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Scoutmasters Corner

Welcome!

Welcome to all the new scouts and their families!

Welcome back to all the other scouts!
Welcome to Ed, he'll understand!

The Troop will soon be starting it's 28th year of providing the young men of the area with a program filled with adventure and fun. This year will be no exception. We have a Flea Market scheduled for October and with everybody's help it should prove to be a great annual event. A Canoe Trip and Camping Trip are planned for the troop before the Court of Honor in late December. 1994 will bring to us a challenge at the Klondike Derby, a Hoagie Sale on superbowl weekend, a camping trip to Rosedale Gun Club in February and to Rodney Scout Reservation in Maryland maybe in March, and of course our annual Whitewater Trip to the Lehigh River in April. These are the bulk of our planned trips but we also have some surprises to throw in there too. Who knows where we will end up next summer! (Dave, I promise it will be just as good as Montana.)

We will be giving out a list of all scheduled events and their dates very soon so you may plan accordingly.

Lastly, WELCOME to our 2nd volume of the Troop 48 Newsletter.
Thanks Bob!

by Gary Lake

High Adventure '93

On August 21, 1993, at 8:30 am we left for New Hampshire. In my opinion, I thought that this was the best camping trip we have been on so far. We got to the White Mountains by driving 10 hours in 6 vehicles. We camped at a place called Moose Brook State Park in Gorham, New Hampshire.

When we got there we decided who was going on the Appalachian Trail, and who was going to stay in the base camp. On Sunday, the hikers left for the A.T. They left from Crawford Notch, hiked over Mt. Washington, which is the tallest peak in the Northeast (6,288 feet), and finished at Pinkham Notch on Tuesday about dinner time. Altogether they hiked about 25 miles.

The scouts at the base camp went swimming on Sunday. On Monday we drove up the Auto Road and met the hikers at the top of Mt. Washington. On Tuesday, the base camp scouts went to the "Flume" at Franconia Notch. Tuesday night, the hikers came back to the base camp, and there was a big thunderstorm. On Wednesday, some scouts worked on advancements and some went rappelling. Then Thursday we all hiked about 4 miles near the Cog

Railway station at the bottom of Mt. Washington. After that we went to a water park called the Whales Tale. Friday morning we started the trip home.

by Kenny Madden, *Scribe*

The White Mountain Trip

On August 21-27, 1993 Troop 48 went to New Hampshire to hike up Mount Washington. On this trip there were two expeditions. Expedition 1 was to camp at the base camp in Moose Brook State Park. Expedition 2 was to hike to the summit of Mount Washington. Mount Washington is 6280 feet high.

When we got to Moose Brook State Park it was Saturday, August 21, 1993, 6:30 pm. That night both expeditions slept at base camp. In the morning of Sunday, August 22, 1993, expedition 2 had left before the people of expedition 1 woke up.

The names of the people who stayed at base camp were Mr. Faust, Mr. Madden, Mr. Skorup, Alex Kehler, George Tarng, Charles Palaia, Jeff Trost, Doug Faust, Ted Madden, Richard Randazzo, and me, Michael Vitarelli. That day on expedition 2, four kids had some trouble and Mr. Faust and Mr. Madden had to go pick them up.

On Monday, August 23, 1993, Alex, George, Ted, and Charles worked on a menu for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. That was for a requirement for First Class. We took a van up to the top of Mount Washington to meet expedition 2. We went into the store and ate lunch at the top of Mount Washington. When we were ready to leave five more scouts wanted to come back to base camp.

We had to rent a van to bring the extra kids down from the mountain.

On Tuesday, August 24, 1993 the people at base camp went to the Flume. There were about fifteen kids at the base camp now. When we got to the Flume we got into three different groups. What we did there was mainly hike around the river.

When we got back we got a call from Gary Lake to go and pick up all of expedition 2. Later in the night it did rain, it poured. Gary Lake was organizing everything like getting everyone's stuff in the van that had a tent that leaked. After everyone was situated in a dry place to sleep we had arm wrestling contests.

On Wednesday, August 25, 1993, some of us packed our things and left with Mr. Faust. The rest of the day, the people that stayed worked on advancements.

I think that it was a great trip, and if you didn't go on it this year, go on next year's big trip if you can.

by Michael Vitarelli, *Scribe*

Dues

Are your Dues payments up to date? We still have a number of scouts that are behind in their dues payments. Please see Mr. Faust if you have any questions. Thanks.

Memories

Do you remember these memories of the trip to the White Mountains?

- How long it took to get there?
- How cold it was the first night?
- How hard it rained on Tuesday night?
- How hard the hike up the first mountain was?
- How cold the water in the swimming pond was?
- The look on the person's face at McDonald's when we ordered 56 Egg McMuffins?
- The drive up and down the Auto Road?
- How to pass gas instead of going to sleep at the base camp?
- How many more stars can be seen from up in the mountains?
- The satellites and meteorites that night on Mt. Washington?
- The arm wrestling contest?
- How tired you got on the climb up Mt. Washington?
- The rescue of Joe Palaia on Mt. Washington?
- What real stress feels like when you're a leader?
- The feeling of accomplishment at the top of Mt. Washington?
- The smell in the van coming back from Pinkham Notch?
- The fun at Whale's Tale park?
- The voice of your Mom wanting you and your gear fumigated when you returned home?
- The anticipation of next year's trip?

by Bob Faust, Committe Member

Calendar

Sept. 18 - Swim at Skorup's
Oct. 2 - Flea Market / Yard Sale
Oct. 22-24 - Canoe Trip
Nov. 20 - Camping at Goshen
Dec. 22 - Court of Honor
Jan. 22 - Klondike

Troop Leaders

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