



# Eagles Nest

December 2003

## Troop 1 Spreading Christmas Cheer!

For years the Department of Social Services has called upon Troop 1 to help some of the more unfortunate children in our community. Troop 1 has been participating in this project for so long that no one seems to remember our first time helping DSS. Historically, each patrol is assigned a child and the Scouts are asked to shop from the child's Wish List. Holly Watters recounted how the boys would sometimes get a little girl to shop for. Talk about your life skills! Our winter Court of Honor used to be held in early December, so we were able to bring the wrapped gifts to the meeting that night. After our Scout Ceremony everyone would adjourn to the undercroft for pizza. Soon, Santa Maxcy would arrive driving the Church of the Advent van, and the Scouts would load the gifts and pile in the van. The boys were able to ride with Santa to deliver to our lucky family. Unfortunately, Troop 1 is no longer able to see who our children are, but we can all imagine the smiles on their faces Christmas morning!

The money to fund this important project comes from our Annual Bar-B-Que, and represents a total contribution thus far of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$6,000.00.

We are all truly blessed, during this Holiday season, let us all be mindful of this truth.

Happy Holidays!

Michael Hammond  
Committee Chairman



## Upcoming Events

January 10	Merit Badge College
January 11	Forestry Field Trip
January 13	Court Of Honor
January 24	Merit Badge College

## December Calendar

### Tuesday, December 2

Patrol Leader's Meeting 5:45 – 6:00

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30

All Scouts Forestry MB

### Saturday, December 6

Shooting Merit Badge Day Trip

### Tuesday, December 9

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30

All Scouts Forestry MB

### Tuesday, December 16

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

Optional Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30

\* Merit Badge Catch-up

### Saturday December 20—

### January 5, 2004

## Christmas Holidays

### Friday, January 2-4

#### SKI TRIP

All Scouts Snow Sports MB

\* Please note that only certain Merit Badges will be available for catch-up. These will be posted in the Scout Hut on December 9th.

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# Scoutmaster Notes

November 2003 has been busy! I would like to start by thanking Mr. **David Mabry** for hosting Troop 1 at his house on Edisto Island. Records are made to be broken and we almost did it on this trip. Last year we had seventy-two people on the Moultrie trip, this year we had sixty-two on the Edisto trip! There was a two to one parent to scout ratio, twenty dads and forty-two scouts. That's great! First year Webelo **Will Hammond** caught the biggest fish. It was a twenty-two inch spot tail. **Monty Oates** caught the most keepers, four spots and one trout. All together there were over ten nice fish caught, not to mention all the crabs. Scouts canoed, and Jon boated in the creek, ocean and marsh. Thanks to **Mr. Andy Anderson** we were able to feast on a deer while on the island. At lunch we consumed an entire deer which had been made into hamburgers. For supper we had "frogmore stew" by **Mr. Mabry**, fried fish by **Mr. Lacoste** and more venison on the grill by **Mr. Hammond**. **Mr. David Yates** shared his family recipe for hush puppies and Scout **Clarke Todd** made the cole slaw, **and it didn't rain!** Thank you **Mr. White and White's Exxon** for filling up the **Troop 1 propane tanks and servicing our scout trailer. This was a welcome contribution!**



## Barbecue

The annual Troop 1 barbecue fund raiser was a great success. Headed up by **Mr. Chip Smith**, with the assistance of **Mr. Stephen Freudenthal**, all the **Scouts and their parents**, I think we set another record in sales. With a few changes to the program this year, I think it is fine tuned as well as it can be. GREAT JOB!

## Advancement

Congratulations go out to Mills Smith and Camden Hodge for earning their Eagle Scout! Many Scouts have made big strides in the direction of earning their Eagle as well. There are a lot of you who are ready for a scoutmaster conference or board of review. Please ask Coby at the next meeting if you have any questions. Plan ahead, do not wait until the week before The Court of Honor.

## Summer Dates

Dates have been set for High Adventure.  
Camp Ho Non Wah - June 13-19  
Chisholm Trail, Texas - June 20-26  
50-Miler - July 11-15



We need to hear from you before Christmas if you are planning to go to Texas this summer on the Chisholm Trail High Adventure. There will be a sign up sheet for all three trips in the scout hut after Thanksgiving.

## Adult Volunteer Needed

I received an email from Graham Latimer with the Palmetto Counsel, BSA. I am passing this on in hopes that an adult may be interested in attending this course. This would be a great help to Troop 1.

Through collaboration with the Red Cross and a grant from Alcoa, we will be able to train up to thirty adults (age 17+) to become CPR/First Aid Instructors at no cost. This training normally runs about \$175. After you become certified, you will be able to train your units (or anyone else) proper CPR/First Aid techniques and certify them as such. The training takes place over the course of 3 days.

December 6th- Red Cross office on Garner Road from 9-4.

January 10&12- Bethel UMC from 8:30-4:00

Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to attend.

