



Scoutmaster Notes

Welcome to the final edition of the Eagle's Nest for this school year. I must say we have had quite a year in Troop 1 for which I for one am very proud. There have been so many good things that have happened with us with the most memorable for me being our recent trip to the Florida Keys Sailing.

Friday afternoon of spring break found twelve scouts and four adults heading out for Islamorada, FL in the two busses for an experience we will carry with us forever. After a stop at the Kennedy Space center we continued on to the Keys arriving on Sunday afternoon where after passing such things as the swim test we boarded two 45' Sailboats that would be our home for the next week. Just prior to sunset the Dutch Love and Siesta left the dock for our great adventure. Monday morning came soon and it was



time to raise the sails and put out the fishing lines and off we went bound for Key West. Both boats had a very good day fishing and snorkeling on two very clear reefs. We were at anchor in a safe harbor for the night when just as we were going to sleep one of those wild storms came through rocking us around pretty well. We set sail Tuesday morning for Key West arriving about lunch time. The scouts all enjoyed a bit of shore leave as they struck out to explore (and spend money) Key West. We

all gathered back together to enjoy the sunset at Mallory Square before heading out to dinner at a local restaurant. We began the return journey to Seabase via Florida Bay due to higher winds on Wednesday anchoring that night in a neat harbor in Marathon where we happened to find friends from Spartanburg. We continued on Thursday arriving near Seabase for our last night on the boat. Steaks were on the menu as we savored the memories of the week we had experienced at sea. Another storm hit that night around midnight which sent our scouts who were sleeping under the stars on deck scurrying down below deck. That is except for one scout who was sleeping so well that he found himself and his sleeping bag pretty wet when he awoke!! We spent Friday night in the air conditioning of Seabase before departing for the trip home, arriving in St. Augustine in time for some more exploring by our scouts before we all met up for dinner. The restaurant had a "one man band" who was all too happy to take request from the scouts. Then we returned to our campground to retire for the night, but not before catching the Final Four semi-final on an i-pad. Well, I never did say it was a typical Troop 1 camping trip did I? I hope every Troop 1 scout will sometime in his scouting career will be able to experience a High Adventure such as this.

Birthdays

June

Simril, Henry 06/01 11

Wakefield, Jay 06/07

Sanchez, Cole 06/11 12

Kistler, Jim 06/30

Mercer, Charles 06/13 16

LeRoy, Connor 06/27 17

Setzer, Charles 06/29 17

July

Setzer, Bennett 07/07 14

Johnson, Marshall 07/11

Sanchez, Drew 07/22 18

Boyles, Kyle 07/17

Reel, Rainsford 07/26 17

Coker, Bill 07/21

Griffin, Thomas 07/31 13

Fields, Tim 07/22

August

Blackman, John 08/03 18

Gage, Ted 08/08

Sanchez, Reed 08/04 15

Walpole, Jay 08/10

Bauknight, John 08/22

No sooner had we gotten back from Seabase, and then it was time for Crossover which you will read about later in this issue. Then came the Spring Aquatics Camporee a few weeks later at which all 15 of our first years earned their Swimming Merit Badge which made them eligible to go Kayaking on the Tailrace Canal last week. Now that was a good trip! We kayaked from Lake Moultrie to the Pinnapolis Lock which dropped us 75' into the Tailrace Canal (this is basically the beginning of the Cooper River) where we kayaked on down entering an old rice field along the way. The trip ended at the Santee Canal Park where much exploring took place.



As we close this year in scouts we find our week at Ho Non Wah on the horizon with three-quarters of our registered scouts who will be in attendance. I am very excited that we will have such a high participation of our scouts and really look forward to a very successful week of learning and camaraderie not to mention maybe bringing home the Ultimate Frisbee and Basketball championships.

We are now busy planning a new year that is sure to teach us many new things and take us places we did not know existed. I have learned being your scoutmaster that you do not know what will be around every corner in the long road we journey, but whatever challenges we come up against we can always manage to forge a clear path. This is due to the many talents of our adult leadership and having such a fine group of willing boys to take along on that journey. I look forward to that journey as we begin a new year.

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Congratulations to our graduating seniors!

