



THE EAGLES NEST

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 1

May 2012

As I write this article, Troop 1 is in the final week of another terrific school year. This is the time of the year that brings change to our world as we tell one group of boys goodbye and welcome with great excitement a new group of 5th graders to our fold. This year certainly has been no exception.

The first Crossover Ceremony I ever attended was on April 29, 2005 when 14 (3 other 5th graders had already joined the fall before) little teeny tiny young boys joined Troop One and I began many years of Getting those “first years” though that first year. They would become the Bobcats and the Stags; not all of them would continue in scouting past that first year, but I am sure all of them will tell you they took something good away with them that they will always cherish no matter how long they were in Troop 1. I am quite sure I could fill a book with the legendary adventures those Bobcats and

Stags had in scouting. I am very proud to say that 11 of those 17 boys earned (or will earn) the rank of Eagle Scout! Those 17 boys, or should I say young men who now seem to tower over me, will over the next few weeks be graduating from High School and spreading their wings as they fly off in the next chapter of their lives which you will see listed elsewhere in this publication for many of them. To those 17 guys, your troop wishes you much success in your future – you are a group I will forever remember as I think back on the times we had. And always remember to continue to live your life by the principles you learned as a Troop 1 Boy Scout. It will serve you well.

And as we tell those seniors goodbye, we also welcome the 10 teeny tiny young boys who decided to call Troop 1 home on April 13, 2012 as they crossed the famous bridge to our brotherhood on a perfect evening to become the Viking Patrol. The words of Brother

Weuchsowagam, the Medicine Man, come to mind as he told those boys about their impending journey through the legend of Akela - the young brave - "Akela has proved himself worthy to wear the name of warrior. He has aided his brothers in their time of greatest need. Let all of you be filled with the spirit of Akela and follow his example of unselfish service to our brethren. But that trail will also be long and difficult. As you make this journey, you must keep the spirit of Akela strong within you. It will give you strength and guidance as you move onward." Those boys do have a long and difficult trail ahead of them, but one that they will never regret making this journey on. They will become examples of the scout oath and law and learn to cherish its meaning as they too follow the example of the Spirit of Akela. And I wonder what this article will say about those boys in the *Eagle's Nest* seven years from now!!

We have had a great season of camping over the course of this spring starting with the spelunking trip to Tennessee in late February and continuing with the backpacking trip to Jones Gap in March, Crossover in March, and our May GPS trip. As usual, we had the privilege of seeing many weather patterns including a little bit of snow in Tennessee, but all was well as we entered Worley's Cave and to a world of complete darkness. I could really feel a sense of enthusiasm from our scouts as they discovered a world many of them had never experienced before. Everyone had a great time around the campfire that night taking in all of that Troop 1 Entertainment that just seems to happen out of the blue, and I think everyone was toasty warm as they awoke to the 22 degree temperature on Sunday morning! Then March came and it was off for a weekend backpacking at Jones Gap State Park - a place I had never been to before and can tell you it is a gem in our state.



The rains came at bedtime on Friday night raining through the night, but Saturday morning brought with it sunshine and the scouts of troop 1 hoisted their packs and it was off on another adventure of discovering this beautiful world we have been given. And then Crossover Camping at that beautiful spot that so many boys have begun their Boy Scouting years by crossing that small bridge to forever shape their character came in April highlighted by the trip on Saturday morning to Shenandoah Farms where many of our scouts earned the Horsemanship Merit Badge. Again, just as with the spelunking, the look on the faces of those boys said everything as they looked as though they were old ranch hands by the time we left. We have now just returned from our GPS trip to Lake Jocassee introducing those new boys to the beginning of their great adventure!

Troop 1 is a continual state of

learning for our scouts. Our scouts have completed the Journalism, Computers, Entrepreneurship, and Fire Safety Merit Badges during our weekly meetings this spring. Our new “second year” scouts have finished up all of their early rank and camping merit badge requirements that are done as a group and most of them have advanced to Second Class Rank.

Camp Ho Non Wah is now on the horizon. I am sure the spirit of our week together last year will pick up right where it left off and this summer will exceed all expectations. We have 43 scouts signed up so I don't think there will be a dull moment as we return to the banks of the Bohicket River on Wadmalaw Island.

Life sure is good if you are a Troop 1 Boy Scout



CALENDAR

May 18 May 20

OA Ordeal

May 20

Reed Sanchez Eagle Project

June 2

Charles Mercer Eagle Project

June 10- June 16

Scout Camp

July 16

Harrison Kennedy Eagle Project

May, June, July & August Birthdays!

