



Eagles Nest

March
2005

Dr. George Dean Johnson Award

The Episcopal Church of the Advent Boy Scout Troop 1 has annually honored an adult leader from our group with the Dr. George Dean Johnson Award. Dr. Johnson was the first Eagle Scout in the first chartered Scout Troop in the State of South Carolina.

On Scout Sunday we proudly presented this award to a leader in our Troop who has for years given selflessly to this organization. As a registered scout leader he contributes countless hours to the scouts in Troop 1. He has hit the trail with us on week long 50 mile backpacking trips, has attended too many weekend trips to count, and has taught many merit badge classes over the years. On top of all that, he keeps our bottom line straight and our troop in tune.

Not only is Ken Frick our Troop Treasurer, he's also the official/unofficial Troop 1 bugler. He brings his trumpet on camping trips and he gladly plays reveille in the morning and taps in the evening. Let me tell you it's quite a talent when one guy can make a whole troop look good.

Ken is a mentor and role model for so many young men. A man who happily makes Tuesday nights a priority for our troop. A father who knows what scouting can mean to a boy. And a friend we deeply respect. We're honored to make Mr. Ken Frick, the 2005 recipient of the Dr. George Dean Johnson Award. Congratulations Ken!

Upcoming Events

April 15-16	Spring Aquatic Camporee
April 19	New Scout Orientation
April 26	Scout Physicals
April 29	Crossover
May 20-22	Mt. Mitchell Project
June 5-11	Camp Bob Hardin
June 17-21	Edisto River 50 Miler
July 10-14	Appalachian Trail 50 Miler

March Calendar

Tuesday, March 1

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
Eagle Badge Make-up

Thursday, March 3

Scout Leadership Training Course 4:00-7:00
Scout Hut- supper included

Saturday, March 5

Parrish Smith's Eagle Project
USC-Upstate 9:00-2:00

Tuesday, March 8

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
Fire Safety MB *Scouts choose*
Crime Prevention MB *one badge*

Tuesday, March 15

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
Fire Safety MB
Crime Prevention MB

Friday, March 18-20

**Backpacking Trip
on the
Art Lobe Trail**



Sunday, March 20

Eagle Ceremony 3:00 PM
See invitation inside the Eagles Nest for more details

Tuesday, March 22

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
Hiking/Backpacking MB

Tuesday, March 29

Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting 5:00 - 6:00
Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
Hiking/Backpacking MB

Scoutmaster Notes

Boy, we nailed it on the head this year for our annual ski trip. Snow, snow and more snow. If you like skiing in a blizzard then you missed out if you were not on the ski trip. When we arrived at Valle Crusis there was no one there but Troop 1. We had the whole place to ourselves! The weather forecast was calling for a major snow dump. Other groups canceled their reservations. Go Figure!

The first thing we did when arriving was to equip the van with snow chains anticipating the on coming blizzard. Rick Phillips, Ted Gage and I are now experts at this task after an hour learning experience in temperature dipping down into the teens. It's a good thing we did Saturday morning we awoke to disappointment in that there was no snow. We thought the storm must have missed us. By the time breakfast was over, the ground was white. The snow did not let up until mid day Saturday. Skiing was difficult in the high winds and blowing snow but the conditions were excellent! Many Scouts completed the Winter Sport Merit Badge. Now that the ski trip is over and hunting season has ended, it's time to head for the woods.



Troop 1 will be going to the mountains for the Winter Camping Trip and then a major backpacking trip in March. This backpacking trip will be for the Outdoorsmen group of Scouts. This is a rough and ready group of boys who have no fear of a tough trail. We will be completing the Art Lobe Trail. Last March this group did the toughest portion and will have accomplished a huge undertaking by completing the trail this season.

Troop 1 has made a major high tech equipment acquisition. We have order silicon impregnated tarps to substitute for tents on group events and backpacking trips. These tarps are ultra light weighing only 28 oz. each. Five to six people can sleep under one tarp. For weight comparisons, our two man tents weigh 64 oz each. The tarps can be used as dinning canopies as well. We have ordered six 10' x 14' tarps and expect them by March 8. The tents have been sent back to Mountain Hard Ware in California to be reconditioned. We will reserve these for adult leaders who cannot share tarps with Scouts and parents on family outings such as Nantahala Rafting.

Advancements among our Troop have been exceptional! Keep up the good work Scouts!

Thanks,
Walter

2005 Summer Camp

Camp Bob Hardin dates are June 5 through June 11, 2005. Sign-up for current scouts who wish to attend Camp Bob Hardin is February 22, 2005. Camp fees are also due at this time. However, if you later decide you would like to go but have not signed-up please let me know. We can sign-up until we have filled our campsite limit.

Current Scouts should be deciding which merit badges they would like to work while at camp. In the handout I provided and the leaders guide sent out via email has a list of merit badges being offered and the time and place for merit badges. In these handouts is a Troop Merit Badge Schedule. Please select your merit badges, make sure there are no conflicts and send this form to Jacky Middlebrooks. I will need this completed and sent to me by May 10, 2005.



