



The Eagle's Nest

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 1

JANUARY 2009

Scoutmaster Notes

Welcome back from the holiday break! I hope those Scouts in need of the Personal Management merit badge are jumping right in to take advantage of Mr. Middlebrooks generous offer to teach the class again. Also, this issue of the *Eagle's Nest* includes our new merit badge schedule. There's lots to do and learn. Our eager group of "first-years" will be joining the "older Scouts" in early February. They are ready to shed their "rookie" status!

For those parents who made a New Year's resolution to get in better shape, Troop 1 is ready to help! You can go skiing in January, go backpacking 15 miles in late February, and then bike 50 miles down the Virginia Creeper Trail in March. I hope you will make every effort to join us on these adventures!

Plenty is happening in the upcoming weeks. We have a couple of Eagle ceremonies, Merit Badge College on January 31 and February 7, and then Scout Sunday on February 8. Plan on having breakfast with the troop before the Scout Sunday service.

Finally, I would like to thank Chad James who will be taking over as Scoutmaster at Crossover in April. Chad already knows a lot of the older Scouts through his leadership with the "D Group" program at the Advent, and his son Forest will be crossing over this spring. Expect to see Chad at upcoming meetings as he starts to get his feet wet in Scouting.

As always, I appreciate the loyalty and support everyone provides Troop 1.

All the best,
Calhoun

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR TROOP 1



Tuesday, January 13, 6pm
Personal Management

Sunday, January 18, 3pm
*Eagle Ceremony honoring Walker
Tiller, Rainsford Reel and
Dietrich Kayser @ Advent*

Tuesday, January 20, 6pm
Snow Sports

Tuesday, January 27, 6pm
Court of Honor

January 23-25
Ski Trip

Saturday, January 31
Merit Badge College

Tuesday, February 3, 6pm
Patrol Competitions

Saturday, February 7
Merit Badge College

Sunday, February 8
Scout Sunday @ Advent, 9am

*Eagle Ceremony honoring Caleb
Jennings, Zach Brown & Drew
Henderson @ Advent, 3pm*

Please join Troop 1 in honoring these
Scouts at their Eagle Ceremonies:

Walker Tiller
Rainsford Reel
Dietrich Kayser

Sunday, January 18, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Episcopal Church of the Advent

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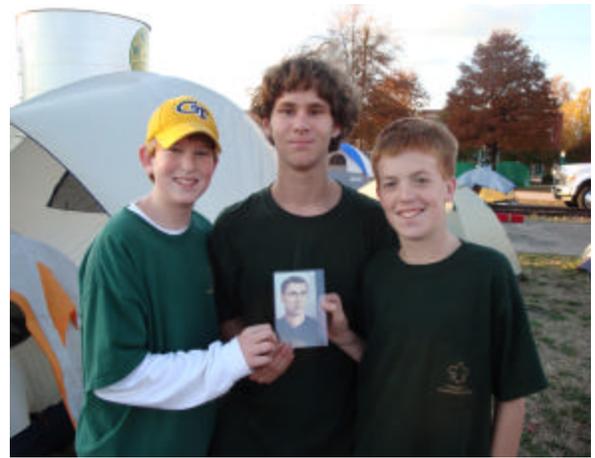
Caleb Jennings
Zach Brown
Drew Henderson

Sunday, February 8, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Episcopal Church of the Advent

Been Working on the Railroad



I hope that everyone has enjoyed the holidays and is now observing your resolutions for the New Year. I know all of you have been getting very anxious, but don't worry, more Scouting trips are just around the corner. **The weekend of January 23 -25, we will be headed for snow at Beech and Sugar Mountain. We are set for our annual weekend of skiing, snowboarding, and skating and will be staying at the Valle Crucis Conference Center.** This should be a good way to see if those video games really do help you when you come down the slopes.

On the weekend of **February 27 – March 1, we are going to Congaree National Park for a weekend of hiking. This should be a great way for some of you to use those special Scouting presents you received over the holidays and also to get back to the life of the outdoors.** We will start out on Friday afternoon and then will camp close to the park entrance. On Saturday, we will backpack through the park and then make camp on the trail. Some of you learned the importance of starting a fire on earlier trips and we will practice that skill. This should also be a good way for us to observe life in a midland swamp. (<http://www.nps.gov/cong/planyourvisit/hiking.html>)

Troop 1 will be headed back to the mountains for the weekend of **March 13 – 15. We are headed to Damascus, Virginia for a bike trip on the Virginia Creeper.** Bikes will be available for rent once we arrive. You are welcome to bring your own bike; however, please make sure it is a newer model. We plan to start out Friday afternoon and set camp in Damascus. This is a great way to enjoy the amazing scenery and also to work on your cycling merit badge.

Keep your calendars open for the **weekend of April 17 – 19 as we will work on some important merit badges in aquatics.** As any Troop 1 Scout knows, life on the water is fun and you definitely don't want to miss out on any upcoming trips because you are lacking a badge.

What a great fall season we had with trips to the Nantahala for whitewater rafting, Lake Summit for fun on the water, Edisto for clams and insect repellent on the fire, railroading for the first time, Riverbend for shooting skeet and still targets, and Shining Rock for backpacking. That all spells big adventure for the Scouts that were on those trips! It has been great fun while Mr. Gage and I have watched the boys learn valuable Scouting lessons, such as: working together, bringing a warm sleeping bag, carrying a light pack, keeping organized, etc. The great thing about Scouts is that for those of you who have already learned those lessons, congratulations; you will have the opportunity for more practice in the upcoming months. For those of you who

have not, no problem, there is still plenty of time to master these skills.