Robert Phillips	5/1	Charles Setzer	6/29
Pate Dunbar	5/7	Jim Kister	6/30
Jerry Setzer	5/10	Jake Beets	7/4
Harriett Ike	5/14	Bennett Setzer	7/7
Heimrich Zimmer	5/14	Kyle Boyle	7/17
Alex Freedman	5/21	Bill Coker	7/21
Sam Spencer	5/26	Tim Fields	7/22
DeHaven Dickerson	5/29	Thomas Griffen	7/31
Harriett Ike	5/30	Reed Sanchez	8/4
Forest James	5/30	Ted Gage	8/8
Jay Wakefield	6/7	Jay Walpole	8/10
Cole Sanchez	6/11	John Bauknight	8/22
Charles Mercer	6/13	Allen Tebbe	8/24
Sam Price	6/28	Cooper James	8/29

We proudly welcome

Jake Beets

Max Goldman

Cooper James

James Mullen

Colton Peyeyo

Sam Price

Allen Tebbe

Brownlee Wakefield

Campbell Wildrick

Heimrich Zimmer

**Into the brotherhood
of scouting!**

Ho Non Wah 2012

We're counting down to another exciting summer camp! We arrive at the Scout Hut at 8 a.m. for a brief service and flag ceremony in the Church on June 10th. Then it's off toward Wadmalaw Island for our 6th year at Camp Ho Non Wah. After a stop for lunch at Rush's in Columbia, we expect to arrive on the island by 2 p.m.

This year Camp Ho Non Wah celebrates their 76th Anniversary and Troop 1 kicks-off our 99th year, what a great way to start the summer! Located upon the banks of the Bohicket on Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina, Camp Ho Non Wah is a 103-acre BSA-owned retreat where Scouts have a summer they will never forget. Offering over 65 merit badges, as well as aquatics areas, shooting sports, arts and crafts, and almost everything a Tenderfoot needs to advance to First Class, Camp Ho Non Wah is a fully-loaded, well-staffed facility in one of the most spectacularly beautiful locations in the Southeast! This year we take 42 scouts and 4 leaders to the island!

I will send more updates in the next couple of weeks via email that contain the items you'll need for camp. As always, if you have questions, feel free to call or email me (ktboyles@aol.com).

The balance of your registrations are due now (if you haven't already paid in full). Physicals for Scouts and Leaders attending camp are due now too. Please send or deliver to Ted Gage. Remember that registration includes lunch at Rush's each way, five camp t-shirts (1 Camp HNW shirt / 4 Troop 1 shirts).

LET'S GO!

- Kyle Boyles

P A R E N T S



Camp will be a great experience for your son(s), we can expect spiders, heat, rain, a little flooding and probably a touch of moodiness from a scout or two... but they can also expect ultimate Frisbee, swimming, canoeing, shotgun shooting, snake handling, whittling and a general fun time as they get to know their fellow scouts and explore the island. We will keep smug-mug updated with photos through the week so you can check in and you can email Ted or Kyle at anytime (we'll check at least once a day). Please help us by not letting your son(s) bring cell phones. Ipods are allowed on the ride to and from camp if they want, but while at camp, they must be packed away. If you want to send notes for delivery through the week, you can seal the envelope (some like to break up the week's money in the cards), please write their name and the day you want it delivered on the envelope.

SCOUTS



There will be A LOT of Troop 1 Scouts on the island and in our camp. It will be very important that everyone is attentive to others around them throughout the week. You and your bunkmates will be responsible for keeping your cabins/camp neat and clean. I would suggest that you pack a hanger for your class A scout shirt, this will help it air out and remain somewhat clean. For our Order of the Arrow Scouts, please remember to pack your OA Sash (it's white, so pack it in a zip lock bag). A trash bag or mesh bag is a great way to keep the dirty clothes away from the clean ones... don't forget to buy lots of scout socks (go now before they run out).

Hey Scouts, Get Used To Hearing This ... It's Important!

"It's OK, Elise, he's alive and in pretty good shape!"

As a husband, a parent, a friend, or even just a stranger; these are not the words anyone ever hopes to hear or have to speak, but those were the words I found myself yelling across the median to my daughter, Elise as we were driving home from Auburn University this past Friday, May 4th.

Elise was just finishing her 1st year at Auburn and I had driven down there to help pack all of her things from the dorm and drive back home for the summer. I arrived onto the Auburn campus around 01:00 PM as she finished her last exam. We had a nice lunch together and then headed back to her dorm to pack up a year's worth of "stuff."

After managing to get all this packed into the "Ol' Swagger Wagon", we completed the necessary dorm check out process and around 04:30, we merged onto Interstate 85 headed north back to South Carolina.

We didn't get too very far.

