



Eagles Nest

January 2004

Scoutmaster Notes

The Holiday Season is upon us and I wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We have been busy working on many merit badges. As most of you know, December is a month that we do not have a Scout trip. We did have a day outing to River Bend and six Scouts were able to earn two merit badges, rifle and shotgun.

In keeping with the Christmas spirit, Troop 1, once again, has contributed to the DSS gift program. The Scouts and their Moms have shopped and delivered six hundred dollars worth of gifts to five needy children in our community. In addition, Troop 1 has been called on by our Palmetto Council to help in an emergency situation involving our inner city Scouting program. I am proud to say we were able to assist one hundred inner city Scouts with their registration fees. These Scouts would have had no choice but to discontinue their scouting program.

Many of our Scouts in Troop 1 have made great strides in their advancements. We have had many Scoutmaster conferences and Boards of Review. Our **January 13 Court of Honor** will be an occasion not to miss. We hope all of you, your parents and friends will be at the **Court of Honor** to share each others successes and advancement Recognition. All of you have worked very hard and deserve this time of recognition. Please be there to support your fellow Scouts!

I would like to remind everyone that we have several trip sign ups in the scout hut. I regret to inform you that we have canceled the Texas Chisholm Trail High Adventure due to lack of interest. It is important that you sign up before the deadlines if you would like to take advantage of the great trip opportunities which are being offered to you in Troop 1. Our next wilderness adventure will be in February- winter camping. We are planning a backpacking trip.

I hope everyone is having a great Christmas Holiday!!!!!!

Thank you,

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Forestry Merit Badge

Forestry was taught in December. 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 rescheduled on a Sunday following a Merit Badge College on Saturday, so as not to interfere with other weekends.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 8 Scout Sunday
11:15 Service, Episcopal Church of the Advent

January Calendar

Tuesday, January 6

Patrol Leader's Meeting 5:30 - 6:00
Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
Patrol Competition 6:15

Saturday, January 10

Merit Badge College 8:00-12:00

Sunday, January 11

Forestry Field Trip to Milliken 3-5pm

Tuesday, January 13

Court of Honor

6:00

In the Church Sanctuary

Class A DRESS uniforms

Tuesday, January, 20

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
American Heritage MB
Genealogy MB

Saturday, January 24

Merit Badge College 8:00-12:00

Tuesday, January 27

Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting 5:00 - 6:00
Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
American Heritage MB
Genealogy MB

November and December Advancements

C. Adams	Camping, Architecture
W. Barnet	Reptile/Amphibian
C. Calhoun	Life
H. Cecil	Star , Reptile/Amphibian
M. Crowley	Camping, Cit Nation, Communications
J. Erwin	Tenderfoot
T. Frick	Tenderfoot
J. Graham	Camping
J. Ike	1st Class , Reptile/Amphibian, Veterinary Medicine
M. Ivey	2nd Class , Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting
C. Jennings	Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class
H. King	Camping, Veterinary Medicine
R. Lacoste	Communications
S. Mercer	Tenderfoot
D. Middlebrooks	Tenderfoot , Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting
M. Oates	1st Class , Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting
R. Richardson	Reptile/Amphibian, Veterinary Medicine
H. Russell	Family Life, Cit Nation
C. Russell	Tenderfoot , Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting
C. Sanders	Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting
W. Schwartz	Life , Veterinary Medicine
C. Simmons	Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting
P. Smith	Communications, Reptile/Amphibian
B. Taylor	Architecture
C. Todd	Camping, Reptile/Amphibian, Veterinary Medicine
R. Wise	Veterinary Medicine
A. Yates	Life



Merit Badge College

The following Scouts are signed-up for Merit Badge College:

T. Booker	M. Hines	H. Russell
H. Cecil	J. Ike	C. Sanders
M. Crowley	M. Ivey	C. Simmons
A. Darr	P. Kavanagh	D. Smith
J. Erwin	H. King	S. Strickland
R. Erwin	R. Lacoste	B. Taylor
M. Fischer	S. Mercer	C. Todd
T. Frick	D. Middlebrooks	R. Wise
R. Gilliam	M. Oates	B. Yurgiewicz
M. Hammond	R. Richardson	
D. Henderson	C. Russell	

Registration starts at **8:00am** on January 10th. Classes begin at 8:30 am. All classes will be held at Bethel United Methodist Church located on South Church Street. Please use the Henry Street parking lot. Class A uniform and pencils and paper are required. Remember, no food or drinks are allowed this year. Classes are over at **12:25pm**.



2005 National Jamboree

The National Jamboree is Scouting' s grandest tradition—a gathering of Scouts and leaders from across the nation (as well as a contingent of Scouters from overseas). Jamboree is the quintessence of the Scouting movement. Program features will reflect the skills of Scouting, the nation' s heritage, physical fitness, conservation, and the spirit of brotherhood. During this brief period when the Scouts gather, you can see everything that Scouts do - and everything that Scouting is—all in one place.

