

The Eagle's Nest

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 1

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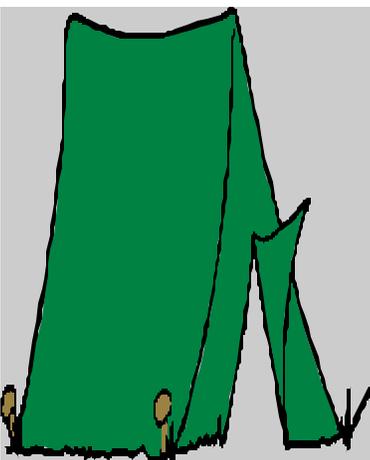
Scoutmaster Notes

We are in the home stretch for the 2007-08 Scouting year! With trips planned to Virginia and the Middle Tyger YMCA, as well as our annual GPS trip, the calendar is full. Please try and attend as many of these outings as possible.

The energy level of Troop 1 will be increased dramatically when Crossover is held on Friday, April 11. This will be a fun time as thirteen young men officially become part of Troop 1. With so many Life Scouts currently in the Troop, I hope that these older Scouts will take the "rookies" under their wings and show them the ropes . . . literally.

As always, thanks for your support and loyalty for Troop 1.

Calhoun



HO NAN WAH! June 15-21

Camp deposits and permission forms are due March 11. Contact Kyle Boyles with any questions you have about this important week in our year.

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR TROOP 1



Tuesday, March 11, 6pm
Flag Ceremony & Uniform Inspection

March 14-16
Caving Trip

Tuesday, March 18, 6pm
Auto Mechanics

Tuesday, March 25, 6pm
TBA

Tuesday, April 1
Spring Break: No Meeting

Tuesday, April 8, 6pm
TBA

Friday, April 11
*Crossover, Johnson Pavilion @
Lake Bowen*
*Proper uniform is required of all Scouts at all
troop meetings.*

HO NON WAH



 Wadmalaw Island, S.C.

TROOP 1 SCOUT CAMP WEEK June 15 – 21, 2008

Troop 1 Scout Camp at Camp Ho Nan Wah on the South Carolina coast is coming up June 15 – 21, 2008. Please submit the permission/payment form at the bottom of this page and a \$45 deposit made out to Troop 1 BSA to Kyle Boyles by the **March 11th** Scout meeting. Please also attach a front and back copy of your Scout's insurance card with this form. Scouts who do not have a current (less than 3 years when camp starts) Class I & II medical form on file with the troop and all new Scouts crossing over this year will need to have a parent and doctor fill out and sign a Class I & II medical form prior to leaving for camp. Older Scouts will be alerted after turning in this form if their medical information needs updating.

Questions: Kyle Boyles ktboyles@aol.com

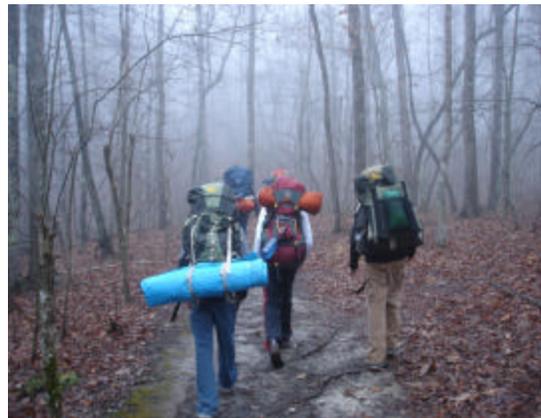
PERMISSION/PAYMENT FORM

My son, _____, has parental consent to attend the Troop 1, Episcopal Church of the Advent, Scout Camp week at Camp Ho Non Wah. The dates for camp are June 15 - 21. The cost is \$195.00 per scout of which \$45.00 is due with this form by the March 11th Scout meeting. The \$150.00 balance will be due April 15.

Parent signature: _____

Please submit this form with payment and copies of your insurance card by the March 11th Scout meeting to Kyle Boyles.

Winter Backpacking



The Troop 1 Outdoor Program is back in full swing as you read this. Our most recent 16-mile backpacking trek to Kings Mountain produced a new piece of furniture for the Scout Hut! Now, onto an exciting line-up of spring events.

This weekend, we will head to Virginia to explore Roberts' Cave. This trip is a troop favorite and should not disappoint us with a lack of mud and slime!

