

# Boy Scouts of America

## Troop 280



### The World War II Weekend

From Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>; the troop camped away for the annual World War II weekend, the most popular trip of the year.

On the first day, eight adults and thirteen youths arrived at Bede's by ten of eight in the evening. After stopping once for snacks along the drive, we arrived at Blue Falls Grove Campground in Reading. Two patrols were organized at ten o'clock, and the group set up tents between a fence and a pavilion that looked like a small neighborhood community.



Everyone was awake by seven on Saturday. A few scouts and adults joined and left the group throughout the day. Saturday had beautiful weather. The darkest clouds gave shade from the sun, and the slightest chill in the steady wind gave relief from the crowdedness in the hills, fields, and runways. There was an easy breakfast of bagels, pastries, cereal, bread, apples, and orange juice. An hour and a half after eating, scouts and adults left for the Reading Air Show and Mid-Atlantic Air Museum, both of which are the pieces to the World War II weekend event at the Reading airport. Through car and bus transportation, the troop achieved the destination at nine.



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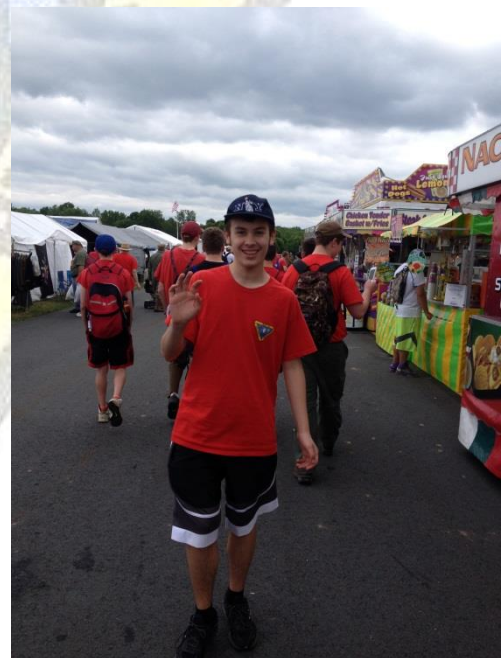
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The event was compiled of authentic and model airplanes from World War II, food and merchandise vendors, replicated camps from around the world, recreations of American homes and stores, singers,



reenactments, running vehicles from the past, and even more historical celebrations. Everyone had an awesome time viewing and purchasing, many buying various items from pocket watches to complete military uniforms. There were also books, movies, memorabilia, scout gear, patches, and games. Lunch options included hot

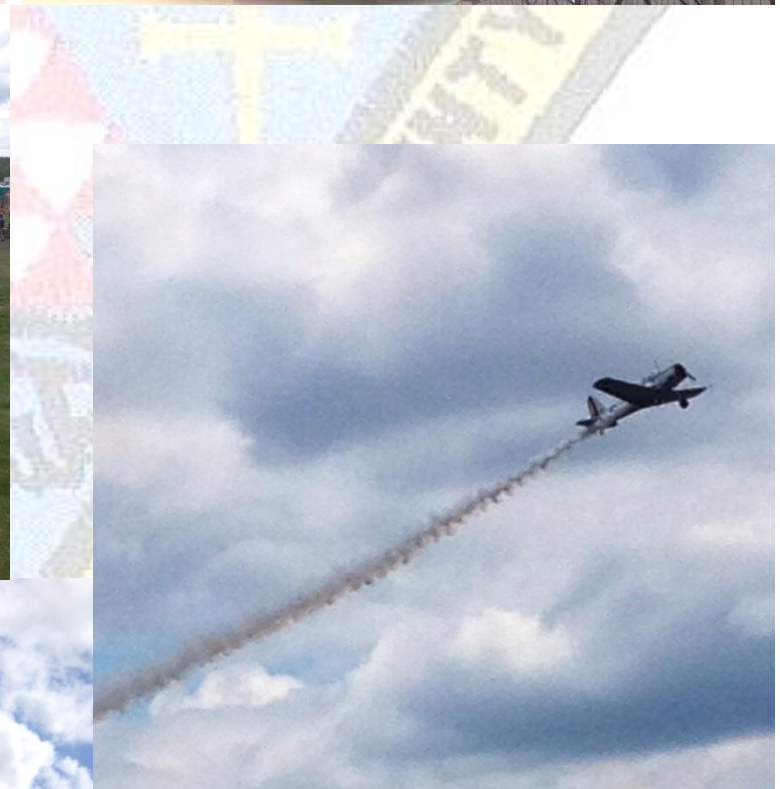
dogs, corn dogs, chicken tenders, French fries, ice cream, funnel cake, and other fair items. The first part of the day ended at two o'clock, when everyone gathered to leave.



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At the campsite, we made a meal of broccoli, chicken in Alfredo sauce, pasta dishes, and jambalaya. Once everything was cleaned up, the troop dressed for the Air Show's Swing Dance of the evening, some in WWII uniforms, while others in Class A, Class B, or casual clothing.



We travelled back to the Air Show, and nearly all of the people there were wearing outfits from the 1940s. It was just as if Troop 280 had stepped back in time. Some wandered around the fields and viewed the planes, while the rest went onto or watched the party (held inside the museum) for swing

music and the dancing. We left for the campground a little after ten, and all were asleep within the next hour.



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Breakfast for Sunday included French toast, bacon, and eggs. The troop ate around seven forty-five, and we even had a tame dog pay us a little visit. Afterwards, the gear and tents were packed, the site was cleaned, and the cars were filled. We attended eleven o'clock mass at Saint Bede's and

departed. This was the last weekend trip of the year, and the reasons for its popularity glowed vigorously the entire time.



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