The next National Jamboree will be held from July 25th – August 3rd, 2005. If you want to attend, the time to start planning is NOW. Go to <http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/> for more information or talk to the Scouts that attended the 2001 Jamboree – J. Barber, M. Parks or S. Strickland. See Coby if you are interested.

Scouting and Conservation Awards

Are you interested in earning awards other than Ranks or Merit Badges? The 50 Miler Award we earned last summer is just one of the awards available to individual Scouts. Several of the others are:

Interpreter Strip – signifies proficiency in a foreign language. It is worn above the right shirt pocket.

Paul Bunyan Woodsman Emblem – signifies proficiency with woods-tools. It is placed on the Scout's backpack, blanket or jacket.

Boardsailing BSA, BSA Lifeguard, Snorkeling BSA and Mile Swim BSA are swimsuit patches. They signify proficiency in aquatic endeavors and are normally earned at summer camp.

Den Chief Service Award – signifies one year's service and the accomplishment of certain goals as a Den Chief. The award is worn on the left shoulder of your uniform.

There are also several awards for Scouts specializing in conservation:

World Conservation Award – is automatically awarded when you earn the Environmental Science, Cit in World, and either the Soil and Water Conservation or Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badges. It is worn centered on or above your right shirt pocket.

Leave No Trace Patch – signifies your commitment to outdoor ethics. It is worn on your backpack, blanket or jacket.

The Hornaday Awards – are a series of three medals signifying an increasing and deep commitment to natural resources conservation. Although they are not as well known, these awards are similar in prestige and difficulty to earning your Eagle. They are worn above your left shirt pocket in the same fashion as an Eagle pin or Religious award. The requirements include earning several specific Merit Badges (most of which Troop 1 has offered in the last few years) and completing a service project similar to an Eagle project but focused on conservation. You must also have earned First Class.

See Coby if you are interested in pursuing any of these Scouting or Conservation Awards.

Court of Honor

The Winter Court of Honor will be on January 13th. There are currently over 100 advancements and badges to be awarded to forty Scouts. Also, the following fourteen Scouts need only a Scoutmaster Conference and/or Board of Review to earn their next Rank:

T. Booker	SC, BR	M. Hines	BR
B. Daley	BR	C. Hodge	SC, BR
M. Fischer	BR	P. LaTourette	SC, BR
T. Frick	BR	D. Middlebrooks	SC, BR
C. Gibbs	BR	R. Richardson	BR
C. Graham	BR	C. Sanders	BR
J. Graham	BR	B. Yurgiewicz	SC, BR



Call Mr. Oates or Mr. Smith now to schedule a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review for the January 6th meeting. That meeting is also the last chance to turn in completed Merit Badge requirements before the Court of Honor.

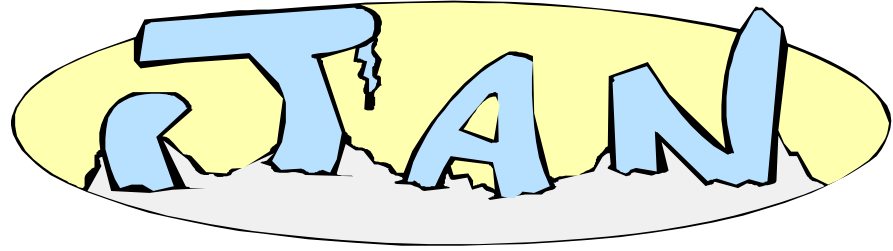
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Committee Members

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



Eagle's Nest



Happy Birthday

Ben Yurgiewicz	1/09	Sam Mercer	1/27
Clay Russell	1/15	Josh Graham	1/28
Matt Hammond	1/19	Clarke Todd	1/29

Matt Parks has joined the DeChamps Band as their fiddler. Congratulations Matt - and don' t forget Troop 1 when the band hits the big time!



Important News

Troop Rechartering

The time has come to renew your membership in BSA Troop 1. Because of increased BSA costs and the Troop Committee's decision to pay a larger portion of the Scouts' camping expenses, Scout dues have been increased to \$50.00 and adult dues to \$10.00. New scouts entering our troop will continue to pay an additional \$10.00 to help pay for a neckerchief and Scout Handbook.

Please consider registering at least one adult per family. Registered adults are included on BSA's liability insurance and therefore are able to officially help transport and oversee scouts on campouts and other sanctioned events. Please see Coby, Michael or Walter for an Adult Volunteer form.

As in the past, it is required that a scout's dues be paid before he is renewed with BSA. We must receive your scout's dues by Feb. 3rd in order for him to be renewed. If he is not renewed, he will be dropped from our roster at the Council office and his records will be deleted from their computer. Please make your check payable to "BSA Troop 1" and send it to Ken Frick. His mailing address is: 52 Laurel Lane, Campobello, SC 29322. Or deliver it to him at a scout meeting by Feb. 3rd.