William Hudson – Clemson Bridge

Sam Parrott – Wofford College

John Toliver Reel – Wake Forest University

Drew Sanchez – Vanderbilt University

Coleman Hellyer – Clemson Honors College

Lesesne Phillips – The Citadel

Thank you to all our Merit Badge Counselors

Camping

Jerry Setzer and Jay Wakefield

Wilderness Survival

Walter Oates

Motorboating

Jon Morgan and Ted Gage

Water Sports

Tony Sanchez

Collections

Nannie Jeffries

Pathfinding

Jacky Middlebrooks

Salesmanship

Alan Lyles, Jim Kistler and Art Pettigrew

Aviation

Brooks Crenshaw

Nuclear Science

Tony Sanchez, RJ Plumley, and Duke World of Energy

Scouting Heritage

Geordy Johnson

Cinematography

Kyle Boyles and Eric

Music

Chip Hill

Family Life

Tim Ward

American Business

Bill Coker, John Bauknight, and Alan Lyles

Personal Management

Jacky Middlebrooks

Personal Fitness

Brad Cooper

Medicine

Mike Henderson

Sculpture

Spartanburg Art Museum

Citizenship in the Community

Doug Smith and Ted Gage

Survivor Competition

Alex Hudson

Holiday Project

Laura Bauknight and Chris Lynn



Troop 1 held the annual Crossover Ceremony on Friday, April 8th to welcome our new scouts in to their new troop. Following a BBQ dinner the spring Court of Honor took place where we recognized all of our scouts for the accomplishments they have completed since last fall.

As dusk approached everyone gathered around the council ring of Akela where the 12 Webelos from Pack 1 would be receiving the Arrow of Light Award just prior to Crossing that famous bridge to the council ring of Troop 1. They would also be joined at the bridge by three more boys to begin their journey in Troop 1. The story of the Arrow of Light is very interesting and we would like to share it with you as it was presented to those 12 boys that night:

Weuchsowagam, the Medicine Man, Witschindin, the Guide, and I, Takachsin, the Chieftain, bring you greetings and salutations. We have come before you tonight to fulfill a prophecy spoken in the legends of our tribe.

The words of the prophecy say that in the springtime of each year, young braves will be found who have met the challenges of Akela and are ready to become warriors. My brothers and I have watched your pack and have found such braves among you. We have come to present them with the highest honor: the Arrow of light. But before this can happen, they must take a journey through their memories.

Many moons ago, you entered the Cub Pack. The first challenges you encountered were from the Bobcat clan. As you met them, you learned what it means to be a Cub, the Law of the Pack, and the three words that would inspire you to meet all other challenges: Do Your Best. Having started on the trail, you next sought to join the Wolf clan. Here you were met with twelve challenges, harder than the Bobcat tests, But with the cleverness of the wolf itself, you met them and continued on your journey.

Now the trail became darker and fainter as you came to the Bear clan. Again twelve challenges were presented before you. As you met them, your knowledge grew and your spirit strengthened. It was this strength of spirit, like the bear, that prompted you to move onward.

As you neared the summit, you joined the Webelos clan. The time of your testing had begun. In the Webelos clan you began to learn about Scouting. Just as you learned the ways of the brave as a Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear, as a member of the Webelos clan you would learn the ways of the warrior.



In time, you earned the Webelos badge, blazing the rest of the trail on your own. Now at last you have reached the summit and the end of this journey.

Let the Arrow of Light be conferred upon them.

Wait Brother Takachsin! Before receiving this most high honor, they must hear its legend so they may understand and appreciate what they are to receive.

Brother Weuchsowagam, let the legend of the Arrow of Light be known to all present.

In the ages past, when the Nations of the red man spread across the land, there was a young member of one tribe called Akela. Akela wished to be a warrior as the older men of his tribe were, but no one would consider him so. "Little Akela, he is too young to join the hunt," they would say. "Too slow to run with the Bobcat clan. Not clever enough to hunt with the Wolf clan. Such a young one is not strong enough to join the Bear clan." No matter how hard Akela worked, all ways were barred to him. But the Aged Chieftain



of the tribe saw Akela differently than the rest. "The spirit of this young one burns brighter than the largest fire. Akela has served his brethren well for one of his age. The time will come when the tribe will need only that which Akela can give."

