

# The Eagle's Nest

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 1

MARCH 2007

## SCOUTMASTER NOTES

We have had a great start to 2007 with trips to Beech Mountain and Congaree National Park, as well as a number of Scouts working on the Cycling merit badge. It is amazing how well the Scouts can handle these physically demanding tasks and how poorly the adult leadership performs! At least some of the older crowd is getting in better shape with all this activity.

I hope that many of the Scouts and their parents will choose to participate in some of the trips this spring. Still on the calendar is the Virginia Creeper Trail; Aquatics Camp at the Middle Tyger YMCA; and the GPS trip in early May. It is important that Scouts show "Scout Spirit" and do more than attend meeting and complete merit badges. I plan on looking at scout participation harder when conducting Scoutmaster conferences in the future.

Finally, we will not have our traditional "Crossover" this spring as done in the past. Instead, we will have our final Court of Honor Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Scout Hut. Please mark this date on your calendar as this is our final, and very important, meeting of the year.

As always, I appreciate the help of parents throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated!

Thanks,  
Calhoun

## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR TROOP 1

Tuesday, March 6, 6:00–7:30  
*Citizenship in the World*

Tuesday, March 13, 6:00–7:30  
*Radio or Communications*

Tuesday, March 20,  
6:00–7:30  
*Radio or Communica-*  
*tions*



March 23-25  
*50 Mile Bike Trip @ Va. Creeper Trail*

Tuesday, March 27  
5:00: Troop Leadership Committee  
6:00–7:30:  
*Emergency Preparedness*

Tuesday, April 3  
No Meeting—Spring Break

Troop 1 meets every Tuesday evening in the Church of the Advent Scout Hut at 6:00pm. Meetings are usually over by 7:30pm. Proper uniform is required of all Scouts.  
NS = New Scout OS = Older Scout

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, SPARTANBURG, SC.**

## TROOP 1 OUTDOORS

The Troop 1 Outdoor Program is back in full swing as you read this after just completing a 15-mile backpacking trek to Congaree National Park. We have an exciting lineup of spring and summer events planned.

The Troop 1 buzzword for March is cycling as we have many Scouts hard at work earning the very difficult cycling merit badge on day trips throughout the month. This effort will be capped off by the March camping trip to Virginia where we will cycle on the 32 mile long Virginia Creeper bike trail. This trip will be for all Scouts regardless of whether they plan to earn the merit badge. The Virginia Creeper Trail is possibly the easiest, prettiest mountain bike ride you will ever encounter. This trail, which is actually the "retired" railway corridor of the Virginia - Carolina Railroad, has become one of the most popular bicycling trail destinations in the eastern United States. With its gently descending grade and well-groomed surface, lending itself perfectly to downhill adventures, the Virginia Creeper Trail is an attractive mountain-bike ride for cyclists of diverse abilities. You may surf the trail at: <http://www.vacrepertrail.com/>. Other trip details will be out soon.

The April camping event will be the Spartan District Spring Aquatic Camporee at the Duncan YMCA April 20-22. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the swimming, life saving, or canoeing merit badge. This is one of the few opportunities our Scouts have to participate in a district wide scouting event so all are urged to turn out and be a part of Scouting at its best.



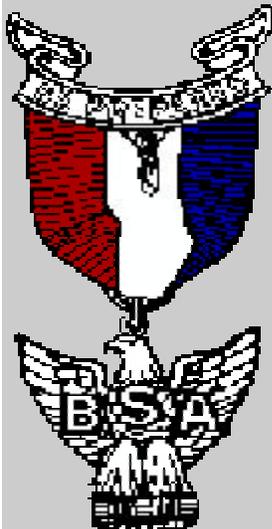
*Virginia Creeper Trail  
March 23-25, 2007*

# SCENES FROM CONGAREE



# Winter Advancement Update

W. Barnet	Personal Fitness
D. Berry	<b>Second Class Scout</b>
J. Blackman	Camping
Z. Boyles	<b>Second Class Scout</b> , Swimming, Forestry, Motorboating
C. Brown	Camping
J. Cope	<b>Second Class Scout, First Class Scout</b>
B. Daley	Personal Fitness
C. Fort	<b>Star Scout</b> , Personal Fitness, Snow Sports
R. Gilliam	Citizenship in the World, Indian Lore
J. Graham	Personal Management
C. Hellyer	Personal Fitness, Indian Lore
M. Hines	Snow Sports
W. Hudson	Salesmanship, Traffic Safety
H. Ike	Personal Fitness
J. Ike	<b>Gold Palm</b>
M. Ivey	Personal Management, Personal Fitness
T. Johnson	Camping, Fire Safety
D. Kayser	Personal Fitness, Salesmanship
H. Kennedy	<b>Second Class Scout</b>
W. Kennedy	Citizenship in the Community, Snow Sports
C. LeRoy	<b>Star Scout</b>
J. McBride	Reptile & Amphibian Study
C. Mercer	<b>Second Class Scout</b>
C. Miller	Emergency Preparedness
S. Parrott	Reptile & Amphibian Study, Indian Lore
A. Paul	<b>Eagle Scout</b>
L. Phillips	Personal Management, Personal Fitness, Medicine
J. Reel	Indian Lore
R. Reel	<b>Second and First Class Scout</b> , Camping, Personal Fitness, Forestry, Salesmanship
D. Sanchez	Camping
C. Setzer	Snow Sports
W. Tiller	<b>First Class Scout</b> , Camping, Snow Sports



Please join us to honor

**CRAIG CALHOUN  
ANDREW DARR  
JOSH GRAHAM  
ALDEN PAUL**

on their attainment of Eagle Rank, Boy Scout Troop 1

Court of Honor Ceremony  
Sunday, March 25, 2007  
4:00 p.m.

