

**Troop 48 - Boy Scouts of America**  
**HOLY COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**442 STATE HIGHWAY 73**  
**BERLIN, NJ 08009**

**REPORT FROM PINE GROVE FURNACE**

Dear Parents and Scouts,

Your troop recently concluded its most successful summer camp ever. Forty-two scouts, an all time high, together with assorted siblings and a corps of adult leaders, journeyed to beautiful South Central Pennsylvania for a week of fun and accomplishment. Our base camp was situated in the magnificent forests of Pine Grove Furnace State Park at the virtual midpoint of the Appalachian Trail. The centerpiece event was a 50 mile hike on the "AT" to Duncannon, PA on the banks of the Susquehanna. Led by our Scoutmaster, Gary Lake with the able assistance of ASM Matt Spina and special guest leader, Matt Citron, 16 of our scouts made all or part of that adventure.

While our comrades were on the trail, the Base Camp contingent stepped back into history with a hike through the hallowed fields of Gettysburg. Back at Pine Grove, we got our own introduction to the AT with a five miler to Pole Steeple overlook on Monday and a ten miler southbound the following day.

Late Tuesday, the "Big Dogs" returned home in a cloud of sweat and foot odor very tired but very happy with what they had accomplished. That sense of accomplishment radiated out to the guys at the Base Camp who had taken the sore feet, parched throats and discouragement of their first hike, and through preparation, cooperation and sharing of resources turned that travail into a very positive experience on Tuesday (complete with Chunky Chicken trail food).

Wednesday was a time to regroup, rappel and rock climb together with a visit to our neighborhood quarry turned lake for a refreshing swim. Thursday we descended on Hershey, home of chocolate bars and amusement rides that got you wetter than expected. Friday was just another day in a string of perfect weather. (We really lucked out this time. Some of you may remember Gettysburg in '92.) Our well dispersed caravan arrived back at the Church during the course of the afternoon. All home and safe. (Sorry about the wait some of you parents had for the gear to arrive, but this new guy was towing the trailer.)

Our trip was the success it was for one reason - **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT!** We couldn't have done it without you folks. You drove out and back; you went shopping; you oversaw activities; you hiked; you arbitrated disputes; you administered first aid; you kept the books. You were there when we needed you, and for that we are eternally grateful. And think about what you experienced and accomplished. Besides your own internal rewards, you gave a wonderful group of boys memories that will last them a lifetime; memories that they can share with their children. You also gave them the challenges that we all know are essential for boys to grow successfully into men.

One final note. The trip cost less than we expected. (Better than the other way around which we've also experienced.) In this regard, for the scouts who paid for the trip we will apply \$15 toward the 1995-96 annual dues which will remain at \$40. Net dues in this case will be \$25. The balance of the surplus will be returned to the Troop treasury to cover the wear and tear on equipment and for activities in the future.

I am convinced that with our success at Pine Grove we have an excellent jumping off point for even greater adventures in 1996.

Sincerely,

Ed Madden  
Chairman of the Troop Committee.

**PINE GROVE FURNACE HONOR ROLL**  
**AUGUST 19 - 25, 1995**

**Bob Faust**  
**Dr. Tom Whalen**  
**Jim Papania**  
**Kevin Johnson**  
**Sharon Dawson**  
**Tony Chapman**  
**Jim Frame**  
**Bev Palaia**  
**Jay Murtha**  
**Diane Cielo**  
**Norma Wood**

**Elaine Whalen**  
**Frank Conicella**  
**Larry Saunders**  
**Howard Dawson**  
**Jim Baldyga**  
**Bill Berry**  
**Marge Kehler**  
**Kevin Corkery**  
**Frank Cielo**  
**Marilyn Campbell**

## We want a new neckerchief!!



We all know that Troop 48 is unique, but we want to become more distinctive. We need something to make us more outstanding. Something in line with our new troop motto: "Leave No Trace."

We need a new neckerchief!!!

The Troop Committee is holding a design contest for a new neckerchief. This new neckerchief will be a full square so it will be easier for you to use as a bandanna in the field.

On a sufficiently large and preferably square piece of paper you should sketch your design for the new Troop 48 official neckerchief.

All entries should be submitted to Mr. Madden on or before October 4, 1995.

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## Rummage Sale

Start saving your "stuff" for our annual rummage/yard sale which will be coming up this fall!

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## Calendar of events!

We have attached a calendar of events for our troop. We hope it will help you to plan for the coming year.

It is subject to change but when we do, you will get a new calendar. If you have more than one, just check the bottom of the calendar to see which one has the most recent date.

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## A change!

Is there a need to change the way we run the weekly meetings?

YES!

That is why Matt and Gary will be meeting almost weekly to plan the weekly meetings so that they are meaningful.

So keep an eye on us for these changes.

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## Parents

We need your help to make the above changes occur. We will be calling you to schedule you for a Wednesday night in which you will be asked to help out with a specific event or program.

If you have an idea of something you can offer to the troop, please call one of us or come to a scheduled leaders' meeting.

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## August trip 1996

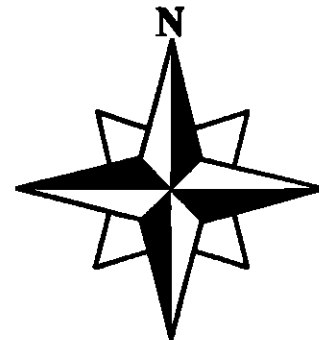
Can we ever out do this past year's trip or the White Mountains trip?

We're going to try!

Next year we want to go to Lake Raystown in central PA and do the following:

- have a base camp at Trough Creek St. Park,
- rent several houseboats for daily excursions on the lake to accomplish a litany of water activities,
- backpack the area's beautiful trails
- visit the area's historical sites
- visit Penn State Univ. and Juniata College.

More information will be coming your way as the trip begins to develop.



What does this mean to you?

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# Troop 48 - B.S.A.

## 1995 - 1996

September 95						
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### September

27 Wednesday  
Leaders' meeting

### October

6 Friday  
Canoe Trip on the Delaware River  
7 Saturday  
Canoe Trip on the Delaware River  
8 Sunday  
Canoe Trip on the Delaware River

14 Saturday  
Rummage sale at church  
25 Wednesday  
Leaders' meeting

### November

17 Friday  
Goshen Pond Trip  
18 Saturday  
Goshen Pond Trip  
19 Sunday  
Goshen Pond Trip  
29 Wednesday  
Leaders' meeting

### December

20 Wednesday  
Court of Honor

### January

12 Friday  
Raystown Winter trip for Green Bar  
13 Saturday  
Raystown Winter trip for Green Bar  
14 Sunday  
Raystown Winter trip for Green Bar  
15 Monday  
Raystown Winter trip for Green Bar  
28 Sunday  
Superbowl Hoagie Sale  
31 Wednesday  
Leaders' meeting

### February

3 Saturday  
Klondike - Troop 48 style - Hawkin Bridge  
28 Wednesday  
Leaders' meeting

### March

15 Friday  
Trip to be announced  
16 Saturday  
Trip to be announced

### March

17 Sunday  
Trip to be announced  
27 Wednesday  
Leaders' meeting

### April

11 Thursday  
Whitewater/paintball  
12 Friday  
Whitewater/paintball  
13 Saturday  
Whitewater/paintball  
24 Wednesday  
Leaders' meeting

### May

3 Friday  
Assateague  
4 Saturday  
Assateague  
5 Sunday  
Assateague  
29 Wednesday  
Leaders' meeting

### June

26 Wednesday  
Leaders' meeting

### August

10 Saturday  
Raystown Lake  
11 Sunday  
Raystown Lake  
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