## Keep Up The Good Work Scouts!

Thanks,  
Walter

# Annual Bar-B-Que

Our annual Troop 1 Bar -B-Que was a great success. Everything ran so smoothly that we made 1,290 plates with no problems. We had great cooperation from our Scouts and the weather could not have been better. Winners of the ticket sales contest will be announced at the January Court of Honor. All this would not be possible without the help of our Sponsors. If you see them, tell them how much we appreciate their help!

## 2003 Sponsors

Advance America, Cash Advance Centers, Blue Ridge Log Cabins, Brentwood Construction, Centerplate, Contec, Inc., CWS Insurance Co., David W. Jones, DMD, MHS, Dr. Wood Lay, Edwards, Ballard, Sturm, Glo-Text, Harley's Electronics, Hodge Carpets, JF Floyd Mortuary, Janice Smith Interior Design, Johnson Development, Jones-Calhoun Bobcat, Lyles, Darr, Clark, McAbee, Talbert, Halliday, Merrill Lynch, The Milliken Foundation, Morgan Corporation, Oates Construction, Palmetto Shutter & Blind, Pig-Out, Smiley Orthodontics, Smith Animal Hospital, Smith Drug Company, Southeastern Paper, Spartanburg Radiological, Sugar 'N Spice, The Barnet Company, Timken US Corporation, Walker, Walker, & Higgins, and White Oak Manor.

## DSS CHRISTMAS CHILDREN

Once again, we have been asked by the Church of the Advent to purchase gifts for five children recommended by the Department of Social Services. Each GROUP of patrols listed above will buy gifts for one child. Troop 1 traditionally spends **\$120.00 per child**. It is advised that you confer with the other patrol so that there are not duplications in the gifts. Please save your receipts and turn them in to Ken Frick for reimbursement. **Gifts should be un-wrapped, and it is very important that the case number be on each gift.** It has been suggested that you try and purchase a combination of toys and clothing items. The un-wrapped gifts need to be delivered to the DSS office on Dean Street by December 12. Please ask for the case worker who's name is in the upper right hand corner of the Wish List. If you have any questions, please call Cathy Richardson at 573-9521.

Hawk: Duncan Cecil 573-7246 (PL), Luke Somers 583-1480 (APL)

Moose: Caleb Jennings 582-8899 (PL), Alden Paul 585-5869 (APL)

Wolverine: Robert Wise 585-0930 (PL), Adam Freudenthal 582-1097

Stag: Chase Simmons 585-0410 (PL), Clay Russell 583-2953 (APL)

Eagle: Will Barnet 582-3391, Ben Taylor 597-1622

Ram: Jay Patrick 591-0630 (PL), Taylor Shoulders 582-9932 (APL)

Frontiersman: Richard Gilliam 573-6765 (PL), John Cochran 583-9259

Viking: Mils Ivey 597-0591 (PL), John Erwin 591-0972 (APL)

Bison: Drew Smith 591-1762 (PL), Andrew Yates 579-7468 (APL)

Pedro: Drew Henderson 583-7510 (PL), Ross Sturm 579-7221 (APL)

Pine Tree: Hamilton King 579-1015 (PL), Andrew Darr 583-7464 (APL)

Alligator: Richard Lacoste 579-4010 (PL), Mark Crowley 583-3544 APL)

Moms and Dads, when you read the memo, the patrols are grouped together. Each group represents one child. Attached to the memo is the "Wish List 2000" for that child.

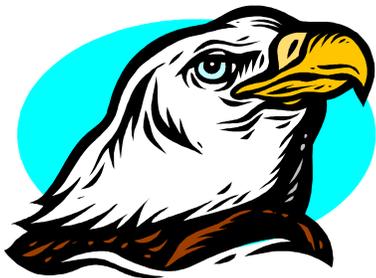
The PL's and APL's of these groups need to coordinate a shopping trip with a willing mother or father. Thank you to all family members willing to help out. I know this is a busy time of the year, and one more thing to accomplish has just been added. But, you will make a child's Christmas morning more complete than reality would allow.



*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  
Cathy Richardson- Secretary  
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

Colson Gibbs	12/03	Drew Smith	12/19
Richard Lacoste	12/09	Parrish Smith	12/19
Monty Oates	12/13	Phillip Watters	12/26
John Cochran	12/30		

*And an Merry Christmas to all*

## Important News

### Forestry Merit Badge

Forestry will be taught December 2 and December 9. In order to complete the Badge you must go on the Forestry Field Trip, Sunday, January 11, 2004 from 3-5 pm. It will be held at Milliken Research Center and Arboretum. Directions to site are enter Milliken from Highway 9 going towards the Research Center. Take first right into a small parking lot. Meet the group there. Please dress warmly. In case of inclement weather this Field Trip will be re-scheduled on a Sunday following a Merit Badge College on Saturday, so as not to interfere with other weekends.

### 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 e-mailed to the address that Troop 1 has on file for each Scout. If your email address is changing please notify Mallie King, mallieking@charter.net, so that we may change our records. We believe that this is the way of the future. Communication is an important tool for Troop 1.