One night in the fall during the harvest, a party of warriors was canoeing back to their village after a hunt. On this night, the fog rolled thick across the river. The fog was so heavy, the river path back to the village was hidden from view. A nearby river path to the right led to a roaring chasm. The warriors did not know the safe path to take and were trapped.

Akela had been practicing his hunting skills in the hills above the river and had seen the danger to the canoe. He wrapped an arrow in a skin, set it aflame, and shot it into the sky toward the safe river path. The warriors in the canoe saw the flaming arrow through the fog and followed it toward the safe river path and the village.

The warriors went to the Chieftain saying, "We were trapped on the river and the Highfather sent an Arrow of Light through the sky to guide us." The Chieftain smiled and said, "The sign which led you to safety came not from the heavens but from one who you thought was too young to do anything." He brought Akela forward to the surprise of the warriors.

"Akela has proved himself worthy to wear the name of warrior. He has aided his brothers in their time of greatest need. Hereafter, all young members of our tribe shall become warriors only after meeting the challenges of the Arrow of Light. Let them each be filled with the spirit of Akela and follow his example of unselfish service to our brethren." And it was made so and carried through to the present day as you Webelos stand before us now, ready to receive the Arrow of Light.

As we have said before, this ceremony marks an end of a journey. But even as this journey ends, another is just beginning. Here at the summit of Cub Scouting you have found the start of a new trail. This trail is a pathway that leads to the realm of our brothers in the sky, the Eagles.

But the trail will also be long and difficult. As you journey, you must keep the spirit of Akela strong within each of you. It will give you strength and guidance as you move onward.

We proudly welcome to the brotherhood of scouting:

Will Barrett

Ford Chapman

DeHaven Dickerson

Sam Freedman

Walker Gillespie

Alex Hall

Graham Hall

Thomas Neidenbach

Charles Overcarsh

Jackson Pye

Bishop Richardson

Thompson Rudolph

Cole Sanchez

Henry Simril

Jack Warren

Oliver Wise



Flag Ceremony

Troop 1 Legacy Fund

What do you get the Eagle Scout who's earned everything? How about a gift that will not only reflect your pride, but also help pave the way for his fellow scouts? A donation to the Troop 1 Legacy Fund in the Eagle's name makes a remarkable and lasting gift.

You can also contribute to this Fund through a Planned Gift from your Estate Planning process. A planned gift establishes a way for a donor to make a larger gift than they thought possible, as in most cases it reduces estate taxes. A planned gift can be either a deferred gift or outright gift. A deferred gift could be a bequest in a will (such as a percentage of an estate), a specific asset (such as an IRA or a 401-K), a trust, or naming the Troop 1 Legacy Fund as a contingent beneficiary. It could also be a life income gift such as a Charitable Gift Annuity, a Charitable Remainder Trust, or a Charitable Lead Trust. You could also use Life Insurance, making the Troop 1 Legacy Fund the owner and beneficiary of the Life Insurance Policy, or you could use a Life Estate such as a gift of a home, a vacation home, or other related property. Outright Gifts could be appreciated property such as real estate, securities, or personal property. Planned Giving involves financial or estate planning and is not necessarily reserved for only the wealthy. You need only to consult with your Financial Advisor and ask how you might structure your Estate Planning into either Deferred Gifts or Outright Gifts to benefit the Troop 1 Legacy Fund in perpetuity.

The Troop 1 Legacy Foundation General Fund was opened on October 12, 1999 at the Spartanburg County Foundation. It was created for the purposes of safeguarding this Troop financially and to insure its future perpetuation by supporting the general eleemosynary operations and program of work of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 1 at the Episcopal Church of the Advent. The principal and net income in the fund each year is available for distribution to Troop 1. The fund can make distributions as needed and can never be spent down below a protected amount.

This fund will be used for any necessary repairs to our Scout Hut, Community Service, Scholarship Programs, Palmetto Council, BSA Fundraisers, Troop Equipment Acquisitions and is insurance that our Charter will be protected. Established in 1914, Troop 1 is the first and oldest Troop in the State of South Carolina. Troop 1 has guided over 160 young men to the rank of Eagle Scout. Please rest assured that your financial support would be used for an honorable cause, as it will help support Troop 1 and guide many more young men to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Contributions may be sent to:

The Spartanburg County Foundation
For: Troop 1 Legacy Foundation General Fund
320 E. Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302

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