

# Eagles Nest

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## New Study Reveals Youth Unprepared to Make Challenging Ethical Choices

A new Harris Interactive study shows that while many of today's youth are unprepared to make moral and ethical decisions, Americans who participated in the Boy Scouts of America are more likely to make the most ethical, but not always the easiest, choices.

The Values of Americans - A Study of Ethics and Character, commissioned by the Boy Scouts of America, highlights the values held by society. The Values of Americans study is a follow-up to the 1995 Harris Interactive research The Values of Men and Boys in America and provides a comparison of current American values with those of 10 years ago. The survey results reveal a clear picture of the values of American adults and youth.

Several key findings regarding the current state of American youth include:

- Half of youth cheated on homework or a test in the past 12 months, with 16 percent saying they have cheated five or more times.
- The use of alcohol is prevalent among youth. One-quarter drank a full glass of alcohol or can of beer in the past 12 months, with 14 percent saying they have had an alcoholic beverage five times or more in the past year.
- Nearly a quarter of youth took part in a group fight, and 10 percent say they hurt someone badly enough to need bandages or a doctor.
- Youth are experimenting with drugs. Sixteen percent say they smoked marijuana in the past year, and 8 percent indicate they have done so five or more times.
- The incidence of violent or delinquent behaviors increases as youth move into their teenage years.
- Boys are more likely than girls to engage in violent or delinquent behaviors.

The study also shows that Scouting continues to make a positive impact in the lives of youth. The Values of Americans study reinforces the difference that Scouting can make, including:

- Scouts show higher self-confidence, leadership skills, and a greater interest in helping others than youth who are not Scouts.
- More than 80 percent of former Scouts report that Scouting has taught them to be a good team player, to always be honest, to take better care of the environment, and to respect the life and property of others.
- Men who were Scouts five or more years are more likely than those who have never been Scouts to graduate from high school (91 percent versus 87 percent) and graduate from college (35 percent versus 19 percent).
- Two-thirds of former Scouts report there have been real-life situations where having been a Scout helped them be a better leader (83 percent for former Scouts who were in the program five or more years).

"While many of the issues youth face have changed in the past 10 years, Scouting continues to provide youth with the skills they need to face an evolving society," said Roy Williams, Chief Scout Executive, BSA. "For 95 years Scouting has provided interesting and challenging programs that teach character and leadership to America's youth."

Serving nearly 4.1 million youth between 7 and 20 years of age in more than 300 councils throughout the United States and its territories, the Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training

## October Calendar

### Tuesday, October 4

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30  
NS Skills  
OS Golf MB

*Notice to Scouts concerning BBQ Corporate Sponsors*

### Friday, October 7-9

## Moultrie Boating

Friday, October 7—Monday, October 10

**No School—SDS**

### Tuesday, October 11

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30  
NS Skills  
OS Electricity MB

**BBQ Ticket Handout**

### Tuesday, October 18

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30  
NS Skills  
OS Electricity MB

**Senior Patrol Leader Election**

### Friday, October 21

**No Public School**

### Tuesday, October 25

Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting 5:00 - 6:00  
Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30  
NS Skills  
OS Electricity MB

**Patrol Elections**

### Thursday, October 27

PLC Leadership Training 5:00-7:30

### Friday, October 28-30

## NS— Orienteering

For 1st year Scouts or any Scout who needs orienteering

## OS -Canoeing/Fly Fishing

Watauga River

NS = New Scout

OS = Older Scout

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# Scoutmaster Notes



Congratulation Scouts! You have started the year off with a bang. I have been reviewing your individual progress reports and advancements are excellent. Those of you who have not been able to attend all of the meetings and outings fear not, you will be able to work on needed skills for Tenderfoot, 2nd Class and 1st Class at the Lancaster Farm campout on October 28-30. This is the orienteering weekend which is very important.

**We only do this once a year.**

**All first year Scouts need this to complete 1st Class.**

The Bent Creek Mountain Biking weekend went great! Many older Scouts and first year Scouts were able to check off lots of advancements. Some first year Scouts are very close to earning 1st Class Rank. Thanks to parents Michael Hammond, Jay Shelly, Ken Frick, Ted Gage, Rusty Barnett, Jerry Setzer, Mark Blackman and a guest of the Troop Mr. Ryan Richey, the weekend went over without a hitch. For the record, it did rain. This was the seventh Troop 1 event since Spring Cross Over.

Our next big event is the Assault on Moultrie. On this trip we will ask Dads to load up their boats and head to Santee Cooper's Lake Moultrie. We will base camp at the Coastal Carolina Council's outpost camp which is right on the lake. Saturday morning we will load up in the boats, be lowered seventy feet down to the Cooper River in the highest lock in the United States. There, the race begins. We will race down the Cooper River as fast as our boats can go. After reaching Charleston, we will have a sand bar lunch before retracing our route back to the lock at Lake Moultrie. After returning to camp on Saturday afternoon we will have plenty of time to fish, motor boat and cook gourmet meals. This is a perfect trip to work on your 1st Class cooking, requirements 4a-e and to cook over a wood fire. Remember, you must plan these requirements and report them to me before the trip.

