



Trails of Troop 48

Doing more before breakfast than most people do all day.

Summer 2018

White Horse District – Garden State Council

Acadia National Park

By Scout Scoutly

This August, Troop 48 journeyed 12 hours up the East Coast (after a mostly sleepless night at the shed) to beautiful Acadia National Park in Maine. There, we spent a week camping out just a few minutes walk from the ocean, and what an adventure that we had! Our very first day up, we went hiking and did some rainy tidepooling, which was a great way to stretch legs that were too long cramped in cars.

Sunday saw one of our greatest adventures – a high ropes course. We tackled a three level set of challenges at the Wild Acadia Aerial Park and Ropes Course. Each level had balance beams, swinging ropes, cargo nets, and other obstacles. At the end of the first two levels, a cargo net climb took you up another level. The Scouts topped out over 4 stories above the ground, where, after a final set of challenges, they ziplined back down to the ground. Afterwards, Scouts played minigolf, climbed a rock wall, bounced on trampolines, and raced go carts. Overall, a great second day. That night, we saw a world class sunset at Bass Head Lighthouse at the southern end of the national park. Many of the Scouts finished the night off by hanging out at the sea wall and watching the stars. The night was so clear and dark that Mars reflected off of the water, and we had about a dozen meteors to boot! *Continues on pg 3*

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Mike's Minute

by Scoutmaster Mike McCormick

25 years ago, Tom and I joined Troop 48. Did we have any idea that 2½ decades later, we'd still be with Troop 48? Definitely not!

You never know when a new opportunity might turn into something that you do for a lifetime, whether as a career, a hobby, or a volunteer opportunity. Try lots of different activities. Do merit badges you normally wouldn't do. Join that club at school. Go to that special event you've never been to.

You never know what it will lead to.

Wading River Canoe Trip

June 2018
by Scout Scoutly

June saw Troop 48 return to one of our favorite places, canoeing the Wading River in Wharton State Forest. We've been doing this for over 50 years, and this trip was a great time!

We set off Saturday morning for an 8 mile trip down the winding Wading. We put the canoes in at Hawkins Bridge. While we waited for the adults to shuffle the cars, the Scouts took a little early morning swim in river. Once they returned, we pushed off, and away we went.

Lunch time was at Godfrey Bridge. The Scouts gobbled down lunch quickly, then spent an hour swinging on the rope into the river and jumping off of the bridge. A few spent their time floating down the river by the canoes.

Troop 48 then spent the rest of the afternoon paddling the rest of the day down the river. Several Scouts may have spent more time in the river than in their canoes, a time honored Troop 48 tradition.



Another great trip!



Allaire State Park

July 2018
by Scout Scoutly

Our July trip was to the old iron town of Allaire. We played the "Who can get the best thing for \$5 at the flea market?" game, won by Moose Patrol with a weird looking pyramid thing. We then wandered the village of Allaire, which included riding an old steam train on a several mile

loop. We finished the trip off with a 5 mile hike at Manasquan Reservoir, which had beautiful views of the reservoir, of old dead trees in the water, and lots of birds. Good trip!



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Monday started slow, a late wakeup, a leisurely breakfast, and a few hours floating around Echo Lake in the national park. The usually chilly lake was perfect on a day that climbed into the upper 80s. That evening, we had an early dinner, then drove up to Bar Harbor for a little kayaking trip. We spent more than two hours paddling around Bar Island and Porcupine

Island. Along the way, we saw beautiful rock formations, watched a cruise ship pull out of the harbor, and saw a bald eagle! A few of the Scouts opted for more star gazing that night. Another great day in the North!

Tuesday saw perhaps the most challenging adventure of the week – the eight mile hike up and over Cadillac Mountain. The beginning of the hike was nice and shady, but the Scouts began to bake once they climbed above the tree line and into the unusually warm Maine weather (another mid to high 80 degree day). Fortunately, things cooled down once we climbed high enough for the cool ocean breeze to kick in. We spent a nice, long lunch break at the top of the mountain, enjoying what we packed, plus ice cream and cool drinks from the store. We then dropped straight down into what looks a lot like a canyon, before heading straight back up to the top of Door Mountain. There, we enjoyed another beautiful view, but with very few other people. We finished our hike by heading down Dorr, eating blueberries all along the way, before coming out at Siuer de Mont. We finished our day with a ranger program!

