



Eagles Nest

April 2005

Scoutmaster Notes



Have you ever wondered just what it would be like if you were with a group camping out far in the wilderness and your food and equipment turned up missing? What would the look on the faces of the Scouts and Leaders look like when they discovered their belongings missing? Well, you need not wonder any more. Just ask Scout's Grey Lancaster, Drew Middlebrooks, Rob Richardson, Richard LaCoste and Monty Oates.

A group of first year Scouts and their Dads motor boated far far away, way up into a cove in NC, on Lake Jocassee. They camped Friday night and worked hard building the perfect camping spot. They had tables and chairs, grills and stoves and coolers full of food and soft drinks. Boy was this a fancy camp out.

Little did this group realize that there was a small group of wilderness hardened older Scouts miles away planning and practicing a seemingly impossible maneuver. This group of Scouts carried on their backs everything they needed to carry out a two night, three day mission. Saturday morning the group of hardened Scouts struck out early. Their trek led them over four large mountains, miles and miles into the wilderness until they found themselves near a country club looking campsite. The most amazing thing! The campsite was empty of people!

Seizing the opportunity while the younger Scouts and their Dads were out frolicking about the lake, the older Scouts relieved them of their chicken cooler, soft drinks, grills and charcoal.

Patient and determined, the older Scouts surrounded the campsite in camo cover and waited for the return of the frolicking group. After waiting and watching the hilarious reaction of the surprised group after discovering their missing BBQ supper, the older Scouts appeared from the woods and a great reunion was had by the two groups. For returning their chicken, the younger Scouts were more than happy to share their supper and all ended well. That concludes the Winter Camping Trip of 2005. The moral of this story is, "Be Prepared."

The school year and Scout season are drawing to an end but now is the time to check your advancement levels and see what you can do before summer is here. The Merit Badge College results are in. Check and see if you need a Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review. Review the Scout calendar. We have Troop Elections and Order of the Arrow elections coming up. Do not wait until the last minute for a Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review. Cross Over, our final Court of Honor is April 29.

We have a couple places left for the backpacking 50-Miler. If you think you may want to do this, please contact me. The Edisto 50-Miler is full but has a waiting list. Our next event is Spring Aquatics. The following weekend is a Fly Fishing/White Water Canoeing trip and is limited to the amount of Scouts who can attend. The following weekend is Cross Over.

Keep up the good work,

Walter



Upcoming Events

May 20

June 3-10

June 5-11

June 17-21

July 14-19

Mt. Mitchell Project

High Adventure Trip

Camp Bob Hardin

Edisto River 50 Miler

Shenandoah Trail 50 Miler

April Calendar

Monday, April 4- Friday, April 8

Spring Break

Tuesday, April 12

Scout Meeting

6:00 - 7:30

Patrol Competition

Friday, April 15-Sunday, April 17

Spring Aquatic Camporee

Tuesday, April 19

Scout Meeting

6:00 - 7:30

New Scout Orientation and Physicals

Adult Physicals

****Must bring medical forms****

NS Please bring checkbooks for Summer Camp and Dues

Senior Patrol Leader Elections

Thursday, April 21

Adult CPR Class

6:00-9:00

Friday April 22-24

Paddle/Cast Trip

Tuesday, April 26

Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting 5:00 - 6:00

Scout Meeting

6:00 - 7:30

All Scouts Family Life Merit Badge

OS/Adult Physicals-

****Must bring medical forms****

OA Elections

Friday, April 29-Saturday, April,30

Crossover

Johnson Pavilion at Lake Bowen

NS = New Scout OS = Older Scout



Camping Requirements and Opportunities

“Boy Scouts” is largely about camping. It’s a big part of what we do. In order to encourage camping, several awards involve camping requirements. Some of these awards and the camping portion of the requirements are outlined below.

One of the requirements for 2nd Class is that a scout must participate in five “troop activities.” Two of these must involve overnight camping.

One of the requirements for 1st Class is that a scout must participate in five more “troop activities.” Three of these must involve overnight camping.

The Backpacking Merit Badge involves three treks at least three days long camping at two different campsites and one trek at least five days long with at least three different campsites.

One of the requirements for the Camping Merit Badge is that a scout must participate in twenty days and twenty nights of camping. Only one session of summer camp may be used to qualify. Any “cabin” camping, such as the ski trip when we stay in a house or dormitory does not count. You must sleep each night under the sky or in a tent.

One of the requirements for the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge is that you must spent one night alone in a shelter you have found or improvised with minimal damage to the environment.

To be eligible for Order of the Arrow election, you must experience fifteen nights of Boy Scout camping **within the two years prior to your election**. One, but no more than one long-term camp of five or six nights must be included. The other nights must be on overnight or short-term campouts. Just like the Camping MB, “cabin” camping does not count. (You must also have attained 1st Class.)

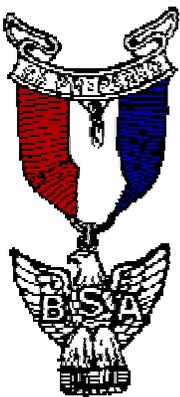
The Leave No Trace Award involves three camping trips demonstrating and practicing the principles of Leave No Trace.

The Historic Trails Award is earned as a troop. One of the requirements is that you must camp two days and one night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.

The 50-Miler Award is also earned as a troop. A route of at least fifty miles must be covered over a minimum of five consecutive days.