Just a few miles north of Opelika, Alabama as I listened to Elise talk on the phone trying to resolve a computer laptop issue with Sony, I noticed about four vehicles ahead of me in the outside lane, a small late model pickup truck (I thought it was Ford Ranger) was pulling a single axel utility trailer (one of those steel mesh kinds that you see people pulling motorcycles or riding lawn mowers, or something like that). What caught my eye was that at 70 MPH, the trailer began to fish tail slightly. Then more. Then violently more. I knew he was going to lose control and I didn't want to be anywhere near him so as I slowed down, I prayed that the guy behind me was paying attention also.

Sure enough, the driver of the pickup lost all control. The trailer careened to his right literally pulling his truck sideways to the left and he began to roll over. The trailer snapped loose from the truck and spun wildly down the center of the right hand lane. The truck began to barrel roll across the left hand lane and into the grass median.

It continues to roll.

My memory is guessing maybe 4 or 6 times.

It was so fast, I really don't know.

By this time I have pulled onto the median and come to a stop. I jumped out of our car and began to run toward the pickup truck which was now resting on its side; driver side up. I remember some lady yelling out her car window that she had called 911.

As I approached the truck, all I can see is the bottom side as the cab is facing away from me. I remember seeing his tool box, some rugs, and even a very shiny and new Stanley tape measure lying on the ground.

When I walk around to the other side, I see that the cab is pretty much a pancake with all of the windshield glass shattered and missing in places. The hood is crumpled and bent upwards, and the driver side door is depressed inwards towards the interior, the glass missing. I know I have to look inside. I don't want to look inside, but I know I have to. I draw a deep breath for courage and rise up on my toes and peer over the driver door into the cab. The sight I discover is amazing – the driver is literally suspended in air by his seatbelt. He has a few cuts on his head and he is conscious.

I ask "Sir, can you hear me?" He answers "Yes" through some moans of pain. "Sir, try to be still, help is on the way." He nods.

I turn to Elise who is now 20 yards behind and yell out, "It's OK, Elise, he's alive and in pretty good shape!"

But my mind is wondering how in the world did this man survive this horrific crash?

Because he was wearing his seat belt, that's why! That's the only explanation. That Seat Belt and the simple act of using it is what saved this man's life!

To finish the story, the local police, EMS, and Fire Dept were on site in less than 3 minutes.

They had to use the Jaws of Life to cut the roof off the truck and then carefully cut the seat belt, remove him onto a backboard and begin their medical treatment. He was moving his arms and legs and was able to reply to basic questions asked of him. After loading him into an ambulance destined for the East Alabama Medical Center, the police turned their attention to us and several other witnesses to document what we saw and then they indicated we could leave.

My impressions of this event are varied.

First, I hope to never see a crash like this ever happen live in front of me again. The violence with which this truck rolled across the grass is forever impressed in my memory.

Second, I am now a full supporter of the Opelika Police and Fire Departments. The speed with which they responded, the intensity and professionalism they demonstrated to extract this man from his truck, control traffic along the interstate, interview the witnesses, and ensure that we were then able to safely re-enter traffic when we left was some of the most awesome work I have ever seen from any police/fire department anywhere.

But mostly, I am amazed that the man survived. If not for the 5 seconds it took him to clip his seat belt there is no way he could have survived. But he did use his seat belt and he did survive with almost no visible injury (and seemingly very little internal injury based on what we saw the medical team doing).

As Scouts, we are charged with "Doing A Good Deed Daily". And we repeat the Scout Promise that states "A Scout is Brave." Sometimes we may take these for granted. But our good deeds and our bravery don't have to be big in their magnitude. I don't hope for you to be the guy who has to stop to help a motorist involved in a serious crash (though I would expect you to help if you do witness one). But I do charge you to be the guy whose good deed is to look over at your Mom, Dad, Brothers, Sisters, and your Friends and to have the courage to say "Hey, connect your Seat Belt. It will save your life and I won't ride with you if you don't use it."

Because that's what seat belts do; they save lives – if you use them. Your parents tell you this, your teachers tell you this, Mr. Gage and all the other Scoutmasters tell you this, and now I am telling you this. And we will continue to tell you this, so get used to hearing it and make it your habit; not only for yourself but for everyone.

I know a man currently at the East Alabama Medical Center who would agree!

Congratulation to our Scouts!!!

