



# Eagles Nest

March 2004

## George Withers Scout Leadership Award

In 1996, Troop 1 established the George Withers Scout Leadership Award to recognize an outstanding Scout.

George Withers was a legendary leader of Explorer Post 1. In those days boys were Scouts until they turned 16, then they became Explorers. Mr. Withers sold insurance by day and was likely to show up at an Explorer's home just in time for dinner. Each year the Explorers went on several trips that involved an element of risk. They rode horses up Mt. LeConte, crossed the Saw-Tooth Ridge and spent many nights camping under the stars. When Mr. Withers grew older he started a group of Girl Rangers, to give young women the opportunity to share these same adventures.

This award is given to honor a scout whose dedication and leadership has sustained and perpetuated the ideas of scouting in Troop 1. Only two of our scouts have received this award. Chris Reynolds in 1996 and Grey Lancaster in 2002.

The award is offered to a scout who has consistently exhibited dedication and leadership in the group. The scout must be willing to lend a helping hand at all times. From helping a first year scout to pitch his tent, to cleaning a fish or cooking a meal to share, the Scout should willingly assist a leader or instructor without being asked. He must be a team leader. This scout should lead in a positive manner and be an avid participant in Troop 1 activities.

May you all strive to win this award.

## Upcoming Events

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| April 30   | Crossover                  |
| May 22-23  | Mt. Mitchell Project       |
| June 4-8   | Edisto River 50 Miler      |
| June 13-19 | Camp Ho Non Wah            |
| July 11-15 | Appalachian Trail 50 Miler |

## March Calendar

### Tuesday, March 2

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Patrol Leader's Meeting | 5:45 – 6:00   |
| Scout Meeting           | 6:00 - 7:30   |
| All Scouts              | Pioneering MB |
- \$50.00 deposit and application due for  
Camp Ho Non Wah**

### Tuesday, March 9

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| Scout Meeting | 6:00 - 7:30    |
| All Scouts    | Indian Lore MB |

### Tuesday, March 16

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| Scout Meeting | 6:00 - 7:30    |
| All Scouts    | Indian Lore MB |

### Wednesday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's  
Day



### Tuesday, March 23

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| Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting | 5:00 - 6:00 |
| Scout Meeting                  | 6:00 - 7:30 |
- Makeup meeting for Genealogy Badge

### Friday, March 26-28

Backpacking Trip

### Tuesday, March 30

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| Scout Meeting | 6:00 - 7:30    |
| All Scouts    | Family Life MB |

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# Scoutmaster Notes

Finally we have a taste of spring weather! Now is the time to finalize plans for Scout Camp, the Edisto 50-Miler and the Appalachian Trail/French Broad 50-Miler. Let's not forget Cross Over on April 30-May 1. Hopefully we will have the opportunity to attend the Spring Aquatic Camporee in late Spring. More on all of these events as the time draws closer.

I would like to welcome all of the first year Scouts to the Eagles Nest mailing list. Please make a point to print out this publication and share it with your family. The Eagles Nest is a very important tool of communication for Troop 1.



Unfortunately I will not have a report on the Troop 1 Winter Camping Trip until the April addition of the Eagles Nest. We will depart on this wilderness expedition on February 27 and return on February 29. Currently we have twenty Scouts and five Dads signed up for the trip. Hopefully we will have one more arctic blast to assure that our annual Winter Trip is a success!

Please be in touch with Mr. Jacky Middlebrooks by March 2 concerning Scout Camp. We need your deposit and completed application by March 2.

Thank you,

Walter

## Camp Ho Non Wah Critical Dates

Dear Scouts and Parents,

As most of you are aware, I am in the process of coordinating the annual summer camp for our Scout Troop. As part of this process there are certain dates Camp Ho Non Wah has requested information and funding from each of the troops attending summer camp there. I have detailed below some of these dates as they relate to Troop 1.

Deposit to Troop 1 for Scout to attend Camp Ho Non Wah	March 2, 2004	\$50.00
Troop 1 deposit to Camp Ho Non Wah	March 5, 2004	
Balance of Scout fees to attend Camp Ho Non Wah	April 27, 2004	\$100.00
Troop 1 Balance of fees to Camp Ho Non Wah	May 5, 2004	
Scout Merit Badge Selection Form completed by Scout and parents with parents signature.	May 4, 2004	

It is important that all dates are met because part of the Troop evaluation is based on the how many deadlines the individual troops met.

I also need to coordinate adult leaders for Camp Ho Non Wah. If any adult is interested in participating please let me know what dates work best for you. Camp dates are June 13, 2004 through June 19, 2004. If you are interested in being an adult leader please let me know by April 27, 2004. If you are interested in being an adult leader, have questions or need clarification please call me at work (560-4696) or home (542-2761). Also, my email addresses are (work) middlebrooks@srhs.com and (home) jmiddlebrooks@charter.net.

