



Eagles Nest

August 2004

Edisto 50 Miler

By Caleb Jennings

The Edisto 50 Miler was a blast! It was expertly planned and executed by Mr. Gage. Most of the food was prepared in excellence by chef Lacoste. Thanks also to Mr. Mercer, Mr. Lacoste, and Mr. Gage for accompanying us on this trip.

I think that most of the scouts, and adults, thought this 50 miler would be a walk in the park compared to the other 50 miler. Boy, we were wrong! After the first day of canoeing we knew it was going to be hard. This first day was the most difficult because we traveled the narrowest part of the river. There were lots of fallen logs that we had to pass by, picking up the canoe and moving it over, not an easy task. We also stopped the most this day. On one of those stops, Mr. Lacoste picked up a can and the can started shaking. It scared the wits out of Mr. Lacoste who threw the can down a whole lot faster than he picked it up. We found out later that the can only had a minnow in it! The second day was much easier and we actually got to our camp site early and were able to swim and have fun seeing how many people we could fit in a canoe. We also had canoe wars where two people wrestled on top of the canoe, the first one that touched the water lost. The third day was the main day for picking up trash and we did so with a vengeance. I don't think we missed one cigarette butt while we were cleaning up on that part of the river. This day we only paddled about 12 miles, the other two days we paddled a total of about 37 miles. The last day we only paddled 7 miles, and we had different canoe partners that we had picked the night before.

I have to tell you about the food. It was great! We had two big dinners, one with steak that Mr. Lacoste prepared and one with chicken that Mr. Gage fixed. Both were great, I'm not sure which one I liked better. We also, the scouts, learned and perfected our cooking of different foods, especially for breakfast. We cooked eggs, sausages, bacon, and pancakes. We also had sandwiches with pita bread for lunches that were very good. I wasn't even aware that I liked pita bread. When we were traveling to our first campsite which was a house with a ping-pong table, we ate at Olde Schoolhouse BBQ which was very good, but not as good as my Uncle Harold's Bullhaws BBQ in Pauline, which I think you should all try.

The Edisto 50 miler was a great trip, how could it not be with all the fun, food, and adventure. We saw tons of animals too, such as snakes, alligators, and different kinds of birds.

This trip could not have happened though without Mr. Oates, Mr. Gage, Mr. Lacoste, Mr. Mercer and all those who gave us donations.

Upcoming Events

September 10-13 Drive-up Camping
November 20 Annual Bar-B-Que

August Calendar

Thursday, August 12

First Day of School

Tuesday, August 17

6:00 PM

**Troop 1 Kick-off
Family Hot Dog Supper
Summer Advancement
Badges will be handed out
Uniforms Not Required**

Tuesday, August 24

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
All Scouts Aviation MB

Tuesday, August 31\

Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting 5:00 - 6:00
Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
All Scouts Aviation MB

Tuesday, September 7

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
All Scouts Personal Mgt. MB

Friday, September 10-13

Drive-up Camping

Scoutmaster Notes

Congratulations to all those Scouts and Dad's who completed a 50-Miler this summer. As you may know, Troop 1 had two 50-Miler trips this summer. The first, headed by Ted Gage, Rodney Lacoste and Mitchell Mercer spent five days on the Edisto River and covered over sixty miles. The second trip covered twenty miles on the Appalachian Trail and thirty miles of white water on the French Broad River into Tennessee. Adult leaders on this trip were Ken Frick, Michael Hammond, John Bell Hines, David Ike, Al Ike (John David's Granddad) and the old Scoutmaster.



Scout Camp at Camp Ho Non Wah could not have been better.

Fearing fearsome no-see-ums, huge mosquitoes, sweltering heat and Cotton Mouth Water Moccasins, we were all pleasantly surprised to find no insects or reptile visitors, cool temperatures and a constant sea breeze. The only visitors we had were the fiddler crabs running around in our tents. I am happy to report that the Maxcy Lynn Scoutmaster's Belly Flop Championship Legacy is still alive. After an exciting relay race Troop 1 was tied for first place. To break the tie there was a scoutmaster belly flop competition to decide the winning team. Needless to say, Troop 1 took home the win for the Camp Ho Non Wah Aquatic Relay Race.

Now that school has started, we will begin our regular Scouting program. We will have our first meeting of the season on August 17th. This will be an informal meeting at the scout hut. Summer advancement badges will be handed out. Parents are welcome to stay for the meeting and hot dogs will be served for supper. No uniform will be required at this meeting.

