

EAGLE'S NEST

SCOUTMASTER NOTES

Scouts,

The end of the year is here again. It is hard to believe we have a new group of first years and so many new Eagle Scouts. We had a pretty tame year of camping, no torrential downpours or sand storms to think of. Many of our first years who thought they could not make it through year one have already attained first class or very close to doing so.

In the past year we have had several Scouts attain the rank of Eagle. Congratulations to John Blackman, Ben Yurgiewicz, Brad Daly, Mils Ivey, Zack Boyles, and Christopher Graham. Their projects had a positive impact on our community and help make Spartanburg an even better place to live. This summer several other Scouts will be working on their Eagle projects and I hope you will lend a hand to help a fellow scout reach his goal.

As we move into the summer, I encourage all Scouts to reflect on what you have experienced and learned in the Scouting this past year. As you all go about your summer vacation activities please remember to act like Scouts, to set good examples for yourself and Troop I. I am very proud of all that you have accomplished and am looking forward to next year!

Have a fun and safe summer!

Chad James

CAMP HO NON WAH! (June 13 – 19)

The countdown is on for summer camp and we are looking forward to another great year on the island! There are a few changes this year so here is a quick run down on things to remember to bring:

NOTE: There is a change in bedding for our campsite. Due to DHEC regulations there will NOT be mattresses provided in the bunks. Please bring either a sleeping pad or a single blow up mattress. Otherwise you'll be sleeping on plywood.

1. Uniform: Class A (wear when ready to depart for camp) **EXTRA SCOUT SOCKS!!!!!!**
2. Sleeping bag or two sheets and a blanket (each scout is assigned a bunk or cot)
3. Flashlight, small book bag, notebook, pen and pencils, **water bottle (Drink WATER, LOTS AND LOTS OF WATER!)**
4. Swim Suit – 2 (pack on top of bag, needed for swim test as soon as Scout arrives on Sunday)
5. Jacket, raincoat or poncho (nights can get cool and it rains)
6. Shorts, T-shirts, socks, underwear, extra pair of shoes and a hat
7. Bath Kit – toothbrush, soap, comb/brush, towels, washcloth
8. Money – for snacks, t-shirt and craft items (let me know if the scout wants me to hold their money)
9. Long pants and long sleeve button down shirts are required for aquatic merit badges.
10. Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times in camp.
11. Medication: If required, please write down all instructions and go over with Kyle or Ted.

OPTION to either buy before or send money for camp store to buy a mosquito net for their bunk, keeps out bugs!

Snacks: if you send snacks, put them in a small plastic container that can be closed, Rocky Raccoon LOVES snacks

Additional items Scouts may want to bring: camera, pillow, watch, compass, Bible, first aid kit, reference books, merit badge books, Frisbee, football, soccer ball camp stool, battery clock. Please mark all items with a permanent marker so misplaced items may be returned. Items that Scouts CANNOT bring are: weapons, fireworks, sheath knives, radios or CD players (you may use ipods/players on the trip to and from camp but not at camp), bicycles, canoes, ax or saw, clothing with alcohol or tobacco ads.

Summer camp balances are due now. Email ktboyles@aol.com for your balance.

Hello all,

I cannot believe that we are reaching the end of another outdoor season. It is great to have another group of first year scouts with us. It was nice to meet you all at Crossover. Welcome to Troop 1! We are glad to have you with us. Speaking of Crossover weekend, I would like to give a special thanks to Kimberly Sanchez and everyone else that helped in coordinating our horse back riding trip. This could not have worked out any better and will be difficult to top next year.

May 14-16, we will take our GPS trip. This trip proves to be fun and there will be plenty of things to keep us busy while we pick up some prizes along the way. As you know, we are keeping the destination a secret, but we can tell you that boats will be involved.

June 13-19, Troop 1 will head down to Wadmalaw Island for a week at **Camp Ho Non Wah.** The boys have really enjoyed this over the past few years and were excited to return this year. It is also a great place for scouts to earn some important merit badges.

We have had some great trips this year, and I am really impressed how well all of the scouts have done. We are putting the finishing touches on our 2010/2011 outdoor calendar and have some exciting trips planned. For example, Lake Summit, the Virginia Creeper, Edisto Beach and Beech Mountain. I will be sending out an outdoor calendar soon so that everyone can plan for our scouting trips.

Keep up the good work and get ready to light for a great outdoor season!
Have a great summer!

