



Eagles Nest

October
2004

Scout Responsibility

One of the basic tenets of Scouting is to teach personal responsibility. If a boy forgets his sleeping bag on a campout, it's not the Troop's fault, nor the Scoutmaster's, nor his parent's. If he lets his patrol down because he forgot to wear his complete uniform to a patrol competition, it's not because of what the other scouts did. Conversely, when a Scout is able to accomplish something using a skill learned earning a badge or rank, it's because he knew what to do. Not because someone did it for him.

Advancement in Scouting works the same way. When a boy earns a rank, it's because he knew what was needed, not because someone else convinced a Board of Review that the rank should be awarded. When he earns a merit badge, it's because he completed the requirements, not because someone told the counselor that the boy excelled at that subject and should be given the badge.

The requirements to earn a badge or advance in rank can seem daunting at first. Some new scouts especially seem intimidated by the task of keeping up with what needs to be done and by having to ask for a Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review. That's why we accept that the parents of first year scouts are sometimes the ones asking the questions and making the appointments. However, by the time a boy has earned First Class, he should be familiar enough with the process and comfortable enough with the Troop leaders that he should be making the calls.

Increasingly over the last few years, parents of older scouts (even some Life Scouts) have been the ones calling about their son's advancement. Several have called repeatedly asking the same questions while their sons do not advance because they do not participate. Sometimes I think they spend more effort lobbying me to advance the Scout than they spend motivating him to follow through and earn the badge or rank.

In an effort to change this, the Troop has adopted a new policy. Once a Scout has earned First Class, he should take full responsibility for knowing what he needs to do to complete a merit badge or earn a rank. He must be the one making the calls to schedule boards or to get a Progress Report.

If a parent (or Scout) has a concern about something that is happening in the Troop, they should, of course, feel free to call any of the Troop leaders. However, if the call is to find out what requirements need to be completed or when a Board of Review can be scheduled, the call should come from the Scout. If you need a report or have any questions, e-mail Coby@teleplex.net.

Upcoming Events

November 11, 2004 Veteran's Day Parade
November 12-14 Edisto Beach Camping
November 20, 2004 Annual Bar B Que

October Calendar



Tuesday, October 5

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
All Scouts Motor boating Test
BBQ Corporate Sponsors Due

Saturday October 9-10

Spartan District Camporee

Tuesday, October 12

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
NS Camping MB
OS Personal Management MB



Friday, October 15-17

Camping at Lancaster Farm

For 1st year Scouts or any Scout who needs orienteering

Saturday October 16-17

Canoeing on the French Broad River

Tuesday, October 19

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
NS Camping MB
OS Pioneering Project
Senior Patrol Leader Election

Friday, October 22

No School

Sunday October 24

Forestry Merit Badge Field Trip
Meet at Milliken at 2pm

Tuesday, October 26

Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting 5:00 - 6:00
Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
NS Camping MB
OS Pioneering Project



Patrol Elections

Last Day for Merit Badge College registration

NS = New Scout OS = Older Scout

Scoutmaster Notes

The scouting season is in full swing! At our meetings we have had the Aviation, and Personal Management merit badges and are currently working on the Motor Boating merit badge. First year Scouts have started working on the Eagle required Camping merit badge and will also begin work on the Motor Boating merit badge. We now have an alternative program for those Scouts who have had the merit badge courses being offered.



The outdoor program has started off with a bang as well. As mentioned in the last Eagles Nest, the Nantahala Family Rafting Trip set a record for attendance. The latest trip to the Johnson Pavilion on Lake Bowen was a huge success. Dodging hurricane rains, we were able to have a perfect weekend on the lake. Scouts worked on fire building, cooking, lashing, plant identification, first aid and other well needed skills. Many Scouts received the Canoeing Merit Badge.