Let's get that campfire lit! I am excited about the upcoming season—let's make it a good one. I look forward to seeing all of you on the slopes, trails, and bikes this winter and spring.

Jay



Troop 1 Outdoors

MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

January 31 & February 7, 2009; 8:30—4:30
Bethel United Methodist Church

Registration for the 2009 Merit Badge College is now underway. As you sign up for classes, Coby Alexander offers the following advice for class selection. All Scouts are encouraged to consider a balance between Eagle-required and non-required “fun” badge work. Remember, Eagle-required badges take more effort than most other badges. Don’t overload yourself!

Swimming: 12 of Troop 1’s last 17 campouts involved water of some sort. It is imperative that you are a skilled swimmer.

First Aid: 31 of the 121 merit badges have first aid requirements. Having this MB makes earning those badges easier.

Emergency Preparedness / Lifesaving (only 1 is required): We don’t usually teach these MB’s. Take them at MBC or Summer Camp.

Family Life: We teach this MB every 3 or 4 years. If you need it sooner, take it at MBC or Summer Camp. This MB takes at least 3 months to complete.

Personal Management: We also teach this MB periodically. You must have a source of income (allowance, job, etc.) and be responsible for some of your expenses (lunch, entertainment, incidentals, etc.) to earn this badge. This income/expense can be very small, but it must be something. This MB takes at least 3 months to complete.

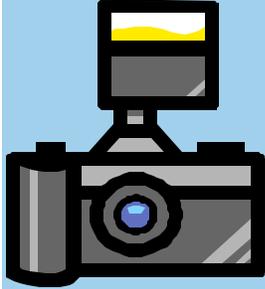
Personal Fitness: The easiest time to earn this MB is while you are training for an organized sport or taking PE at school. Your coach, with prior approval, can usually be your counselor. This MB takes at least 3 months to complete.

Camping is taught as part of the Troop 1 First Year program. Do not sign up for it.

Citizenship in the Community/Nation/World); Environmental Science; and Communications: We don’t usually teach these MBs. Take them at MBC or Summer Camp. Please do note: For Citizenship in the Community, all 3 parts of requirement 7 must be completed under one counselor.

Partials: If you already have a partial on a badge, it may or may not be to your advantage to re-take it. See Mr. Alexander for help deciding.

Environment/Conservation: If you earn either the **Fish and Wildlife Management** or **Soil and Water Conservation** merit badges, in addition to the Eagle required **Citizenship in the World** and **Environmental Science** badges, you will also have earned the **World Conservation Award** (panda bear patch). There are other environment-related awards in Scouting. See Mr. Alexander if you are interested.



WWW.TROOP1.SMUGMUG.COM

Troop 1 is always in need of any Scouting pictures you would like to share through the troop photo sharing website. Pictures of past Eagle ceremonies and Eagle projects are particularly welcome. Please give them to Ted on CD or you may e-mail (if just a few) to twgage@bellsouth.net

When trying to save a photo from the website to your computer, you must put your mouse cursor on the current picture displayed on the right side of your screen; a box will pop up on the right side of the picture. At the bottom of that box will be a button that says "Save Photo" which you simply click; then click "Save" in the following dialogue box. You will then select where on your computer you would like to save the photo. Do not attempt to save a thumbnail picture from the left side of your screen because a thumbnail is all you will get. You may also display a full screen size of the picture on your computer by clicking one of the photo sizes in that same box on the right side of the photo. Slideshows will display the photos full size on your screen.

We hope the Troop 1 family is enjoying the photo web site. Be sure to invite grandparents etc. to keep track of what our Scouts are up to.



Congratulations, Adam, Drew & Caleb!
January 4, 2009

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Troop 1
Spartanburg, SC

Committee Members

Calhoun Kennedy, Scoutmaster
Walter Oates, Committee Chair
Coby Alexander, Advancement Chair
Ted Gage, Outdoor Co-chair
Bubba Littlejohn, Outdoor Co-chair
Jay Walpole, Outdoor Co-chair
Rev. Roy Cole, Chaplain
Kyle Boyles, Merit Badge Coordinator
Janet Davis, Merit Badge Coordinator
Jerry Setzer, Board of Review Chair
Jacky Middlebrooks, Finance Chair
John Bauknight, Barbecue Co-chair
Becky Dunbar, Barbecue Co-chair
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Rick Phillips, Phillip Fund Coordinator
Kyle Boyles, Scout Camp Chair
Virginia Setzer, Cubmaster
Laura McCain, Secretary
Elise Mercer, Master of Ceremonies
Larry Goldstein, Legacy Fund Co-chair
Walter Oates, Troop Legacy Fund Co-chair
Lynne Blackman, Eagle's Nest

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Happy Birthday!

Ben Yurgiewicz 1.09
Caleb Fort, 1.13
Logan McCain, 1.22
Harry McBride, 1.24
Sam Mercer, 1.27
JC Price, 2.09
William Hudson, 2.12
McKenzie Hines, 2.25
Mils Ivey, 2.25



Next month's edition will
include information on
Scout Camp 2009.

BEYOND THE SCOUT HUT:

We'd like to brag a little on all the impressive things Troop 1's Scouts accomplish beyond their Scouting activities—on the playing fields, in the classroom (honor roll, school leadership), at church and in the community. If you've got good news to share, please send it to 4blackmans@charter.net.