



Eagles Nest

April 2004

Earning Merit Badges

Merit badges can help a Scout discover abilities he didn't know he had, and fields of interest he's barely heard of. Merit badges can guide a scout toward a career, enrich his leisure life, hone his fitness, enhance his ability to help others, and stimulate his personal growth.

A scout earns a merit badge by working with an adult counselor, an expert in the chosen subject. The merit badge counselor must be registered with the local council. Any registered Scout, regardless of rank, may work on any merit badge and receive the award when he earns it. However, BSA requires that Scouts use the buddy system in earning badges – that is, two or more Scouts should work with the counselor at the same time to earn the badge.

If the person you wish to work with as a merit badge counselor is not registered with BSA, they may become registered by completing a form at the local council office (420 South Church St.), or by becoming a Volunteer Leader with our troop.

The first step in earning a merit badge is to obtain a signed application from Coby. Then, meet with the counselor to learn and complete the work for the badge. When the counselor is satisfied that the scout has completed the requirements, he will sign the merit badge application. The Scout should then turn in the application to Coby.

When the Troop earns a merit badge as a unit, applications are not used. If you have any questions about earning badges or who can be a merit badge counselor, please see Walter or Coby.

Merit Badges for Summer Camp

Summer Camp and Merit Badge College are a Scout's best opportunities to earn certain Eagle-required badges and badges that our troop does not have the resources to teach. If you need help selecting badges, e-mail Coby or arrive early for the April 13th meeting.

Upcoming Events

May 4	Scout Selection form for Camp Due
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

April Calendar

Tuesday, April 6

!!!!Spring Break!!!!

Tuesday April 13

Patrol Leader's Meeting	5:45 – 6:00
Scout Meeting	6:00 - 7:30
All Scouts	Family Life MB

Friday, April 16– Sunday, April 18

Spring Aquatic Camporee

Tuesday, April 20

Scout Meeting	6:00 - 7:30
New Scout Orientation and Physicals	
Senior Patrol Leader Elections	
OA Elections	

Tuesday, April 27

Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting 5:00 - 6:00
 Optional Scout Meeting 5:30 - 7:30
 * Makeup meeting for Weather
 Merit Badge Field Trip to the National Weather Service at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport. *Old Scouts only*
Depart Scout Hut at 5:30. Return at 7:30
\$100.00 balance of Scout fee due for Camp Ho Non Wah

Friday, April 30-Saturday, May 1

Crossover

Johnson Pavilion at Lake Bowen

Scoutmaster Notes

Spring is finally here and boy do we have a lot going on! We just returned from our Winter Backpacking Trip. We left Spartanburg with a foot of new snow on the ground. The idea was to backpack and camp on the Appalachian Trail in the snow. As we drove towards the mountains, the snow was less and less. When we arrived in Hot Springs, NC there was no snow at all. Nevertheless it was cold! The temperature dropped to twenty degrees the first night. Saturday morning fifteen Scouts and four Dads embarked on a challenging trek to a mountain top five miles away, two thousand feet up from where we started.



The next trip will be a backpacking trip in the Pisgah National Forest. This trip is for the older Scout Outdoorsmen. We will cover ten miles a day in the most rugged terrain the mountains have to offer, the Art Lobe Trail.

Soon it will be Spring Break. After that is the Spring Aquatic Camporee, Cross Over, Mount Mitchell, Scout Camp and two 50-Milers. Now is the time to complete final advancement items for your current rank.

I am pleased to report that the Scoutmaster has been busy with Scoutmaster Conferences for rank advancements. There are many Scouts ardently perusing the Eagle Scout rank. Keep up the good work!

Thank you,
Walter

2004 Advancements, including Merit Badge College (through March 23rd)

C. Adams	Chemistry		
J. Barber	Emergency Prep		
T. Booker	American Heritage		
C. Calhoun	Personal Fitness		
H. Cecil	American Heritage, Forestry		
B. Cochran	Family Life		
J. Cochran	Emergency Prep, Family Life		
M. Crowley	Life , American Heritage, Cit World, Personal Fitness		
B. Daley	Tenderfoot , American Heritage, Reptile/Amphibian		
A. Darr	American Heritage		
R. Gilliam	Star , American Heritage, Camping, Forestry		
C. Graham	Tenderfoot		
J. Graham	Star , Personal Fitness		
M. Hammond	American Heritage, Communications, Forestry, Salesmanship		
D. Henderson	American Heritage, Electricity, Emergency Prep		
M. Hines	Tenderfoot, 2nd Class , American Heritage, Camping, Forestry		
J. Ike	American Heritage, Emergency Prep, Forestry, Salesmanship		
M. Ivey	American Heritage, Emergency Prep		
C. Jennings	Salesmanship		
P. Kavanagh	Emergency Prep, Forestry		
H. King	Star , Cit Nation, Cooking, Forestry, Reptile/Amphibian, Weather		
R. Lacoste	Star , Camping, Salesmanship		
S. Mercer	American Heritage, Emergency Prep		
D. Middlebrooks	2nd Class , American Heritage, Cit World, Family Life, Fingerprinting, Forestry, Salesmanship		
C. Miller	American Heritage		
D. Miller	Environmental Science, Family Life		
M. Oates	American Heritage, Art, Camping, Forestry, Salesmanship		
J. Patrick	American Heritage		
R. Richardson	1st Class , American Heritage, Forestry, Salesmanship, Weather		
C. Russell	American Heritage, Family Life		
C. Sanders	American Heritage, Cit World		
W. Schwartz	Family Life		
T. Shoulders	Family Life		
C. Simmons	American Heritage		
P. Smith	Life , Camping		
L. Somers	Family Life		
S. Strickland	American Heritage, Forestry		
B. Taylor	Life , American Heritage, Cit World, Weather		
C. Todd	Electricity, Fire Safety, Forestry, Scholarship, Weather		

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
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



Eagle's Nest

April

John Dargan 04/16
Grey Lancaster 04/17
Christopher Graham 04/18
Patrick Kavanagh 04/25
Adam Freudenthal 04/26
Stephen Strickland 04/26
Ross Sturm 04/26
Drew Middlebrooks 04/28



Good News!!!!!!!

Congratulations to **Camden Hodge** who will be attending Sewanee:
The University of the South in the fall.

Stephen Strickland won the prestigious Peggy Gignilliat Scholarship
for violin for the Alia Lawson Converse Pre-College.



Rumor has it that our very own Michael
Hammond is in training to ride in the
Assault on Mt. Mitchell in May

Crossover 2004

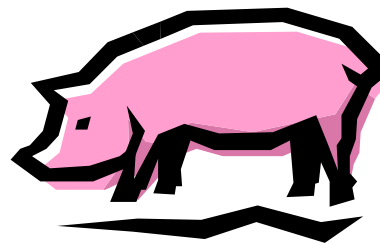
April 30-May 1

Johnson Pavilion/Lake Bowen

A full night of Scouting.

We will serve BullHawg's barbecue. The cost is \$6.00, per person, which will be collected
at the door. Troop 1 Patrol Leaders will be calling each family for a head count.

Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. and our Court of Honor for Cub, Webelos and Boy Scouts will
follow.



Crossover and the bonfire will begin at dark.
Tapping out ceremony for Order of the Arrow inductees.
Camping for Scouts who have just crossed over with a parent or
guardian.
Camping for other Boy Scouts who need another camping activity.
Please make every attempt to be a part of this important event for our
Scouts. Crossover is for THE ENTIRE FAMILY and we hope to have a
great turnout.