Added to the normal busy schedule is the Scuba Diving Certification course. Many boys from Troop 1 have signed up and are in the process of getting their Underwater Divers Certification. Headed by Rodney LaCoste, this group of boys had their first meeting At The Dive Shop on Saturday, September 18. Prior to the first meeting, Mr. Michael Hammond conducted a three hour video viewing and pizza party for those participating. Troop 1 will be offering two trips in the month of October. First year Scouts will be going to the Lancaster Farm to work on and practice their camping and cooking skills. This will be a perfect opportunity for Scouts to complete First Class items 4a-e. Scouts will also be sharpening their map and compass orienteering skills. The second trip being offered is a canoeing trip on the French Broad River. This is for older scouts who will not be at the Lancaster Farm. The canoe trip will leave out on Saturday and return on Sunday. We will paddle from Rosman to Brevard, NC. Sign up sheets and permission slips for each trip are in the scout hut.

I would like to add how proud I am of the first year Scouts and their Parents for great participation on group outings and meetings! This years First year Scouts are well on their way to being First Class by year end. Those first year Scouts who were not at Scout Camp need to commended for their hard work at catching up on the many necessary skills to become First Class.

Last and certainly not least, I would like to congratulate Eagle Scouts John Barber, Patrick Kavanagh, and Derek Miller. On Sunday 26, from 4:00-5:00 PM. these Scouts were honored by family and friends with a spectacular Eagle Scout Ceremony.

Thank you,

Walter

Merit Badge College 2005

At Bethel United Methodist Church Spartanburg, S.C.

January 8, 2005(8:30-12:30) First session

January 22, 2005 (8:30-12:30) Second session

February 5, 2005(8:30-12:30) Third session

February 19, 2005 (8:30-12:30) Fourth session



Merit Badges Offered: Fingerprinting, Reading, Citizenship in Nation, Citizenship in Community, Citizenship in World, Truck Transportation, Medicine, Law, Dentistry, Soil and Water, Emergency Prep., Photography, Scholarship, Electronics, Safety, Art, Fire Safety, Architecture, Electricity, Auto Mechanics, Veterinary Medicine, Communication, Personal Management, Pulp and Paper, Crime, Family Life, Disability Awareness, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Chemistry, Camping, Wilderness Survival

Registration will soon be available—due back to the scout hut no later than October 26!

I need your help! If you can teach or know someone that can teach one of the above please give me a call 585-4860. Thanks! Mike Parks (michaelparks73@hotmail.com)

TROOP 1 ANNUAL BBQ – NOVEMBER 20, 2004

As preparations begin for this year's BBQ, we are asking all Scout Families to identify at least **1 NEW CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP**. This could be from any of your Business connections – a restaurant, gas station, retail store, professional office, or large corporation. Sponsors are asked to contribute a **Minimum of \$150.00** (more is always welcome.) Sponsors get their Company Name placed on the BBQ Tickets as well as on the back of BBQ T-Shirts!! This year we will also have Sponsor names on a banner by the BBQ pick-up line on the day of the BBQ. Ticket sales are important, but Corporate Sponsorships always greatly increase the success of this important fund-raising event. If you know of a potential sponsor, please return the information at the bottom of this notice to the Scout Hut no later than **Tuesday, October 5th**.

Chip Smith, Steve Freudenthal, Kit Jennings – BBQ Chairmen

If you prefer, you may call this information to Steve Freudenthal at 582-1097, or email to sfreud@bellsouth.net

Sponsor Information

Company Name: _____

Company Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Company Phone #: _____

Scout Name: _____ Amount: _____

Check One:

We HAVE contacted this sponsor and we will be bringing a check from them made out to Troop 1 Church Of The Advent to the Scout Hut.

We HAVE contacted this sponsor and they are expecting a letter from Troop 1 for the donation.

We HAVE NOT contacted this sponsor, but think they would be willing to be a sponsor. I recommend the Troop send them a letter requesting that they be a Corporate Sponsor.

This is a list of Corporate Sponsors from last year. Each Sponsor from last year will automatically get a letter from the Troop requesting them to be a sponsor again this year. Please have your scout give us the name of a Sponsor that is not on this list.

