



Eagles Nest

August
2005

Edisto 50 Miler-2005

By Lesesne Phillips

This year we had a great trip on the Edisto River. Led by Mr. Gage, Mr. McNeely and Dr. Reel, eight scouts managed to paddle 50 miles in four days. We ate at "Old School Barbecue" on Friday night. We spent the night at the Gage family cabin. We had fun playing ping pong and fishing while we were there. On Saturday we started our trip. We thought it was pretty easy. It was a great day. The next day we started off again. Mr. Gage wanted us to stop at a sandbar and "frolic". Some of us went in the water including Mr. Gage. Mr. McNeely and Michael went in the water a little bit later but in a different kind of way. Instead of going to the family cabin we went camping on a sandbar that night. Our tents kept the hungry mosquitoes away. The next morning we were really sore. During our morning frolic Mr. Gage decided to jump off of a high sandbar with us. After paddling on Monday, we put long tubes in the ground. We also dug out a ditch. That night we stayed at a state park. We had a man hunt game that night also. The third and fourth years weren't very good hiders though. But they still won. In the morning we only had a few more miles to go. We didn't really spend much time frolicking that day. Some of us had to wait for the others after the fifty miles. That was a great trip. Everyone had a good time. Thank you to Mr. Gage, Mr. McNeely, and Dr. Reel.

Upcoming Events

Bicycle Trip

September 23-25

Annual Bar-B-Que

November 19

August Calendar

Thursday, August 11

First Day of Public School

Friday August 12-15

Nantahala Family Camping

Tuesday, August 16

6:00 PM

**Troop 1 Kick-off Family Hot
Dog Supper**

**Summer advancement
Merit Badge Completions
Calendars handed out**

Class A uniform

Friday August 19-20

OA Ordeal

Tuesday, August 23

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30

NS Skills

OS Photography

Wednesday August 24

First Day of School SDS

Tuesday, August 30

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

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30

NS Skills

OS Photography

NS = New Scout OS = Older Scout

Scoutmaster Notes

Here we go again! It's already time for summer vacation to end and school to begin. Look on the bright side, it's time to resume our Tuesday Scout meetings and outdoor outings!

Let me assure you that we have not been idle this summer. Let me briefly recap. The Diving High Adventure Trip headed by Mr. Lacoste assisted by Mr. Hammond was a smashing success. Scout Camp at Bob Hardin, headed by Mr. Middlebrooks was a cool Mountain retreat. Many thanks to those Dad's who spent a night or two with the Scouts at camp. The Edisto-50 Miler, headed by Mr. Gage and assisted by Dr. Reel and Mr.

McNeely was a low country, five day marathon on the Edisto River.

Then there was the Shenandoah-50 Miler. This was the Mother of all Troop 1 trips! The early planning stages of this expedition began in December of 2004. Maps and books on the Shenandoah National Park were ordered. From that point on the routes were discussed by email and phone conversations with the Federal Rangers in the Virginia area. Before embarking on the journey with the Scouts, a road trip to Virginia seemed like a good idea. Scout Drew Middlebrooks and father Jacky, Mr. Lacoste and I headed for the hills to scope it out. On this trip we confirmed mile markers, meeting spots, first aid, food, showers and travel logistics. After becoming comfortable and knowledgeable of the area, we headed home to put the final details together to make the trip work. Our biggest problem was arranging a midway food drop so far away. At this time I would like to compliment Mr. Jimmy Shoulders for, once again, stepping up to the plate for Troop 1. Mr. Shoulders made the six hour drive to Virginia to meet us at 2:00 PM at mile marker 64 on the Skyline Drive, Shenandoah National Park Virginia! Boy were we glad to see him. Needless to say the trip went well. Mr. Middlebrooks, Mr. Hines and I hit the trail with Scouts Hamilton King, Drew Middlebrooks, Monty Oates, Mackenzie Hines, and Eric Newton. Eric's dad Dan Newton caught up with us along the trail to finish up the trip. We walked a total of 51.5 Miles on the Appalachian Trail in five days. The first day we began the trip at 4:00 PM after traveling from Spartanburg. We walked 6 miles on the trail before camping. Day two was our toughest day. Still getting in shape and encountering our steepest and longest incline, we packed 12 miles. The same with day three. Day four we walked 13.5 miles and ended the trip on day five with a 8 mile walk out. After a much needed shower the group traveled an hour and a half to the nearest town for pizza and ice cream.

Our next adventure will be the Annual Nantahala Family Rafting Trip. I understand from Mr. Ted Gage, Troop 1 Outdoor Chairman, that the trip has a record number, is slam full and on the verge of out growing our two campsites which can accommodate seventy people? Bring it on Troop 1!!!!

The Troop Leadership Committee has met several times to discuss the upcoming season. Mr. Hammond has worked hard and long on getting the calendar ready to hand out at the first meeting on August 16.