- **We will be handing out the Troop 1 calendar for the 2004-2005 year at the August 17th meeting. Please be sure to come by and pick up a calendar even if you cannot stay. We will have calendars in the scout hut in the future if you may miss this meeting. Please limit one calendar per family.**
- **You should be receiving a letter soon which will be the information on the Order of the Arrow Ordeal. The Ordeal is August 13-15 at Camp Bob Hardan. This is for those boys who were Tapped Out this spring.**
- **Final sign-up for the Nantahala family rafting trip is on the 11th. We will need to have your payment in full no later than the eleventh. Rodney Lacoste will be at the scout hut on Wednesday, August 11 from 5:30-6:30 to receive payment and answer any questions about the trip.**

Welcome Back !!

Walter

Advancements

C. Brown	First Aid		
Z. Brown	First Class , Orienteering, Small Boat Sailing, Citizenship in the Nation		
B. Cochran	Personal Fitness		
J. Cochran	Personal Fitness		
B. Daley	Swimming, Genealogy, Leatherwork, First Aid, Fishing, Wood Carving		
J. Dargan	First Aid		
A. Darr	Genealogy		
J. Erwin	Orienteering, Small Boat Sailing, Fishing, First Aid		
A. Freudenthal	Life		
R. Gilliam	Citizenship in the Nation, Leatherwork, Emergency Preparedness		
M. Hammond	Fishing, Environmental Science, Small Boat Sailing		
C. Hellyer	First Aid		
W. Hudson	Boy Scout , First Aid		
J. Ike	Environmental Science, Personal Fitness, Small Boat Sailing, Wilderness Survival		
M. Ivey	Archery, Small Boat Sailing, Motorboating		
C. Jennings	Genealogy		
H. King	Indian Lore, Small Boat Sailing, Environmental Science		
R. Lacoste	Small Boat Sailing, Environmental Science, Genealogy		
M. McNeely	Swimming		
S. Mercer	Small Boat Sailing, Leatherwork, Lifesaving, Rifle Shooting		
D. Middlebrooks	First Class , Environmental Science, Genealogy, Emergency Preparedness, Leatherwork		
D. Miller	Personal Management		
D. Newton	First Aid		
M. Oates	Star , Genealogy		
L. Phillips	First Aid		
J. Reel	Boy Scout , Swimming		
R. Richardson	Genealogy		
C. Russell	Small Boat Sailing, Citizenship in the Nation, Environmental Science		
H. Russell	Personal Management		
D. Sanchez	First Aid		
C. Sanders	Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Wood Carving		
C. Simmons	Wood Carving, Archery, Small Boat Sailing		
C. Todd	Genealogy		
H. Todd	Aviation		
B. Yurgiewicz	Orienteering		

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



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Happy Birthday

John Barber	8/07
Harrison Cecil	8/07
Mills Smith	8/08
Hall Todd	8/18
Michael McNeely	8/20
Camden Hodge	8/25



Mills and Camden turn 18 this month!

Parrish Smith, Luke Somers, and Adam Freudenthal
attended Philmont Scout Ranch—the Boy Scouts
of America's premier high-adventure base this
summer.

Be sure to ask about their experiences!

Important News

Happy Retirement Dr. and Mrs. Turner!!!

In honor of Clay and Jane Turner and in grateful appreciation of their service to the Church of the Advent and especially Troop 1, a plaque was presented to them at Crossover in April. As well, Troop 1 made a contribution to the Turner retirement fund, which was presented to them on June 27th. The following note was received from Katie Hodge -

Dear Boy Scout Troop No. 1,

6.29.04

Thank you so much for your generous gift to the Turner retirement fund. We will miss Dr. and Mrs. Turner. However with this expression of love and appreciation they will know that whatever future God has for them, the Advent people will support. We will also assure them that with continuing prayers, we will become the people that God has created us to be.

Many thanks.

Sincerely, Katie Hodge

Reminder

Troop 1 continues to work hard to raise funds to retire the debt of the Palmetto Council. The deadline for the matching funds is September 30. Please mail your contribution to:

The Spartanburg County Foundation

For: The Bob Justice Palmetto Council General Endowment Fund

320 E. Main Street

Spartanburg, SC 29302

Attn: John Dargan, President

Walter Oates will be happy to answer any questions you might have about this important contribution.

EMAIL

The Eagle's Nest is the communication tool used by Troop 1 to keep you up-to-date about happenings in the Troop. It is emailed on the first day of the month, throughout the school year, to Scouts, their parents, Troop 1 leaders, Church of the Advent Clergy and Vestry and Friends of Troop 1. The newsletter is converted into PDF form so that it can be printed from any printer. Copy it and share it with your Scout! It is also available on the Church Website <http://churchofadvent.org>. If you have any suggestions please email Mallie at mallieking@charter.net