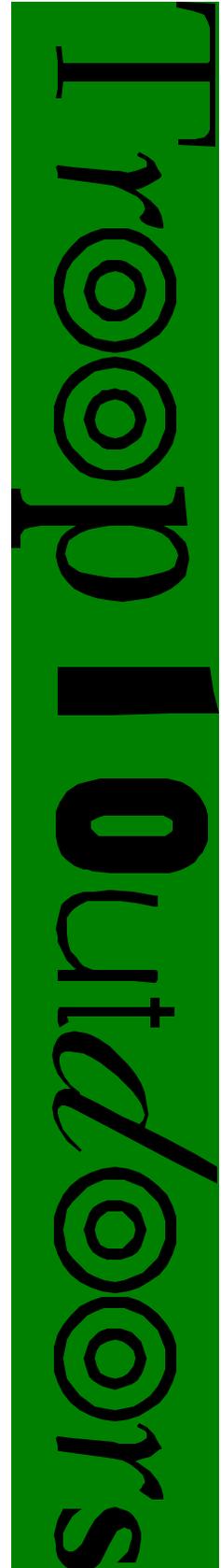
Two weeks later on April 28, the Troop 1 Sailors will depart for the Florida Sea Base with a stop along the way at the Kennedy Space Center. They will then be spending five nights aboard a sailing vessel en route to Key West for snorkeling and fishing. I am sure there will be some stories to tell upon our return!

Crossover is scheduled for April 11 and, as always, our older Scouts are encouraged to camp Friday night to help welcome our new Scouts into the great tradition of Troop 1. The Spartan District Spring Aquatic Camporee at the Middle Tyger YMCA will take place the next weekend, April 18-20. 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.

Please put some dates on your calendar for the future. The Nantahala Rafting trip will be August 22-24, 2008 and the winter skiing trip will be January 23-24, 2009.

See you on the trail~

Ted



Assault on Mount Mitchell

June 9, 2008

Monday June 9th!!! That is Mt. Mitchell Race Day. But then, you already knew that because you put it on your calendar last month – right? Right!

So what has been happening since last month? We have begun compiling the roster of all Scouts, including the new Scouts who will cross over this year. From that, we will divide the troop into three (3) groups of Bike Wrangler: one BW group for the Spartanburg Auditorium location; a BW group for the Marion location; and one BW group for the top of Mt. Mitchell. We will publish these assignments soon, along with the names of the location leaders so each Scout and their respective parent will know where their assignment is located. Generally, the new Scouts and their parents will be assigned Spartanburg, with the older Scouts and their parents being divided between Marion and Mt. Mitchell.

I do realize that it is possible (however remotely) that some of you may indeed have a conflict for June 9 – so if you do, **PLEASE** let me know ASAP so I can do two things. First, tell you “Tough luck, you have to be there anyway!” Secondly, if there really is no way to avoid your absence, I need to know now before we make final assignments so we can organize properly. Last-minute changes are difficult, so help out everyone in the Troop and let me know now. Email me at mitchell.mercer@timken.com if you really do have a conflict for that day. Forgetting the date because your dog ate your only copy of the “Eagles Nest” is not a valid excuse!

Remember - this is a required troop activity for both Scouts and parents. **The Race is on MONDAY JUNE 9th - Don't schedule yourself and your Scout to be out of town that day! We need you!**

Mitchell Mercer
Mt. Mitchell Chair



CROSS OVER

April 11-12, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Johnson Pavilion, Lake Bowen

Please plan to join us for a full night of Scouting!

We will serve Pig Out barbecue. Cost is \$8.00, per person, collected at the door. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:00 p.m., followed by our Court of Honor. Crossover and the bonfire will begin after this ceremony.

Camping for Scouts, who have just crossed over, along with their parent or guardian. Camping for other Boy Scouts who need a camping activity.

Please make every attempt to be a part of this important event for our Scouts. Crossover is for THE ENTIRE FAMILY and we hope to have a great turnout.

Directions to Johnson Pavilion

Go straight through Boiling Springs on Highway 9
From the light at Super Wal-Mart it is 4.7 miles to Edwards Road
Turn left onto Edwards Road
Go 1.1 miles to White Oak Road
Turn right onto White Oak Road
Take first right onto Waterline Road
Waterline Road goes into the gate to the Barbecue shed



SCOUT RESPONSIBILITY

Reprint of an article that originally appeared in the August 2004 Eagle's Nest.

One of the basic tenets of Scouting is to teach personal responsibility. If a boy forgets his sleeping bag on a campout, it's not the Troop's fault, nor the Scoutmaster's, nor his parents'. If he lets his patrol down because he forgot to wear his complete uniform to a patrol competition, it's not because of what the other Scouts did. Conversely, when a Scout is able to accomplish something using a skill learned earning a badge or rank, it's because he knew what to do—not because someone did it for him.

Advancement in Scouting works the same way. When a boy earns a rank, it's because he knew what was needed, not because someone else convinced a Board of Review that the rank should be awarded. When he earns a merit badge, it's because he completed the requirements, not because someone told the counselor that the boy excelled at that subject and should be given the badge.

The requirements to earn a badge or advance in rank can seem daunting at first. Some new Scouts especially seem intimidated by the task of keeping up with what needs to be done and by having to ask for a Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review. That's why we accept that the parents of first year Scouts are sometimes the ones asking the questions and making the appointments. However, by the time a boy has earned First Class, he should be familiar enough with the process and comfortable enough with the Troop leaders that he should be making the calls.

