



Eagles Nest

May 2004

THE ASSAULT ON MT. MITCHELL



The Assault on Mt. Mitchell is one of the two major fund raisers each year for Troop #1. We typically raise \$3,000 for one day's effort allowing us to keep Troop #1 dues and costs to a minimum. And it really is a lot of FUN!

When: Saturday May 22, 2004

Where: The troop will work 3 stations; Spartanburg, Marion NC, and the top of Mt. Mitchell. Groups working Mt. Mitchell will camp at Black Mountain Campground Friday and Saturday nights.

What: Scouts will load bicycles onto trucks after the race. Some riders end their ride at Marion and the remainder of the riders finish at the top of Mt. Mitchell. The Scouts in Marion and Spartanburg will unload bicycles from trucks. It is important to take care when loading and unloading as these bikes range in value from \$200 to \$4,500.

Sign-up: It is imperative that we have each scout and one parent sign up for this project. We will try to assign everyone to the station of their choice, but if there are too many requests for a particular location, assignments will be made by rank. Please make sure you discuss with your parent where you want to work!

Please sign up in the Scout Hut during the next meetings.
Questions?

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Upcoming Events



May 22-23

June 4-8

June 13-19

July 11-15

Mt. Mitchell Project

Edisto River 50 Miler

Camp Ho Non Wah

Appalachian Trail 50 Miler

May Calendar

Tuesday, May 4

Patrol Leader's Meeting 5:45 – 6:00
Short Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30

Patrol Elections

6:20 Merit Badge Catch-up

6:20 CPR Training

Scouts may be picked up at 6:20 if they are not involved in CPR Training or Merit Badge catch-up.

Thursday, May 6

Scout Leadership Training 4:00-7:00

Tuesday, May 11

Scout Meeting *7:00 - 8:30

Family Hot Dog Supper

*Please Note Time Change

Saturday, May 22– Sunday, May 23

Mt. Mitchell Project

Tuesday, May 25

Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting 5:00 - 6:00

Friday, May 28th

School's Out

Friday, June 4– Tuesday, June 8

Edisto River 50 Miler

Sunday, June 13– Saturday, June 19

Camp Ho Non Wah

Scoutmaster Notes

Congratulations go out to Ben Taylor! Ben won the Senior Patrol Leader Election. As you all know, Ben is an active Troop 1 Scout and Outdoorsman member. Ben initiated the Pisgah Forest backpacking trip. This was a grueling twenty mile hike in the mountains. We traveled the Art Lobe Trail. Saturday the Scouts voted to hike thirteen miles so that they could arrive back at the van on Sunday in time to stop for a milkshake and hamburger on the way home. Ya see, Scouts can plan ahead! Ben earned the nickname "Bear" on this trip.



The Spring Aquatic Camporee was a huge success. Seventeen Troop 1 scouts attended this event. Most of our Webelos were there working on their Swimming merit badge. Older Scouts worked on Lifesaving and Canoeing merit badges. All the Scouts had an opportunity to gain service hours and most camped out for two nights

Our next big event is "Cross Over". We have ten first year Scouts crossing over. We will also have our final Court of Honor for Scouts and Cub Scouts. Current first year Scouts will be placed in their permanent Patrols. I hope everyone will be at this event to share the accomplishments of the Scouts and welcome our new members to Troop 1.

On a different matter. I attended an information gathering meeting on Thursday April 22. The meeting was in regard to the proposed merger between the Palmetto Council and the Greenville Blue Ridge Council. To summarize my findings, as mentioned in the news paper, this merger seems eminent.

As I see it, this merger will not affect the individual Troop programs in any way but is a Council strengthening maneuver. This type of consolidation between Councils is occurring across the country in the BSA program. A new name will be given to the new Council.

There will be some inconveniences associated with the merger. The first is, we will loose our Scout Shop in Spartanburg. The second and most important is that, if voted on by the committee, no two Troops may have duplicate numbers. I voiced my concerns on this matter at the meeting and was not given any guarantees. After the meeting I was approached by a committee member from Greenville and was assured that Troop 1 was of such status, that he felt we would not loose our number. It is this issue that causes me to have mixed emotions on the proposed merger. I feel that Troop 1 needs a guarantee that our number will not change. Any individuals who would like to become involved with this issue, now is the time! There will be a final vote on June 5. The Charter Organization Representative from each Troop will have the opportunity to vote on the merger.

The 50-Miler trip sign up sheets are down and we are going to spend the month of May seeking sponsors. We will have a series of notices run in the church bulletin and the opportunity will become available for Scouts to be in front of the church on Sundays. We will have sponsorship material at the scout hut on May 3. I would like to ask all Scouts who are signed up for a 50-Miler to please attend a short meeting after the Scout meeting on May 3. Parents are welcome!