The rest of the week was more low key. Wednesday, we drove the park loop and explored Bar Harbor, where ice cream and pizza were consumed and annoying rubber chickens were bought (which are hilarious). Thursday, we dealt with rain, but went to the Seal Cove Auto Museum and went tidepooling. Friday we packed up and made the long ride home to New Jersey. Amazing week!

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**“A Scout smiles and whistles
under all circumstances.”**

~ Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of

Scouting

Summer Moments!

Fun moments from a summer of fun – (clockwise) fishing day at Acorn Hill Lake; a historical tour of Philly; Berlin's 4th of July Parade with Pack 48 and Crew 148; Mountain Man Camp at Elmer, NJ; and James Eagle Project at Fort Mifflin!



Scout Meme-of-the-Month



Upcoming Events - 2018-2019!

- Friday to Sunday, November 2-4 - Goshen Pond Campout @ Goshen Pond Campground-Shamong, NJ
- Sunday, November 4 @ 10 AM (right after Goshen trip) - Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
- Sunday, November 11 @ 10 AM - Scout for Food Bag Pickup!
- Saturday, November 17 - Thanksgiving Food Distribution @ Holy Communion Church.
- Friday to Sunday, November 30-December 2 - Antietam Campout - Rohrsersville, MD
- Wednesday, December 5 - Fall Court of Honor and Troop 48's 54th Birthday!
- Wednesday, December 19 - Holiday Party @ "the shed"
- Wednesday, December 26 - No meeting, Happy Boxing Day!
- Sunday, January 6 - Ski and Tubing Trip - Jack Frost Mountain (Family & Friends event)
- Sunday, January 13 - James's Eagle Court of Honor - 3 PM to 6 PM – Berlin, NJ
- Friday to Sunday, January 25-27 - Klondike @ Pine Hill Scout Reservation
- Saturday, February 2 - Pack 48 Pinewood Derby @ Berlin VFW - Scout help needed!
- Friday to Sunday, February 8-10 - Rodney Cabin Trip @ Rodney Scout Reservation in Northeast, MD
- Wednesday, February 13 - Climbing Night at Elite Climbing @ 7 PM!
- Sunday, March 10 - Lines on the Pines @ Stockton University. Scout help needed!
- Wednesday, March 13 - Winter Court of Honor @ Holy Communion Lutheran Church
- Friday to Sunday, March 15-17 - Halgas Wilderness Survival Campout @ Halgas Scout Camp in Woodland Township, NJ
- Friday to Sunday, April 5-7 - Gettysburg Campout @ Gettysburg, PA *
- Wednesday, April 10 - Swim Night @ TBA
- Thursday to Sunday, April 25-28 - 50 Mile Backpacking Trip - Appalachian Trail in North Jersey*
- Friday to Sunday, May 17-19 - Assateague Island Campout - Berlin, Maryland *
- Saturday, May 25 - Memorial Day Flag Placement and Flag Retirement - Berlin Cemetery & Berlin VFW
- Wednesday, May 29 - Canoe Practice @ Penbryn Lake (meet at shed at 7 PM)
- Wednesday, June 5 - Spring Court of Honor @ Holy Communion Lutheran Church
- Wednesday, June 12 - Scout Mini-Golf Night @ Pleasant Valley Miniature Golf, Voorhees
- Friday to Sunday, June 14-16 - Cape Henlopen State Park - Lewes, DE - Sea Kayaking *
- Thursday, July 4 - Berlin 4th of July Parade @ Berlin Township and Borough, NJ
- Friday to Sunday, July 19-21 - Mullica River Overnight Canoe Trip @ Shamong, NJ*
- August TBA- Summer Trip @ TBA!
- Friday to Sunday, September 20-22 – MS City-to-Shore