I hope all of you have had a great summer. I'll see you on the 16th for Hot Dogs and catching up.

Thanks,

Walter



Troop 1 Outdoors

Troop 1 has a very exciting fall line up for the outdoor program. Following the Nantahala Family Rafting trip coming up this weekend will be a mountain biking weekend September 23-25 at Bent Creek located near Asheville. We will be camping at the Lake Powhatan Recreation Area where many of the biking trailheads originate. The Bent Creek area is considered one of the best areas in the Southeast for mountain biking trails. Now is the time to get those bikes out of the garage and tuned up for the trip. A sign up sheet will be in the hut at the first meeting.

We will return to the waterways of Lake Moultrie and the Cooper River October 7-9 for a motor boating trip to Charleston from Lake Moultrie. We will be camping at the Coastal

Carolina Council's Camp Moultrie on the shores of Lake Moultrie. The motor boating trip will begin with a descent in the Pinopolis Lock at Santee Cooper's Jefferies Hydroelectric Station which was the highest single-lift lock in the world at the time of its construction. In it, boats up to 150 feet can be raised or lowered the 75 feet difference between the Tailrace Canal and Lake Moultrie. Along the way there will be chances to see various naval ships and submarines along the river before arriving in Charleston Harbor. This has always been a very popular trip for Troop 1.

Also coming up later will be opportunities for Orienteering, canoeing the French Broad River and earning the Rock Climbing Merit Badge on a climbing weekend in the Linville Gorge. Get ready for some big adventure!

Ted

Advancements in May ~ June ~ July



C. Adams	Personal Management	M. Ivey	Environmental Science
W. Barnet	Emergency Prep.		Athletics
L. Barnett	Boy Scout	T. Johnson	Boy Scout
J. Blackman	Fingerprinting	W. Kennedy	Boy Scout
C. Brown	Lifesaving	C. LeRoy	Boy Scout
	Motorboating	J. McBride	Fingerprinting
B. Cochran	Eagle Scout	M. McNeely	First Class Scout
J. Cochran	Eagle Scout		Environmental Science
	Personal Management		Lifesaving
M. Crowley	Eagle Scout	S. Mercer	Environmental Science
J. Dargan	Lifesaving		Reptile/Amphibian. Study
C. Fort	Boy Scout		Athletics
A. Frick	Eagle Scout	D. Middlebrooks	Lifesaving
M. Gillespie	Boy Scout	S. Parrott	Athletics
J. Gutierrez	Boy Scout	L. Phillips	Environmental Science
W. Hammond	Archery		Lifesaving
	Wilderness Survival	J. Poole	Boy Scout
D. Haskell	Lifesaving	J. Reel	Environmental Science
C. Hellyer	Environmental Science		Family Life
	Lifesaving	C. Russell	Citizenship World
M. Hines	Fish & Wildlife Mgt.		Personal Fitness
	Geology	H. Russell	Eagle Scout
	Motorboating	D. Sanchez	Environmental Science
W. Hudson	Environmental Science		Swimming
	Lifesaving		Mammal Study
H. Ike	Environmental Science	C. Setzer	Boy Scout
	Athletics	J. Shelley	Boy Scout
	Motorboating	P. Smith	Eagle Scout



New Advancement Policies



Partial Merit Badges have become a problem lately. BSA has decided to update several Merit Badges each year. Since 1999, when our oldest boys joined Troop 1, 78 out of the 119 badges offered have been changed. Fifty-one of these badges are ones that Troop 1 scouts have worked on. It has become too complicated to keep up with which scouts started which badge under which requirements.

Therefore, beginning in January of 2006, any partial Merit Badges that are more than one year old will be deleted and the badge will have to be restarted.

This change gives scouts five months from now to complete any badges they started working on before January 2005. The reports that scouts receive at Courts of Honor will now include the date each partial badge was started in order to help keep track of deletion dates.

A few badges, such as Hiking and Backpacking, are expected to take slightly longer to complete (with 50% participation in troop activities) and will be extended.

Requirements for Rank advancement, other than Merit Badges, will not be affected by this change.

Eagle Paperwork has also become a problem lately. Workbooks have been turned in directly to the Council office with dates and badges that did not agree with what we had previously reported. This causes confusion and can result in delays in project approval and Board of Review scheduling.

Therefore, beginning now, any Eagle paperwork to be delivered to the Council office must be given to the Scoutmaster for delivery.

When you present your Eagle Project Workbook for the Scoutmaster's signature and Board of Review project pre-approval it should be ready for presentation.

When you have completed all requirements, ask Coby for an "Eagle Application Assistance" report. This report has all of the dates and badges you need to complete the "Eagle Scout Rank Application" form. If you have not done so already, this is the time to turn in the list of scouts that helped you on your project.

When you have completed your Workbook, Application and anything else you want to send to your Eagle Board, present everything to the Scoutmaster for his review and signature. He will sign it and deliver it to the Council office.

