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## **Weekend Fishing Trip**

On Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, about 11 scouts and 8 adults left for Manahawkin at 7:00 PM. We stayed at the Long's house for the night and most of the older scouts slept on the porch under the stars, while younger scouts slept in a tent. Saturday morning, we woke up bright and early to leave for the Barnegat Light on Long Beach Island. We went fishing from eight to one o'clock and only caught about three fish but all were non-keepers. Mr. Dodel caught a small flounder, and Andrew Dodel inadvertently caught a skate through tangled lines. I believe one of the adults pulled in an out-of-season fish. It rained for maybe twenty minutes and dark clouds were surrounding us in the ocean, but it passed on and the weather turned out to be pleasant. Most of us slept on the boat ride back.

When we all arrived back at the dock, we went to the Barnegat Light lighthouse. It was a great place for photos and a view of the ocean. Soon, the troop headed back to the house for some swimming in the water passage behind the property. Scouts went swimming, kayaking and paddle boating. But we weren't the only ones swimming in the water; we saw mallards swimming around, too. That night we played Monopoly, Sorry and Uno after having a delicious meal of grilled chicken (made by Mr. Dodel and Jack Swift who was learning the Cooking Merit Badge). Mrs. Long and other adults helped out with the

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rest of the excellent dinner. The trip seemed to be more of a vacation for the scouts. Andrew Dodel, our Senior Patrol Leader says that the trip, "...went well. We need to catch more fish." The next morning we went to mass and then headed home, where we saw an albino deer by the road. I wonder what it means...