First year scouts will be participating in the Upward Bound program that is designed to develop the skills necessary for advancement through First Class. However, first year scouts can participate in any merit badge offerings after 4:00 pm if they meet the prerequisites. Please consult the individual merit badge book.

I need dad volunteers for camp. The first year scouts will need at least one dad to camp out with them Tuesday night. We will need at least two dads for each day we are at camp. If you would like to help out please let me know and/or sign up on the list on the Troop bulletin board in the Scout Hut.

If you have questions please call or email me. Work phone is 560-4696, home phone is 542-2761 and my work email address is middlebrooks@srhs.com.

Advancements

W. Barnet, Citizenship in the World
 C. Brown, Swimming, Archery
 Z. Brown, Archery
 J. Dargan, Swimming, Archery, Snow Sports
 A. Freudenthal, Personal Fitness
 A. Frick, Personal Management
 M. Hammond, Swimming
 W. Hammond, Boy Scout
 C. Hellyer, First Class Scout, Swimming, Archery, Motorboating, Snow Sports
 M. Hines, Archery
 W. Hudson, Swimming, Archery, Motorboating
 H. Ike, Archery
 M. McNeely, Archery
 D. Middlebrooks, Archery, Snow Sports
 M. Oates, Archery, Snow Sports
 S. Parrott, Swimming, Archery
 L. Phillips, Swimming, Archery, Motorboating, Snow Sports
 J. Reel, Archery
 C. Russell, Lifesaving, Archery, Motorboating, Snow Sports
 C. Sanders, Snow Sports
 B. Yurgiewicz, Swimming



Troop 1 Welcomes 15 New Scouts

Lewis Barnett John Blackman Caleb Fort Mason Gillespie
 John Clayton Guitierrez Tucker Gustafson Jake Henderson
 Thomas Johnson Walker Kennedy Christopher LaCoste
 Connor LeRoy John McBride James Roger Poole
 Charles Setzer Jake Shelley



Advancement Notes

Activity Requirements

BSA requires that each scout be active in the troop in order to advance to the next rank. The troop committee has interpreted this to mean that a scout must participate in at least fifty percent of troop activities. Meetings and other activities are kept track of separately. This means that you must attend fifty percent of troop meetings in addition to participating in fifty percent of other activities.

The First and Second Class ranks also include an activity requirement. In order to advance to Second Class, you must have participated in five Troop or Patrol activities. To advance to First Class, you must participate in five additional activities. Troop or Patrol activities include Troop campouts or overnight trips, the Troop barbeque and Eagle Service projects. Credit for these activities may be earned anytime after a boy joins Boy Scouts. A scout does not have to be a Tenderfoot to earn Second Class activities or a Second Class Scout to earn First Class activities. However, activities as a Cub or Webelos do not count, even if they are Boy Scout activities. When a scout transfers in from another troop, his activities will also transfer along with any other requirements passed off by his former Scoutmaster.

Here is a list of scouts with less than ten activities: (includes activities through the Ski Trip)

C. Brown	8	W. Hammond	7	W. Hudson	9
H. Ike	6	M McNeely	8	S. Parrott	7
L. Phillips	9	J. T. Reel	8	D. Sanchez	8

Medical Forms:

(Updated 2/8/2005)

BSA has four different forms for scout and adult physicals:

Class 1 - is the least comprehensive. This form is basically just emergency notification information, some basic medical history and a release for emergency treatment. It may only be used for overnight camp-outs and does not need a physician signature.

Class 2 - is the form we need on most scouts. It may also be used for adults under 40 years old. In addition to the information in the Class 1 form, it requires a screening by a physician including an assessment of any limitations. This form is valid for three years and is required if your scout is attending summer camp or any trip lasting more than two nights.

Class 3 - is the most comprehensive. It includes a more detailed medical history and a more stringent physician assessment. We need this form on all camping adults over 40 years old and all scouts and adults participating in High Adventure activities. This form is valid for one year.

The fourth form is a specialized form used only for the National Scout Jamboree.

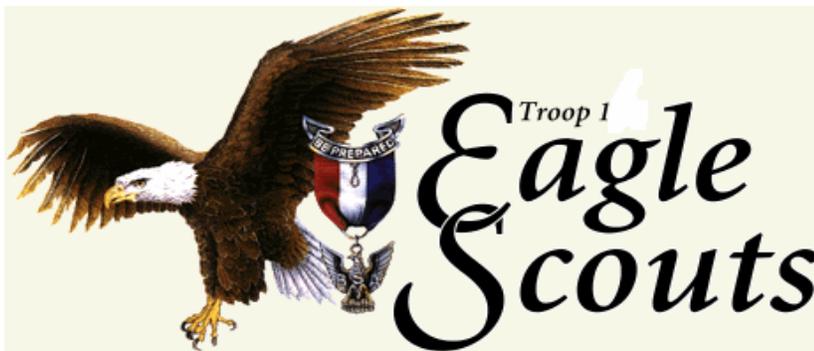
We currently need new physicals on the following scouts:

C. Adams
J. Barber
W. Barnet
Z. Brown
C. Calhoun
M. Crowley
A. Darr
A. Frick
T. Frick

R. Gillam
C. Graham
J. Graham
M. Hammond
D. Henderson
F. Hodge
J. D. Ike
H. King
R. LaCoste

G. Lancaster
J. Patrick
A. Paul
R. Richardson
W. Schwartz
T. Shoulders
P. Smith
R. Wise

All new scouts crossing over from Webelos need a **Class 2** physical. All adults going to Summer Camp or 50-Milers need a **Class 2** or **3** physical depending on age. We will have doctors volunteering at the April 19th orientation meeting to perform new scout and adult physicals and at the April 26th meeting to perform adult and current scout physicals. Please complete this form and bring it with you to complete your physical. The forms may be downloaded in pdf format from <http://www.scouting.org/forms/34414.pdf> for **Class 1 & 2** or <http://www.scouting.org/forms/33412.pdf> for **Class 3**. They are also available in the Scout Hut, via e-mail from coby@teleplex.net or at the Council office on South Church St. Forms other than BSA forms (other summer camp forms, etc.) are not acceptable due to national BSA insurance requirements.



Troop 1 had 6 Scouts earn the rank of Eagle in 2004
John Barber
Patrick Kavanagh
Derek Miller Matthew Parks
Penn Ely Luke Somers
Our newest Eagle Scouts and the first in 2005 are
Taylor Shoulders and Clarke Todd



Please join us to honor
Taylor Shoulders
and
Luke Somers
on their attainment of Eagle Rank
Boy Scout Troop 1
Court of Honor ceremony
Sunday, March 20, 2005
3:00 p.m.



Episcopal Church of the Advent
Reception immediately following the ceremony



*****IMPORTANT-- PLEASE READ*****

Troop 1 fully endorses the National BSA Policy on Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use and Abuse. The Troop Leadership Committee expects any adults participating in Troop 1 outings to comply with this policy. If we fail to comply, we put our relationship with The Church of the Advent and the Palmetto Council at risk. We also put in jeopardy our Troop 1 charter.

Please realize the importance of compliance of this policy.

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants.

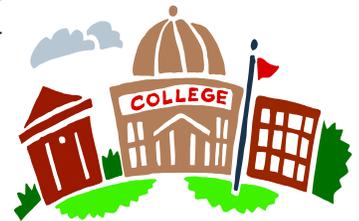
All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

Merit Badge College News

This year 259 scouts (27 from Troop 1) registered for Merit Badge College. Thirty three merit badges were offered with 51 classes being taught. The success of Merit Badge College depends on the commitment of many volunteers and they cannot be thanked enough. Troop 1 provided tremendous help this year with the following instructors:

Rick Gilliam (Citizenship in the Community); Maxcy Lynn (Citizenship in Community); Mike Parks (Citizenship in Community); Drs. Joe and Jennifer Lever (Dentistry); Chris Lynn and Rob Brown (Reading); Dr. Lee Daley (Medicine); Ted Gage (Truck Transportation); Walter Oates and Coby Alexander (Soil and Water); Adair Watters (Photography); Michael Chewning (Architecture); John Bell Hines (Architecture); Jan

Yurgiewicz (Citizenship in the World); Jacky Middlebrooks (Personal Management); John Dargan (Personal Management); Cindy Hellyer (Family Life); Rob Cochran, Beth Cecil and David Graham (Family Life). I would also like to thank my wife Nancy Parks for her generous help. Merit Badge tracking sheets will be tabulated and forward to Scoutmasters as soon as possible. It will be mid-March before you will receive your badges for work done at Merit Badge College. Thank you again! ~ Mike Parks



*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

Ted Gage- Outdoor Chairman

Arthur Hellyer - Mount Mitchell Co-chair

Kit Jennings-Barbecue Co-chair

Mallie King- Eagle's Nest

Rodney LaCoste-Specialty 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



March

Cam Miller	03/02
Sam Parrott	03/06
Cameron Sanders	03/06
Benjamin Taylor	03/15
Derek Miller	03/19



Welcome Ted Gage

The Troop 1 Leadership Committee would like to announce that we have added an additional Outdoor Committee Chairman to the committee as well as a new position on the committee. Ted Gage will be the Outdoor Committee Chairman who will be making reservations, sign-up sheets, and fee collections on our regular scheduled events. Mr. Rodney LaCoste is now the new "Outdoor Committee Chair Person of Specialty Events". Rodney will be working closely and heading up special events such as certifications and High Adventure excursions.

We look forward to hearing from Rodney and Ted lot's in the future!

Important News

Board of Review/Scoutmaster Conference

All scouts wishing to receive Rank Advancements 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.

Attention Eagle Candidates!!!

Please send information on your Eagle Projects to be included in the Eagles Nest. There are many Scouts who would like to help you and who need the service hours. Thanks.
Email:mallieking@charter.net or call 579-1015.

Important Notice

This is a reminder that Scouts may not leave a Scout meeting early without the permission of the Scoutmaster. They may not ride in a car driven by another Scout during the meeting time frame. If there is a field trip only adults may drive. Please help us to keep our Scouts safe at our meetings. If a Scout does need to leave early they must have a note from their parent.

