



## **Fishing in LBI**

This year's fishing trip occurred last weekend in the midst of much rain and few fish. Actually, no fish. But that's not a big deal. After all, everyone who went had a great time, despite the sand and storms making a mess of our campsite on the beach.

We left Friday evening with about a dozen people in attendance. Our destination: Barnegat Light in Long Beach Island, at which we arrived a couple hours later on in the night. The Cawley's house served as our base, while tents were set up down the road by the waves and dunes.

The next morning, we woke up a little before six and made breakfast (French toast as the main dish) at the house. It was a little cold, but that faded

as the sun rose off through the overcast above the ocean.

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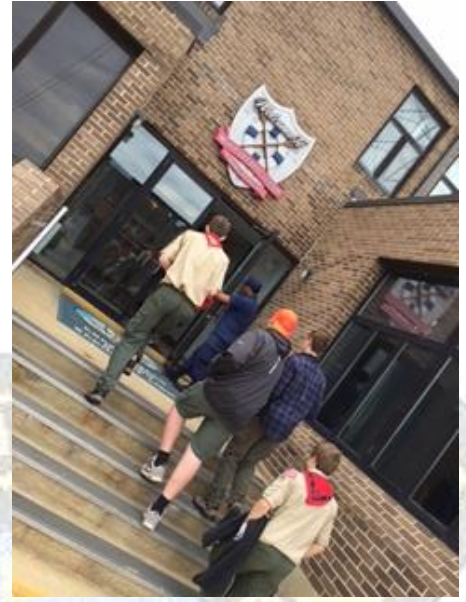


After eating, we had two hours to spare before taking a tour at Barnegat Light's Coast Guard Station, so we played Kan Jam and hung out. We began the tour when eleven rolled around. Our tour guide showed us through the building, boats, and the maintenance garage. The station was really neat, and there was a lot of interesting information given (which included that of Sinbad, a dog in the Coast Guard who's memorialized outside).



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Next we went to the lighthouse, which was great to return to. The weather was holding up at this point, so everyone enjoyed it while it lasted.



We returned to the Cawley's house for lunch after picking up some bait. Scouts went fishing by the bay when the rain started.

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## **Boy Scouts of America: Troop 280**

We decided to give Captain Sam a call and ask if he could still take us out on his boat for a couple hours of fishing. Sam was happy to have us. So, most of the group went out on the ocean in the rain until close to six. Only two people got sick, which apparently doesn't attract fish, as we caught none. But that was fine in my eyes, as I was honestly having a ball with the rough waves throwing the boat around. That was actually better than casting out hooks.

We eventually returned to the house and grabbed our tents from the beach to bring back. Most things were soaking wet, but it wasn't awful or anything. Scouts were able to take showers before starting dinner. Jack and I took the leads on that, which was a stir-fry with rice, chicken, and vegetables. The whole troop slept indoors as the rain continued to fall.



We got up Sunday morning with lots of sleep behind us. Scouts washed the tent materials for transportation. A small breakfast was had before packing the rest of the gear into the cars. We attended mass at Saint Thomas of Villanova, where parishioners were very friendly and welcoming. On our way home, we stopped at TK's Ice Cream, which was delicious. At

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Bedes, we divided the still-dripping gear among scouts before leaving.



A big thank you goes to the Cawley family for letting us use their house on the trip! It might have been a very wet weekend, but no one was bothered by the weather enough for it to get in the way of having a great time.

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