Let's work hard on wrapping up loose ends before the Scouting season concludes. Please finish any merit badge work sheets and turn them in as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Walter

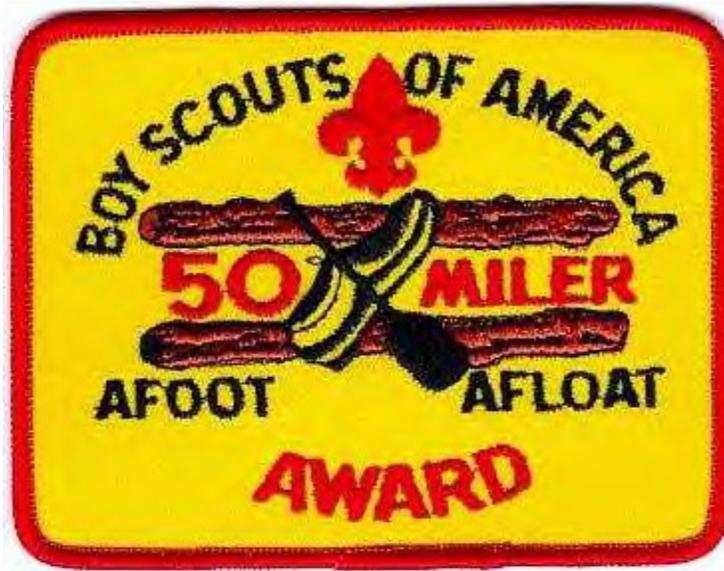


Scouts are required to be in Class A uniform in order to **vote or be elected** to any office. Class A uniform consists of: Scout Shirt with rank and emblems attached according to **The Boy Scout Handbook**, Khaki pants, closed toed shoes with Scout socks, neckerchief, slide and belt.

Older Scouts, your merit badge selection for Camp Ho Non Wah is due May 4, 2004.

It's a really **BIG DEAL!**

**TROOP 1 IS DOING TWO 50-MILERS THIS SUMMER, JULY 11-15, AND
JUNE 4-8, 2004.**



Significance

The 50-Miler is the most ambitious outdoor wilderness expedition a scout may endeavor during his time in scouting. "The primary objective of this program is to stimulate Boy Scouts, Varsity Scout and Explorer interest in the ideal of the movement and promote activity that will result in personal fitness, self reliance, knowledge of wood lore and a practical understanding of conservation."

The 50-Miler Award is presented to each qualifying individual for satisfactory participation in an approved trip. In order to qualify for the award the group of which the individual is a member must fulfill all of the following requirements.

*Make complete and satisfactory plans for the trip, including the possibilities of advancement.

*Cover the trail or canoe or boat route of not less than 50 consecutive miles; take a minimum of five consecutive days to complete the trip without the aid of motors. (In some areas pack animals may be used.)

*During the time on the trail or waterway, complete a minimum of 10 hours each of group work on projects to improve the trail, springs, campsite, portage, or area. If, after checking with recognized authorities, it is not possible to complete 10 hours each of group work on the trail; a similar project may be done in the unit's home area. (There should be no unauthorized cutting of brush or timber.)

Unit or tour leader must then file a 50-Miler Award application with the local council service center. This application gives additional details about planning the trip.

Please sponsor our Troop 1 Boy Scout 50-Miler Expedition! Sponsorships fund Troop 1 and Scout individual accounts for future High Adventure Trips.

Episcopal Church of the Advent
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Palmetto Council

*Boy Scouts of America Troop 1,
Spartanburg, South Carolina*

Committee Members

Walter Oates- Scoutmaster
Michael Hammond-Committee Chairman
Coby Alexander-Advancement Chairman
Rev. Rob Brown- Chaplain
Grant Calhoun- Mount Mitchell Co-chair
Stephen Freudenthal-Barbecue Co-chair
Ken Frick- Finance Chairman
Jamie Hodge- Mount Mitchell Co-chair
Mallie King- Eagle's Nest
Rodney Lacoste- Outdoor Chairman
Grey Lancaster- Senior Advisor
Jacky Middlebrooks-Scout Camp Chairman
Mike Parks-Senior Advisor
Cathy Richardson- Secretary
Chip Smith- Board of Review Chairman /
Barbecue Co-chair
Sarah Todd-Program / Merit Badge Coordinator
Holly Watters- Master of Ceremonies



Eagles Nest

Hunt Russell	05/05
Charles Adams	05/08
Colson Gibbs	05/10
Robert Wise	05/10
Cole Jones	05/23
Brad Daley	05/28
Coleman Hellyer	05/30



CONGRATULATIONS!

Graduating High School Seniors

Camden Hodge and Matthew Parks

Members of McCracken Jazz Band

Charles Adams and Winslow Schwartz

Magna Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam

Adam Freudenthal and Luke Somers

SHS Wrestlers receiving Varsity Letters

Luke Somers

A tremendous **Thank you** to all this year's Merit Badge counselors. Please contact them individually if you have specific questions about a Merit Badge. If you see them be sure to say **Thank you** again.

Walter Oates

Camping
Pioneering

Sarah Todd

Communications

John Green and Susan Dean

Reptile/Amphibian

Dr. Sonny and Mallie King

Veterinary Medicine

Rodney LaCoste

Salesmanship

Chip Maley

Forestry

Mark Johnson, Vince De'Carlo

Weather

Marianna Taylor

American Heritage
Genealogy

Rev. Rob Brown

Indian Lore

Beth Cecil, Sally Hammond, Joy Oates

Family Life

Dr. Robert Cochran

Physicals

Mitch Trammel

CPR