Jacky Middlebrooks, Camp Ho Non Wah Chairman

## Quality Unit Award Statistics

In order to earn a Quality Unit Award for this year, Troop 1 had to achieve six out of ten objectives. Four of those were required.

The first two involve adult leader training. While Troop 1 met the requirements for both objectives, additional trained leaders would be beneficial. The training is simple, fun, quick (two weekends) and free. (The Troop pays all training fees). See Walter or Michael for details.

The third objective is to have at least six outdoor activities plus attend Summer Camp. Last year, we had eleven campouts, a 50 Miler trip, plus seventeen Scouts from our Troop marched in the Veterans Day parade. We also had over thirty Scouts attend Summer Camp at Bud Schiele.

The fourth objective is to renew our charter on time. We have re-chartered with 63 scouts.

Two of the other six objectives must be achieved. We qualified in four:

Planned Program – The Troop calendar presented to all scout families last fall qualifies for this objective.

Service Project – The Mt. Mitchell project and the Bar-B-Que both qualify for this. In addition, 58 of our Scouts contributed a total of 300 hours to 21 smaller projects.

Advancement – Sixty percent of the troop must advance or the total number of advancements must increase by ten percent over last year. The Scouts in Troop 1 earned 74 Rank advancements last year compared with 75 for the prior year. Those advancements were earned by 50 Scouts. (79.4% of the Troop) We currently have 5 Eagles, 16 Life, 12 Star, 15 1<sup>st</sup> Class, 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and 8 Tenderfoot Scouts. In addition, 307 Merit Badges were earned. Major accomplishments were made in the Camping, Canoeing, all three Citizenships, Communications, First Aid, Forestry, Law, Medicine, Motorboating, Swimming and Traffic Safety merit badges. Three Scouts earned the World Conservation Award and fifteen Scouts earned the 50 Miler award. Four Scouts earned the Religious award.

Boy's Life – Each of our Scouts receives a subscription as part of our annual dues. If you have not been receiving yours, please let Coby know.

The patches will be handed out at a future meeting. It is to be worn on your right sleeve, centered under and touching your patrol emblem. Prior year Quality Unit patches should be removed, only the current one should be worn.



## Welcome New Scouts

Christopher Brown, John Dargan,  
Coleman Hellyer, William Hudson,  
Michael McNeely, David Newton,  
Sam Parrot, Lesesne Phillips,  
John Tolliver Reel, Drew Sanchez



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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  
Jacky Middlebrooks-Scout Camp Chairman  
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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## March



<b>Trey Booker</b>	<b>03/01</b>
<b>Cam Miller</b>	<b>03/02</b>
<b>Sam Parrott</b>	<b>03/06</b>
<b>Cameron Sanders</b>	<b>03/06</b>
<b>Benjamin Taylor</b>	<b>03/15</b>
<b>Derek Miller</b>	<b>03/19</b>



## Congratulations

Craig Calhoun, Camden Hodge and Foster Hodge are on the Spartanburg High School Varsity Golf Team  
Andrew Darr is on the SHS Junior Varsity Golf Team  
Grey Lancaster and Luke Somers competed in the Upper State Wrestling Tournament  
Taylor Shoulders is a member of the SHS Varsity Soccer Team  
Josh Graham, Cam Miller, Hunt Russell, Luke Somers and Ross Sturm are on the SHS Junior Varsity Soccer Team  
Alden Paul is a member of the SHS Varsity Tennis Team  
Adam Freudenthal is running track for SHS  
Patrick Kavanagh is in the Dorman High School Band and a member of the Beta Club



## Important News

### Rank Advancements

All scouts wishing to receive Tenderfoot through 1<sup>st</sup> Class Scout at Crossover, need to take advantage of the weekly meetings between now and then, to get passed off on the requirements. To schedule a Scoutmaster Conference please call Walter Oates -582-1379. To schedule a Board of Review please call Chip Smith-573-7282.

### Patrol Parents

We miss you when you are not at the scout meetings. Meetings go much smoother when you attend. Can't remember when your turn is? Contact Mallie King at mallieking@charter.net Thanks for your support.

### Attention Mothers !!!

Please send your son's accomplishments to be included in the Eagle's Nest. We love to show off our wonderful Scouts. Email: or phone-579-1015. Thank you very much!!!!

### Merit Badge College Badges

Now that Merit Badge college is over, everyone wants the badges they've earned. Be Patient ! after the courses are over, the counselors take about two weeks to report the results to the council office. The council office takes a week or so to compile the results and send them to each troop. Then it takes a few days to post the badges and buy the badges. It will be mid-March at the earliest when you receive your badges.