Remember to welcome our 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



**Please join us to honor
Clarke Todd
on his attainment of Eagle Rank
Boy Scout Troop 1
Court of Honor Ceremony
Sunday, April 17, 2005
12:45 p.m.
Episcopal Church of the Advent**



2005 Advancements, including Merit Badge College

W. Barnet	Star Scout
Z. Brown	Citizenship in the World, World Conservation
M. Crowley	Personal Management
B. Daley	Citizenship in the Nation
J. Dargan	Citizenship in the World, Motorboating
A. Frick	Architecture, Weather
M. Hammond	Motorboating
D. Haskell	Family Life
C. Hellyer	Citizenship in the Nation
M. Hines	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
W. Hudson	First Class Scout, Citizenship in the World
H. Ike	Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Family Life, Fire Safety
J. Ike	Fire Safety
M. Ivey	Citizenship in the Nation, Communications
C. Jennings	Citizenship in the World
H. King	Scholarship
R. Lacoste	Life Scout, Personal Fitness, Architecture, Weather, Wilderness Survival
M. McNeely	Second Class Scout, Fire Safety
S. Mercer	Motorboating
D. Middlebrooks	Star Scout, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Communications, Personal Management
M. Oates	Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the World, Fire Safety
S. Parrott	Citizenship in the Community
L. Phillips	First Class Scout, Citizenship in the Community
J. Reel	Citizenship in the Community, Fire Safety, Motorboating
R. Richardson	Star Scout
C. Russell	Star Scout, Communications
D. Sanchez	Motorboating, Veterinary Medicine
B. Taylor	Citizenship in the Community
A. Yates	Personal Management, Personal Fitness



Merit Badges

A merit badge is an invitation to explore an exciting subject. Part of learning about that subject takes place in a “classroom” setting at Scout meetings, Merit Badge College or Scout Camp. Another part of exploring that subject can involve taking field trips or doing some kind of independent study, then reporting back to your merit badge counselor what has been learned.

Many times, that last step, or some other requirement, is not completed and the scout does not earn the badge. All is not lost, however, as we try to keep records of the requirements that have been completed so that the scout may earn the badge without having to take the whole course over again. However, BSA tends to change the requirements for about eight or ten badges each year. Therefore, requirements completed some time ago may or may not be appropriate for the current badge.

The list of advancements for March includes most of the badges earned at Merit Badge College. There are still a few instructors that haven't turned in their results.

Speaking of instructors, recently several scouts have tried to turn in lists of partial requirements completed and signed off by merit badge counselors that have not been approved in advance. If you are going to try to earn a merit badge outside of troop or council activities, the merit badge counselor must be approved in advance by Walter or Coby OR be a registered Merit Badge Counselor with the Palmetto Council.

Also, you should strive to use the same counselor throughout the course of the badge. Having several counselors sign off partial requirements over several years forces us to have to check for updated requirements and the problems of duplicated items or items no longer required. You may have to complete additional work to earn the badge.

2005 Summer Camp



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 signup 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.

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, two 50 Miler trips, plus thirteen Scouts from our Troop marched in the Veterans Day parade. We also had over twenty Scouts attend Summer Camp at Ho Non Wah.

The fourth objective is to renew our charter on time. We have re-chartered with 60 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, our Scouts contributed a total of 318 hours to 22 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 61 Rank advancements last year compared with 74 for the prior year. Those advancements were earned by 45 Scouts. (70% of the Troop) We currently have 5 Eagles, 23 Life, 13 Star, 7 1st Class, 5 2nd Class and 6 Tenderfoot Scouts. In addition, 316 Merit Badges were earned. Major accomplishments were made in the American Heritage, Archery, Aviation, Citizenship in the Nation and World, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Family Life, Fingerprinting, First Aid, Motorboating, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Pioneering, Rifle Shooting, Swimming, and Weather merit badges. Three Scouts earned the World Conservation Award and nine Scouts earned the 50 Miler award. Several 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 were handed out at the March 22nd 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.

Troop One is in the process of trying to identify all adult Eagle Scouts who are associated with our Troop. If you have attained this rank in another Troop please let us know. Thank you.

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
Mitchell Mercer Mount Mitchell Co-chair
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
Adair Watters- Mount Mitchell Co-chair
Holly Watters- Master of Ceremonies

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April Birthdays

Hampton Ike 04/01
John Dargan 04/16
Grey Lancaster 04/17
Christopher Graham 04/18
Patrick Kavanagh 04/25
Adam Freudenthal 04/26
Drew Middlebrooks 04/28



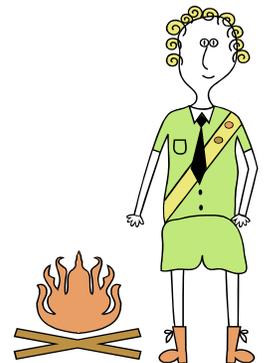
Be sure to say Happy Birthday to our
Scoutmaster Walter Oates on April 15th.

Troop 1 is looking for a few good volunteers. The Mt. Mitchell Project will be on Friday May 20th. Scouts are expected after school in Spartanburg. We need Dads and College Students to man Asheville, Marion and the Top of Mt. Mitchell. Please let our Co-Chairs know if you can help!!!! The race will return to a Saturday Event in the future.

Crossover 2005

April 29-30 Johnson Pavilion/Lake Bowen

A full night of Scouting. We will serve a delicious dinner. 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 7:00 p.m. and our Court of Honor for Cub, Webelos and Boy Scouts will follow.



Crossover and the bonfire will begin at dark.

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.

Directions from Spartanburg:

Go straight through Boiling Springs on Highway 9

From the Wal-Mart entrance in Boiling Springs to Edwards Road is 4.3 miles. Turn left on Edwards Road. Go 1.1 miles to Whiter Oak Road. Take first right on to White Oak Road. Take first right on to Waterline Road. Waterline Road goes into the gate to the Pavilion.