Jay Walpole

Advancements

L. Barnett	Communications, Family Life
C. Bauknight	Star Scout , Citizenship in the World, American Heritage
Z. Boyles	Silver Palm , American Heritage, Art, Horsemanship
W. Bradley	Pioneering
A. Burnett	Pioneering
S. Cheek	Tenderfoot Scout
W. Coker	Star Scout , Citizenship in the Community, Personal Management, American Heritage
C. Cooper	Star Scout , Citizenship in the World, Personal Management, American Heritage
J. Copeland	First Class Scout , Citizenship in the Community, American Heritage, Horsemanship
P. Dunbar	First Class Scout , American Heritage
B. Fields	Boy Scout , Horsemanship
D. Greene	Pioneering
T. Griffin	Boy Scout , Horsemanship
C. Hellyer	Bronze Palm
S. Hildebran	Star Scout
A. Ike	Star Scout , Citizenship in the World, Personal Management, Horsemanship
H. Ike	Bronze Palm
M. Ivey	Bronze Palm
F. James	American Heritage, Horsemanship, Pioneering
T. James	First Class Scout , Camping, Citizenship in the Community, American Heritage
W. Kennedy	Family Life
C. LeRoy	Family Life
E. Lyles	Star Scout , Personal Management, Horsemanship
W. Lyon	Second Class Scout , American Heritage, Horsemanship
L. McCain	Star Scout , Personal Management, American Heritage
C. Mercer	American Heritage, Horsemanship
D. Middlebrooks	2nd Gold Palm , Basketry, Disability Awareness
T. Phillips	Boy Scout , Horsemanship
J. Price	Star Scout , American Heritage
J. Reel	Silver Palm
R. Sanchez	Star Scout , Personal Management, Family Life, American Heritage, Horsemanship
B. Setzer	American Heritage, Horsemanship
S. Spencer	Horsemanship
W. Wakefield	Boy Scout , Horsemanship
B. Walpole	Citizenship in the Community, Personal Management, American Heritage, Horsemanship
W. Ward	American Heritage, Horsemanship

With Troop 1 having just recently welcomed a new crop of 5th graders into our midst, it makes one also realize we will soon be saying goodbye to another group of boys that joined our troop seven years ago. They are now in the last days of their senior year and will be soon leaving their familiar world for new discoveries. At least fifteen eager 5th grade boys began their boy scouting career on that 25th day of April in 2003 in a unique way. Their crossover ceremony and campout would not take place at our familiar Johnson Pavilion at Lake Bowen, but in the Advent Youth Center due to inclement weather. Was this group who had pretty much grown up with each other through Cub Scouts and Webelos destined to spend their whole scouting career camping indoors? Not quite, as we will discover most have spent the past seven years doing what good boy scouts do best!

As is often the case some boys decide, scouting is not for them and several of the boys moved from Spartanburg but continued scouting career in other troops. Of the boys remaining in Troop 1 as they began 7th grade, I am very proud to say the whole group earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Way to go Mils Ivey, Sam Mercer, Drew Middlebrooks, Monty Oates, Clay Russell, and Ben Yurgiewicz for becoming Troop 1 Eagle Scouts while John Erwin and Cameron Sanders earned Eagle Rank in other troops. Four of these guys also went to the scout high adventure base Philmont in New Mexico and five of them participated in at least one of our troop 50 milers with a couple of them going on multiple trips. They have received multiple leadership awards from their troop and schools and been very active in athletics at school.

Most of those fifteen young men have now celebrated their 18th birthdays, and I am sure as John B., Trey, Mac, John E., Colson, Mils, Sam, Drew, Carlton, Monty, Clay, Cameron, Chase, McDavid, and Ben contemplate what is in their future they will think back to their days in scouts, no matter how long that time may have lasted, and realize the benefits they have gained from scouting. You will think back to all of the life's lessons you learned, the beautiful places in our world scouting gave you the opportunity to see, and how you learned to live your life by the scout oath and law. You are a very diverse bunch of guys, and through your friendship in scouts have helped each other through personal tragedies and triumphs for which you will always remember.

Your troop wishes you the very best as you spread your wings and fly off into the next chapter of your life. Always remember to live by the Scout Oath and Law.

Mils Ivey – University of South Carolina

Sam Mercer - Georgia Institute of Technology

Drew Middlebrooks - Clemson

Monty Oates – Hampden-Sydney

Clay Russell—Presbyterian College

Ben Yurgiewicz - Clemson

John Erwin – The Citadel

Chase Simmons – University of Georgia



Welcome to Troop I!!!

Blair Fields

Walker Wakefield

Sam Kistler

Ted Phillips

Sam Spencer

Thomas Griffin