# Assault on Mt. Mitchell

I know its only March, but we have to begin thinking, planning, preparing for the Big Bike Race!



As you have heard, this year the Assault will be on **MONDAY, June 11**. This is a major event to coordinate and is a fundraiser for the troop. The good news is that at least it is summer break and our Bike Wranglers (Scouts) won't be in school. The bad news is that we require parents to participate and, unfortunately, we don't get a summer break — in fact some of us work harder while the boys are out of school than

in school. What this means is that we need YOU PARENTS to begin planning now to be available (or getting an adult substitute) that day to help out. We will need the Scouts and an adult (Dads, Moms, Grandparents, etc.) to be a part of this fantastic event.

As in the past, we will have 3 stations: Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium; Marion, NC; and the top of Mt. Mitchell. We will divide into three groups and coordinate the transportation of the bicycles when the cyclists complete their ride.

There will be several planning meetings scheduled between now and June 11 to finalize all the details and conduct basic "bike handling training." These meetings will be with the 3 "BWLs" (that's **Bike Wrangling Leaders**).

Mark the 11th of June in **RED** on your calendars! Look for more information in the next *Eagles Nest* and let's get started !

Mitchell Mercer

# POLICY UPDATE

All Scouts and parents should review this update to the Scout Spirit, participation and service policies. Please be sure that your activities are in line with these guidelines and follow the approved protocol before assuming service credit.

## SCOUT SPIRIT

Scout Spirit is defined in the Scout Handbook as living by the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. That implies that doing a good turn or providing service to others should be something you do regularly by choice – not just once in a while to satisfy a requirement for another organization or to obtain a certain rank in Scouts. Being an active member of your troop also shows good Scout Spirit. Being active means participating in:

- 50% (minimum) of Troop 1 meetings
- 50% (minimum) of Troop 1 activities
- Other activities / events designated by troop leadership.

## SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

**A scouting activity is anything the Scouts officially do together other than a meeting**

One of the requirements for 2<sup>nd</sup> Class is that a Scout must participate in five “Scouting activities” of which two must involve overnight camping. He must participate in five more for 1<sup>st</sup> Class rank, of which three must involve overnight camping. The activities may be completed anytime since you became a Boy Scout. If you spent the night at Crossover, that counts as your first activity. Qualifying Scouting activities include but are not limited to:

- All camping trips
- The fall BBQ
- The Assault on Mt. Mitchell
- Marching with the troop in the Veterans Day parade
- Attending Crossover, provided you spend the night
- Working on an Eagle Project for another Scout

Non Qualifying Activities include:

- Participating in a Court of Honor
- Attending Crossover without spending the night
- Scout Sunday

## SERVICE HOURS

Service hours are required for advancement to the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Scout (1 hr.), Star Scout (6 hrs.) and Life Scout (6 hrs.). Service hours include participating in a project benefiting the “community” as opposed to helping an individual. A service project performed as a required activity for another group (church mission trip, school citizenship project, etc.) does not count for Scout service hours. This is because scouts should not get “credit” from two groups out of one act of service; this goes against Scout Spirit. The Troop Advancement Chairman must approve any project before the Scout participates for service hour credit.

## POLICY UPDATE . . . continued

Unless the Scout is asked to participate in an event by another organization, the following projects are always approved:

- Goodfellows
- Mobile Meals
- Working on an Eagle Project for another Scout

Unless the Scout is asked to participate in the activity by another organization, the following activities will most often be approved, but require approval, in advance, from the Troop Advancement Chairman.

- Soup Kitchen
- Advent Church Bazaar
- Christmas in Action Events
- Habitat For Humanity Events
- TOTAL Ministries

Each Scout is also encouraged to research other activities not listed for service hour opportunities. These activities will require approval, in advance, from the Troop Advancement Chair.

Scouts are encouraged to do projects in different areas of the community, not just on the above lists. If a Scout has a project in mind, he must have it approved, in advance, by the Advancement Chairman. Asking for approval (via e-mail or voice mail a day or two before the project) without receiving an answer does not mean the hours will be approved.

Here are several questions that will be asked of any potential service project:

- Is the Scout using this project to get “credit” from another group?
- Does this project benefit the “community”?
- Is this truly a “project” consisting of a group helping the “community” or is it a Scout doing a good turn?

Upon completion of your service, be sure to get the Scout or adult in charge of the project to write a note saying when and how long you worked.

## Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge

### **New requirements 7a, b and c (as revised by BSA in 2005)**

Scouts working on this badge are required to choose and learn about a group that brings volunteers together in our community (requirements 7a & b) and volunteer for that group for at least 8 hours (requirement 7c). You must share your research for requirements 7a & b with your counselor and gain their approval before starting requirement 7c. You must use the same counselor for all three parts of this requirement, but it does not have to be the same counselor you used for the rest of the badge. Remember, as with all Merit Badges, any counselor not teaching this badge at Summer Camp or Merit Badge College must be approved in advance.

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

**Committee Members**

**Calhoun Kennedy**, Scoutmaster  
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**Ted Gage**, Outdoor Co-chair  
**Bubba Littlejohn**, Outdoor Co-chair  
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**Walter Oates**, Troop Legacy Fund Co-chair  
**Lynne Blackman**, Eagle's Nest

*Happy Birthday!*

**Cam Miller, March 2**  
**David Berry, March 5**  
**Sam Parrott, March 6**

**SCOUT CAMP  
DEPOSITS ARE  
NOW DUE!**

Camp Ho Nan Wah

June 17-23

Cost: \$185 (deposit \$35)

For more information,  
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