Advance America,
Cash Advance Centers
Centerplate
CWS Insurance
Dr. Wood Lay
Glo-Tex
Hodge Carpets
Janice Smith Interior Design
Jones-Calhoun Bobcat
McAbee, Talbert, Halliday
Milliken Foundation

Blue Ridge Log Cabins
Brentwood Construction
Contec, Inc.
David W. Jones, DMD, MHS
Edward, Ballard, Sturm
Harley's Electronics
J F Floyd Mortuary
Johnson Development
Lyles, Darr, Clark
Merrill Lynch
Morgan Corporation

Oates Construction
Palmetto Shutter & Blind
Smiley Orthodontics
Smith Animal Hospital
Smith Drug Company
Spartanburg Radiological
The Barnet Company
Timken US Corporation
Walker, Walker, Higgins
White Oak Manor



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
Kate Dargan-Program / Merit Badge Coordinator
Stephen Freudenthal-Barbecue Co-chair
Ken Frick- Finance Chairman
Arthur Hellyer - Mount Mitchell Co-chair
Kit Jennings-Barbecue Co-chair
Mallie King- Eagle's Nest
Rodney LaCoste- Outdoor Chairman
Grey Lancaster- Senior Advisor
Jacky Middlebrooks-Scout Camp Chairman
Mike Parks-Senior Advisor
Rick Phillips - Mount Mitchell Co-chair
Cathy Richardson- Secretary
Virginia Setzer- Cubmaster
Chip Smith- Board of Review Chairman /
Barbecue Co-chair
Sarah Todd-Program / Merit Badge Coordinator
Holly Watters- Master of Ceremonies



October Happy Birthday



Caleb Jennings 10/01
Tommy Frick 10/10
Craig Calhoun 10/16
Richard Gilliam 10/21
Luke Somers 10/25

Hamilton King 10/4
Daniel Haskell 10/15
Zach Brown 10/17
Foster Hodge 10/23
Rob Richardson 10/26

Zach Brown, Monty Oates and Rob Richardson are playing football for the McCracken Eagles

Ben Taylor is playing football for the Spartanburg High School Vikings

Congratulations to our Scouts who became certified to Scuba Dive at Lake Jocassee recently — Mackenzie Hines, Coleman Hellyer, Andy Frick, Matthew Hammond, Cameron Sanders, Richard Gilliam, Charles Adams and Ben Taylor

Important News

For Scouts working on Personal Management - October 12. Please have your workbooks ready to review. I will be looking for completed items number 1 and the plan portion of item number 2 as well as one month of results. If you have worked ahead, great! I will be happy to look at what you have completed. Remember, those of you doing this merit badge are responsible for a lot of documentation.

Spartan District 2004 Fall Camporee

"Fun, Games, Competition and Fellowship" Sat., October 9 - Sun., October 10 Wofford College field near football stadium. This is a district event where troops and friends from all of Spartanburg will be attending. The activities planned are all "NOTHING BUT FUN". Activities are to include competitions in basketball, soccer, frisbee, and frisbee golf. Please email Walter Oates Oatescon@aol.com if you have an interest in attending this event.

Donations needed

We have begun a new program within our weekly meetings for Scouts to have a fun learning experience. We need donations of Old Frisbees, old putters, old golf putting practice cups, checkers games, scrabble games, football, volley ball, and ping-pong tables that might be in the way and need a new home.

Don't Forget St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Pumpkin Patch WO Ezell Boulevard Across from the Dorman Centre. All proceeds go to out reach. Please support this worthy project Sept. 26-Oct. 31st.

Ski Trip

January 28- January 30, 2005 Space will be reserved with a non-refundable \$100.00 deposit. **Deposit due October 26.** Balance will be due in December. Projected cost is \$250.00.

Service Hours

Opportunities are available for the Advent Church Bazaar. Scouts are needed for the afternoon of the Oyster Roast on October 7 and for setting up for the bazaar in November. Call Libby Lowndes 573-9545 to volunteer

Please remember to honor our Eagle Scouts with a contribution to the Troop 1 Legacy Fund