



Eagles Nest

October 2003

Merit Badges

A merit badge is an invitation to explore an exciting subject. Baden-Powell felt that any Scout who mastered a set of skills should be recognized for the effort. He gave each who passed a test a badge to wear on his uniform. The emblem recognized the importance of what the Scout had done and let others know of his achievement. That is how the badge system became a part of Scouting.

It is important to attend the Troop 1 meetings when badges are taught. With attendance and some simple homework you will be sure to earn the badge. All new Scouts are working on the Camping Merit Badge with Mr. Oates. Older Scouts have done Communications and Motor Boating. During October, older Scouts will study Veterinary Medicine and Reptiles & Amphibians. Please feel free to call or meet with Sarah Todd to answer your questions about the merit badges. She is always happy to help! Sarah can be reached at 585-3556 or via email at todd5@charter.net

October Calendar

Tuesday, October 7

Patrol Leader's Meeting 5:30 – 6:00

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30

NS Camping MB

OS Reptile/Amphibian MB

OS Veterinary Medicine MB

Friday, October 10-12

Lake Moultrie Boat Camping

Tuesday, October 14

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30

NS Camping MB

OS Reptile/Amphibian MB

OS Veterinary Medicine MB

Senior Patrol Leader Election

Tuesday, October 21

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30

NS Camping MB

OS Reptile/Amphibian MB

OS Veterinary Medicine MB

Patrol Elections

Thursday, October 23

Scout Leadership Training 4:00 – 7:00

Friday, October 24 NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 28

Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting 5:00 - 6:00

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30

NS Camping MB

OS Reptile/Amphibian MB

OS Veterinary Medicine MB

Friday, October 31– Sunday, November 2

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NS = New Scout

OS = Older Scout

Upcoming Events

November 11, 2003 Veteran's Day Parade

Nov. 14-16 Edisto Beach Camping

November 22, 2003 Annual Bar B Que

Scoutmaster Notes

Report on the Mountain Biking Trip

Hat's off to Eagle Scout Phillip Watters for a Job well done! Phillip was in charge of the entire operation from location to organization. He also served as Senior Patrol Leader. The older Scouts had the run of Bent Creek National Forest. The map of the area resembled that of a ski resort map. Colored trails and loops for hiking and biking, all with different difficulty levels.

The first year Scouts and older Scouts who needed their compass hike did a ten mile compass/bike trek. All were successful in completing this advancement. Other advancement skills completed were whip/fuse rope, demo hitch knots, explain hiking rules, scouting principles, patrol knowledge, explain buddy system, cook over wood fire, Heimlich maneuver, show first aid, select a campsite, identify wild animals, fire and stove safety, light fire and stove, prepare cook fire, swimming precautions, demo swim ability and demo water rescue.

This could not have been accomplished without the excellent help of the adults on the trip. Thanks go out to Ken Frick, John Bell Hines, Buddy Ivey, Rodney Lacoste and Joe Yurgiewicz for their help in instructing and biking.

The first and second year Scouts who are participating on the trips are making incredible advancement strides. We have now completed our seventh overnight outing since the Spring and Cross Over of the new Scouts. This season has started with a bang! Keep up the good work Scouts!!

Next Trip

The Assault on Lake Moultrie is our next trip. This trip will be for the first year Scouts with a parent, older Scouts who have completed the Motor Boating Merit Badge classroom portion at scout meetings and older Scouts who have the Motor Boating Merit Badge.

We will be camping on the edge of Lake Moultrie. Saturday morning we will be lowered down seventy feet to the Cooper River in the highest lock in the United States. From there we will race down the Cooper River as fast as we can go in our motor boats, all the way to Charleston, SC.

After returning to our camp site on Saturday afternoon we will work on the boating part of the Motor Boating Merit Badge as well as swim, fish, water ski and tubing. Plan on bringing lot's of food to cook. We will have plenty of room for coolers, the scout grills and stoves. This is a great time to practice outdoor gourmet cooking and to work on your first class cooking requirements, 4a-e. (Remember, 4a-e must be planned in advance and documented as to which other two Scouts you will be cooking for.)

We will need first year Scout Dads, Dads with boats and Dads to drive vehicles with trailers on this trip. There is plenty of room and need of Dads regardless of your scouting abilities. Please volunteer to help. This has been our most popular trip in the past and depends on lot's of adults to make it work and keep it safe.

General Notes

The date of the Scout Leadership Training is October 23. Many, many of you have not had this training course. This is important that you do this. There is a list in the scout hut of those who need this training. Please initial next to your name if you can be at the training on October 23 from 4:00-7:00.

If you sign out a Troop 1 tent for a trip you are responsible for that tent, regardless if you use the tent on the trip. The tents are the same color. Some are used and wet and some are not after a trip. If you have signed one out, you need to grab a tent out of the pile and take it home and inspect it before returning it to the next meeting.

Begin planning now for Merit Badge College. There is a small window for sign-up this year. Please be in touch with Coby for all information and sign up sheets.

