You shall not commit adultery" there. After that, we continued on to St. Johns the Evangelist, on 1720 Old Black Horse Pike, Blackwood. This was a very nice looking church, the coolest I've seen. It was made out of brick, and it had a nice yard. Very nice. Anyway, there we learned "You shall not bear false witness," and also how the priest got there. We left that church after we learned that commandment. We went to our last church, the Chews Methodist Church on 319, in Glendora. That was also a nice church, where we watched an organist play us some Bach. After that, we took a bus ride, and let me tell you, the bus was over stuffed. People were even sitting on the floor! Anyway, we got back, and everyone headed back home.

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## Advancements - January to March 2015

### Ranks:

Chase K – Star

### Awards:

Sherveer – Bronze Palm

### Merit Badges:

James B – Golf

Joseph B - Art

Nick M – Movie Making

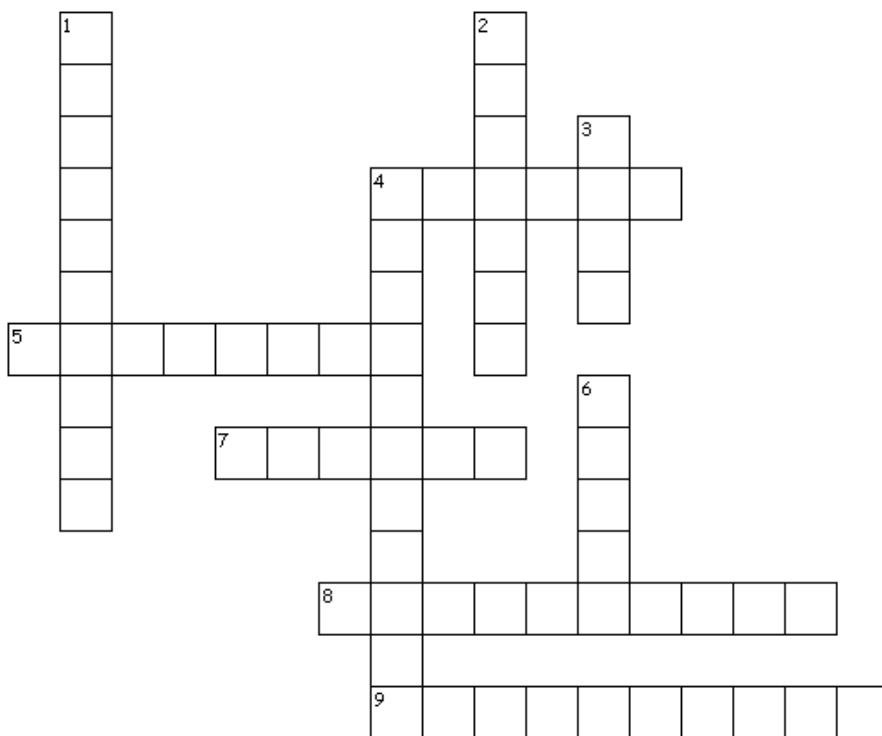
Karanveer – American Business

Golf

Salesmanship

Lucas P – Insect Study

# Troop 48 Crossword



## Across

4. current patrol
5. second Scoutmaster of Troop 48
7. senior patrol leader
8. biggest battle ever fought in North America
9. this year's summer trip

## Down

1. Scout motto
2. first scoutmaster
3. where you live while camping
4. founder of scouting
6. where we stayed at Belleplaine

## **Schedule of Trips and Activities 2015!**

April 4 – Josh’s Eagle Project

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 – Bashore Scout Camp/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 - Palisades

October 2 to 4 - MS 150 Trip

October 23 to 25 - Goshen Pond Trip

November 13 to 14 - Annapolis Trip (Navy Football game and tour of the Naval Academy)

July 15 to 29, 2016 - National Jamboree at The Summit Reserve  
(National BSA Event)

July/August, 2016 - Troop 48 High Adventure Trip