Coby

Hiking and Backpacking MB's

Last spring we completed the classroom portions of these badges. Now is the time to get credit for the walking. Here are the requirements:

Hiking

5. Take five hikes, each on a different day, and each of 10 continuous miles.
6. Take a hike of 20 continuous miles in one day
7. After each of the hikes in requirements 5 and 6, write a short report of your experience. Give dates and descriptions of routes covered, the weather, and any interesting things you saw.

The hikes of requirements 5 and 6 cannot be used to fulfill requirements of other merit badges.

Backpacking

- 9e. While carrying your pack, complete a hike of at least 2 miles.
10. Using Leave No Trace principles, participate in at least three backpacking treks of at least three days each and at least 15 miles each, and using at least two different campsites.
- 11a. Write a plan for a backpacking trek of at least five days using at least three different campsites and covering at least 30 miles. Your plan must include a description of and route to the trek area, schedule (including a daily time control plan), list of food and equipment needs, safety and emergency plan, and budget.
- 11b. Using Leave No Trace principles, take the trek planned and, while on the trek, complete at least one service project approved by your merit badge counselor.

Upon your return, write a report about the trek that includes a day-by-day description of what you did or what happened, and what you might do the same and what you might do differently on your next trek

If you participated in any of the following trips, turn in the required reports before you forget what happened. Some other trips may qualify also, ask Walter if you are unsure.

Date	Location	Remarks
10/11/2002	Lake Jocassee	Backpacking 15mi
11/8/2002	Kings Mountain	Hiking 10mi
2/15/2003	Pisgah	Backpacking 15mi
3/14/2003	Swamp Fox	Backpacking 15mi
7/20/2003	Hot Springs 50 Miler	30mi Backpack OR 5-10mi Hikes
3/26/2004	Art Lobe Trail	2-10 Mile Hikes
7/11/2004	Hot Springs 50 Miler	30mi Backpack OR 5-10mi Hikes
2/25/2005	Shining Rock	Hiking 10mi
7/9/2005	Lake Summit	20 Mile Hike
7/15/2005	Shenandoah 50 Miler	30mi Backpack OR 5-10mi Hikes

If you want to earn credit for these badges outside of Troop 1 activities, see Coby or Walter for approval of your plan before you go.

Coby



In Memoriam

Joseph J. Yurgiewicz

(February 27, 1954-July 9, 2004)

Father of active Scout Ben Yurgiewicz

General William C. Westmoreland

(March 26, 1914-July 18, 2005)

General Westmoreland was the 2nd Scout in Troop 1 to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. He went on to receive an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was the Commander of the US forces in South Vietnam from 1964 to 1968. Troop 1 has made a donation in his memory to the Palmetto Council.

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Walter Oates- Scoutmaster

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Chip Smith- Board of Review Chairman /
Barbecue Co-chair

Adair Watters- Mount Mitchell Co-chair

Holly Watters- Master of Ceremonies

Happy Birthday

John Blackman	8/03
JC Gutierrez	8/05
John Barber	8/07
Harrison Cecil	8/07
Michael McNeely	8/20
Mason Gillespie	8/25



John Barber turns 18 this month !

Troop 1 has had 8 Scouts to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout since January, 2005. They are:

Taylor Shoulders, Clarke Todd, Parrish Smith, Hunt Russell,
Mark Crowley, Andy Frick, John Cochran and Brooks Cochran

Way to go Scouts!

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Scout Camp- 2005

Conner LeRoy wins Upward Bound Award at Scout Camp



This year's camp at Bob Hardin was a success. First year Scouts are well on their way to achieving the rank of First Class. Of course all the First Class requirements cannot be achieved at camp alone. That means First year scouts will need to participate in classroom exercises and as many weekend camping trips as possible to finish all the requirements for First Class. Older Scouts had to opportunity to work on merit badges. Even though there were not many Eagle required badges taught at camp a Scout must earn a certain number of merit badges beyond the Eagle required. All these merit badges, Eagle required or not, not only fulfill the requirement for attaining the rank of

Eagle but teaches one how to be a leader, a good citizen and a caring person.

Welcome To a New Year in Scouting!

Troop 1 Scouts, please set some goals for yourself as we begin a new year. Troop 1 is a good place to be and you can make great progress if you work hard and aim high. If you need a Board of Review, call Chip Smith. If you have questions about advancement, call or email Coby Alexander. If there is anything I can help you with, don't hesitate to contact me.

Attached to this newsletter is your son's Parent Patrol schedule. Thanks to all parents for volunteering once a month as Patrol Parents. Please do your best to be available on your Tuesday or find a substitute.

Please remember that to be active in Troop 1, you are required to attend a *minimum* of 50% of the weekly meetings and 50% of the monthly campouts. Please go ahead and mark your calendars for **November 19**. This is the date for our annual barbecue, and attendance by Scouts and one parent is required.

Michael Hammond
Troop Committee Chairman