Thank you,

Walter



TROOP 1 ANNUAL BBQ – NOVEMBER 22, 2003

Corporate Sponsorships

Last year, we had the best turnout of Corporate Sponsors for our Annual BBQ in its entire history! In an effort to make this year's BBQ even better, we are asking for a little more information than in previous years. **We are asking all Scout Families to identify at least 1 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP.** This could be from any of our Business Connections – a restaurant, gas station, retail store, professional office, or large corporation. Sponsors contribute a Minimum of \$150.00 (more is always welcome.) Sponsors get their Company Name placed on the BBQ Tickets as well as on the back of BBQ T-Shirts! We get a list of potential Corporate Sponsors from the Scouts, and send each of these potential Sponsors a letter requesting a donation. We include a self-addressed envelope for the Sponsor to send in their donation. Sometimes we don't get a valid address for the potential Sponsor, and our donation request letter is returned. Sometimes, we send a donation request letter to the Sponsor, but the Scout brings a check to the Scout Hut. This year, we're asking for a little more information on the Sponsor form. Be sure you provide all information requested, and indicate if the potential sponsor has been contacted, and if your Scout will be bringing the check to one of the Scout meetings.

This is a list of Corporate Sponsors from last year:

The Barnet Company, Dr. David Jones, Edward, Ballard, Sturm, Glo-Tex, Harley's Electronics, Hodge Carpets, J F Floyd Mortuary, Janice Smith Interior Design, Johnson Development, Jones-Calhoun Bobcat, Lewis White Real Estate, Lyles, Darr, Clark, McAbee, Talbert, Halliday, Merrill Lynch, The Milliken Foundation, Spartanburg Radiological, Vic Bailey Ford, Volume Services, Walker, Walker, Higgins, White Oak Manor, NBSC, Carolina Custom Trailers, DogWatch Fence Systems, Hames Music West, Network Care Apparel, Smith Animal Hospital, Oates Construction
There were also two scout families that made Sponsorship donations to the BBQ last year.

As preparations begin for this year's BBQ, Ticket sales are important, but Corporate Sponsorships always greatly increase the success of this important fund-raising event. If you know of a potential sponsor, please return the information at the bottom of this notice to the Scout Hut no later than **Tuesday, October 7th**. If you prefer, you may call this information to: Steve Freudenthal at 582-1097, or email to sfreud@bellsouth.net

Chip Smith, Steve Freudenthal – BBQ Chairmen

Sponsor Information

Company Name: _____

Company Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Company Phone #: _____

Scout Name: _____ Amount: _____

Check One:

_____ We HAVE contacted this sponsor and we will be bringing a check from them made out to Troop 1 Church Of The Advent to the Scout Hut

_____ We HAVE contacted this sponsor and they are expecting a letter from Troop 1 for the donation

_____ I HAVE NOT contacted this sponsor, but think they would be willing to be a sponsor. I recommend the Troop send them a letter requesting that they be a Corporate Sponsor

Boy Scouts of America Troop 1,
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Committee Members

Walter Oates- Scoutmaster
Michael Hammond-Committee Chairman
Coby Alexander-Advancement Chairman
Rev. Rob Brown- Chaplain
Grant Calhoun- Mount Mitchell Co-chair
Stephen Freudenthal-Barbecue Co-chair
Ken Frick- Finance Chairman
Jamie Hodge- Mount Mitchell Co-chair
Mallie King- Eagle's Nest
Rodney Lacoste- Outdoor Chairman
Grey Lancaster- Senior Advisor
Mike Parks-Senior Advisor
Chip Smith- Board of Review Chairman /
Barbecue Co-chair
Sarah Todd-Program / Merit Badge Coordinator
Holly Watters- Master of Ceremonies



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Happy Birthday

Caleb Jennings 10/01
Tommy Frick 10/10
Craig Calhoun 10/16
Richard Gilliam 10/21
Luke Somers 10/25

Hamilton King 10/4
Daniel Haskell 10/15
Zach Brown 10/17
Foster Hodge 10/23
Rob Richardson 10/26

Congratulations

Troop 1 Scouts who completed their Order of the Arrow
Ordeal in August:

Craig Calhoun
Brooks Cochran
Grey Lancaster
Jay Patrick
Ben Taylor

Congratulations to Stephen Strickland for earning his Silver Palm.

Important News

Merit Badge College Registration

Merit Badge College forms were handed out at the 9/23 meeting. They are due back in by the 10/14 meeting. There will be no late registrations this year. The registration is more complicated this year due to new restrictions on certain courses. If you need a form or have any questions, e-mail Coby@teleplex.net.

Troop Elections

Troop elections are the best opportunity for Scouts to obtain a Position of Responsibility necessary to advance after 1st Class. The election of Senior Patrol Leader and appointment of Assistant SPL's will be held on 10/14. If you are Star or above and would like to be Senior Patrol Leader, please contact Walter at least a week prior to the election.

The election of patrol officers and appointment of all other positions will be on 10/21. If you need a position in order to advance, you need to be convincing your patrol members to elect you.

Scouts are required to be in Class A uniform in order to *vote or be elected* to any office. Class A uniform consists of: Scout Shirt with rank and emblems attached according to *The Boy Scout Handbook*, Khaki pants, closed toed shoes with Scout socks, neckerchief, slide and belt.

Help Wanted

Chip Smith is looking for parents to help with Boards of Review during the meetings on Tuesdays. If you can help, please call Chip or just tell him at the meetings, no prior scouting experience is needed and mothers are welcome as well. It is an excellent way to find out exactly what is required for their scouts to advance in scouting and help other scouts. Thank you! Chip's number is 573-7282.

Exciting News about E-mail

This edition of the Eagles Nest was printed and mailed to your home. If your email address is on file with Troop 1, you also received this edition via e-mail. We believe that this is the way of the future. We would appreciate you taking the time to let us know which way you personally prefer to read it. Please email Mallie King at mallieking@charter.net and let her know your preference and any other suggestions you might have. If you did not receive the email please include your current email address. Communication is an important tool for Troop 1.