Increasingly over the last few years, parents of older Scouts (even some Life Scouts) have been the ones calling about their son's advancement. Several have called repeatedly asking the same questions while their sons do not advance because they do not participate. Sometimes I think they spend more effort lobbying me to advance the Scout than they spend motivating him to follow through and earn the badge or rank.

In an effort to change this, the Troop has adopted a new policy. Once a Scout has earned First Class, he should take full responsibility for knowing what he needs to do to complete a merit badge or earn a rank. He must be the one making the calls to schedule boards or to get a Progress Report.

If a parent (or Scout) has a concern about something that is happening in the Troop, they should, of course, feel free to call any of the Troop leaders. However, if the call is to find out what requirements need to be completed or when a Board of Review can be scheduled, the call should come from the Scout. If you need a report or have any questions, e-mail coby@teleplex.net.

Advancements

L. Barnett	Cit. Nation, Cit. World, Architecture, Textiles, Traffic Safety
J. Blackman	Personal Management, Personal Fitness
Z. Boyles	Cit. Nation, Personal Management, Veterinary Medicine
J. Cope	Veterinary Medicine
B. Daley	Personal Management
C. Fort	Cit. World, Veterinary Medicine
W. Hammond	Emergency Preparedness
M. Hines	Life Scout
W. Hudson	Personal Management, Veterinary Medicine
T. Johnson	Cit. Nation, Cit. World, Emergency Preparedness
D. Kayser	Cit. Nation, Cit. World, Traffic Safety, Medicine, Crime Pre.
H. Kennedy	Dentistry
W. Kennedy	Cit. Nation, Environmental Science
C. LeRoy	Cit. World
H. McBride	Cit. Nation, Cit. World
J. McBride	Cit. Nation, Veterinary Medicine
C. Mercer	Cit. Nation, Environmental Science, Crime Prevention
D. Middlebrooks	Bronze Palm , Reptile & Amphibian Study, Surveying
M. Oates	Soil & Water Conservation, World Conservation Award
R. Reel	Personal Management, Soil/Water Conservation, Vet Medicine
C. Setzer	Cit. World, Environmental Science
W. Tiller	Personal Management, Soil/ Water Conservation, Vet Medicine
B. Yurgiewicz	Cit. Nation, Personal Management, Veterinary Medicine

ATTENTION: LIFE SCOUTS!

Eagle Project and Board of Review Paperwork

When you earned Life Scout, you were given an envelope that included all the paperwork necessary to plan and complete an Eagle Project, apply for your Eagle Rank and the instructions detailing how to fill it all out. Sometimes this paperwork gets lost before you can use it. If that happened to you, you now have several options.

- The Eagle Project Workbook and Eagle Rank Application are available at the Council Office on South Church Street.
- I can bring the official forms to a Troop meeting if you let me know by noon Tuesday.
- The Workbook and Application are available on the internet to download, print out, the fill out by hand.
The Workbook is at <http://www.nesa.org/trail/18-927.pdf> and the application is at <http://www.nesa.org/trail/58-728.pdf>.
- We now have PDF copies of the forms that you may fill out on your computer, print out, and then obtain signatures on. These are different from the ones on the BSA website in that you can actually fill them out on your computer. If your handwriting is not very good, this could be a great way to present a very readable form to the Eagle Board.

I can e-mail you any of these forms, the instructions Troop 1 wrote in 2000 and any Troop Master reports you need. If you need a form, report, or have any questions, e-mail coby@teleplex.net and let me know what you need.

Coby Alexander

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Troop 1
Spartanburg, SC**

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Church of the Advent.*

Happy Birthday!

Nic Holcombe, 3.01

David Berry, 3.05

Sam Parrott, 3.06

**EAGLE PROJECT
SEASON!**

Watch for announcements from your Scoutmaster, as well as e-mails from fellow Troop members about upcoming Eagle Projects. Helping friends achieve this important milestone is part of each Scout's commitment. And, remember, one day you will be the one who needs help completing a goal!

Good News!

SDS Basketball: Harry McBride, John McBride, Thomas Johnson, Hampton Ike, Christopher LaCoste, Rainsford Reel, Sam Parrott, Richard LaCoste, John D. Ike
MJH Wrestling: Lewis Barnett, John Blackman, Harrison Kennedy, Walker Kennedy, Connor LeRoy, Charles Setzer
SHS Wrestling: Coleman Hellyer
MJH Honor Roll: David Berry, Charles Mercer, John Blackman, Jake Henderson, Wil Hammond, Connor LeRoy, Charles Setzer, Coleman Hellyer

*PLEASE share your Scout's good news with us: 4blackmans@charter.net
Seniors: Let us know your college plans so that we can salute you.*