L. Aiken	Computers, Fire Safety
W. Barrett	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety, Horsemanship, Entrepreneurship
J. Beets	Boy Scout
Z. Boyles	4th Bronze Palm , Journalism
W. Bradley	Computers
A. Burnett	First Class Scout , Computers, Entrepreneurship
F. Chapman	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety
J. Copeland	Computers, Fire Safety, Entrepreneurship
S. Corkery	First Class Scout , Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Computers, Fire Safety
D. Dickerson	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety, Horsemanship, Entrepreneurship
B. Fields	Second Class Scout , Computers
A. Freedman	Computers, Horsemanship
S. Freedman	Second Class Scout , Computers
B. Frost	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety, Horsemanship, Entrepreneurship
W. Gillespie	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety, Horsemanship
M. Goldman	Boy Scout , Horsemanship
D. Greene	Computers, Fire Safety
T. Griffin	Computers, Fire Safety
A. Hall	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety, Entrepreneurship
G. Hall	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety
G. Hill	Computers, Horsemanship, Entrepreneurship
A. Ike	Eagle Scout . Computers, Fire Safety
C. James	Boy Scout
F. James	Computers
T. James	Entrepreneurship
S. Kistler	Computers, Fire Safety
E. Lyles	Computers
C. Mercer	Computers
J. Mullen	Boy Scout , Horsemanship
T. Neidenbach	Computers, Fire Safety, Entrepreneurship
W. Nowatka	Computers, Fire Safety, Horsemanship
C. Overcarsh	Computers
C. Pereyo	Boy Scout , Horsemanship
T. Phillips	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety
S. Price	Boy Scout
J. Pye	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety, Horsemanship, Entrepreneurship
T. Rudolph	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety, Entrepreneurship
C. Sanchez	Second Class Scout , Computers
S. Spencer	Star Scout , Computers, Fire Safety, Entrepreneurship
T. Sturgill	Computers
A. Tebbe	Boy Scout
B. Wakefield	Boy Scout , Horsemanship
W. Wakefield	Star Scout , Computers, Entrepreneurship
Ben Wapole	Eagle Scout
J. Warren	Tenderfoot, Second Class , Computers, Fire Safety, Horsemanship, Entrepreneurship
C. Wildrick	Boy Scout , Horsemanship
O. Wise	Second Class Scout , Computers, Fire Safety, Entrepreneurship
H. Zimmer	Boy Scout , Horsemanship

Thank you Merit Badge Counselors

Camping and Early Rank – Jerry Setzer, Tim Fields, and Jay Wakefield

God and Church - Iman Green

God and Life - Chris Lynn, Hal Carter, and Caleb Jennings

Water Sports – Will Coker

American Cultures - Ron Henderson

Safety - Mitchell Mercer

Golf - Phil Cassidy

Robotics - Sebastian VanDelden

Journalism - Jennifer Bradley

Computers - Dennis Corkery

Entrepreneurship - John Bauknight

Fire Safety - Bubba Littlejohn

CPR - Laura Henderson

Citizenship in the Community – Ted Gage and Ron Kirby

Holiday Project – Laura Bauknight

We could
not do it
without you!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIORS



John Blackman – Wofford · Jake Henderson – Bates College
John McBride – Washington and Lee · Jake Shelley - PC
Thomas Johnson - Washington and Lee · Charles Setzer - Alabama
Lewis Barnett- The Citadel · Connor LeRoy - Clemson
Caleb Fort- Old Miss· Walker Kennedy - Wofford
Wil Hammond - PC · Hampton Ike - Washington and Lee
John Dargan - Elon

Troop 1 wishes all our seniors well as they take their next adventure.

In Memoriam

Troop 1 Remembers Two Past Scoutmasters

William Lamar Wilson

December 4, 1928 – March 17, 2012

William Pinkney Irwin, III

September 10, 1917 – March 23, 2012



Troop 1 Leadership

Ted Gage	Scout Master
Elise Mercer	Committee Chair
Coby Alexander	Advancement Chair
Jerry Setzer	1st year Coordinator
Jay Wakefield	1st year Coordinator
Jay Walpole	Outdoor co-chair
Jim Kistler	Outdoor co-chair
Bill Coker	Finance Chair
Iman Green	Chaplain
Kyle Boyles	Scout Camp Co-Chair
Jim Hall	Scout Camp Chair
Harriett Ike	Board of review
Jacky Middlebrooks	Board of review
Scott Griffin	Barbecue Co-Chair(Food)
Calhoun Kennedy	Barbecue Co-Chair (underwriting)
Russ Rudolph	Barbecue Co-Chair(Sales)
Mark Mullens	Cubmaster
Belinda Gillespie	Secretary
Caroline James	Master of Ceremonies
Walter Oates	Troop Legacy Fund
Chad James	Eagle Nest
Mary Beth Lyles	Merit Badge Coordinator
Chris Lynn	Chartered Organization Rep.
Mitchell Mercer	At Large
Bubba Littlejohn	At Large

A Scout is:

**Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.**

Troop One

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Ted Gage- Scoutmaster