## General Notes

The date of the Scout Leadership Training is Thursday, October 27. Many of you need this training.

This is for all **Scouts**, particularly those of you who have been elected to a leadership position. It will be held at the Scout Hut from 5-7:30 and dinner will be served.

Tuesday, October 25 is Troop Elections. It is very important for you to be at this meeting and to vote and be voted on. This is an advancement requirement to be elected to a position of responsibility such as Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader. If you are not yet 1st Class, you will have a position of responsibility in place for you when you become first class. Full Class A Uniform is required to be elected.

Begin planning now for merit badge college. Please be in touch with Coby for all information and sign up sheets.

Thanks,

Walter

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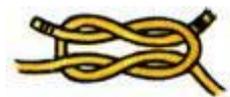
## Helpful Hints

<http://meritbadge.com> is a great website that has complete worksheets for each merit badge.

**Many merit badge books are available in the Scout Hut. All are available at the Scout Shop. Have extras at your house? Donate them to the Scout Hut!**

<http://www.42brghtn.mistral.co.uk/knots/42ktmenu.html>

**This website has animated knots. Anyone can learn to tie knots here!**



# TROOP 1 ANNUAL BBQ – NOVEMBER 19, 2005

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 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Kit Jennings, Chip Smith, Steve Freudenthal – BBQ Chairmen

If you prefer, you may call this information to Kit Jennings 582-8899, or email to CJenn519@aol.com

## **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.

AIM Mail Center  
Champion Construction  
David W. Jones, DMD, MHS  
George L. Johnson Insurance  
Hodge Carpets  
Janice Smith Interior Design  
Lyles, Darr, Clark  
Milliken Foundation  
Orthopedic Specialties  
Pig-Out  
Smiley Orthodontics  
Spartanburg Radiological  
Timken US Corporation  
Walker, Walker, Higgins

Blue Ridge Log Cabins  
Chapman Concrete Products  
Eastside Family Physicians  
Glo-Tex  
Hudson & Associates Const.  
Johnson Development  
McAbee, Talbert, Halliday  
Morgan Corporation  
Palmetto Builders  
Regions Bank  
Smith Animal Hospital  
Sugar'N Spice  
Vic Bailey Ford  
White Oak Manor

Centerplate  
Contec Inc.  
Edward, Ballard, Sturm  
Harley's Electronics  
J. F. Floyd Mortuary  
Jones-Calhoun Bobcat  
Merrill Lynch  
Oates Construction  
Palmetto Shutter & Blind  
River Bend Sportsman's Club  
Southeastern Paper  
The Barnet Company  
Wades Restaurant



# Troop 1

## Attendance Policy



Troop 1 requires that all active Scouts attend 50% of all meetings and outdoor events.

Meetings- Scouts with the rank of Star, Life or Eagle may assist with the 1st Year Scout program or attend the merit badge class being offered. Every merit badge a Scout receives above and beyond the required badges for Eagle Rank will be credited toward a Palm.

Outdoor Events- Older Scouts are expected to be involved, help instruct 1st year skills, show leadership and Scout Spirit.

Consequences of Poor Attendance- Attendance is being taken at each meeting and all outdoor events. Attendance will be examined at the Scoutmaster Conference and Scouts may be found lacking in Scout Spirit. If this applies to you, you will be asked to return in one month to complete your Scoutmaster Conference. During the one month period the Scout will be expected to participate in *all* Troop meetings and outdoor events.

Troop 1 Scout Spirit Definition- To live by the Scout Oath and Law and to give back to your Troop what it has given to you through participation.

**Troop Leadership Committee**



## Troop 1 Outdoors

The Troop 1 Outdoor Program 8 week Fall Marathon is now in full swing. We have begun with a very successful mountain biking weekend and will continue with the Lake Moultrie to Charleston boat ride, orienteering and other outdoor skills at Lancaster Farm, fly fishing and canoeing on the Watauga River in Tennessee, and ending with a special rock climbing weekend in November as detailed below. I urge all scouts to get out there and take advantage of the opportunities available this fall.

We are expecting all of the first year scouts at the Lancaster Farm campout where they will complete the orienteering course for First Class rank and also complete numerous other early rank and camping requirements. Older scouts who need skills requirements or camping merit badge advancements should plan to attend also.

We have a very special activity coming up that Troop 1 has not done for several years with a rock climbing and rappelling instruction weekend in the Linville Gorge of North Carolina November 11-13<sup>th</sup>.

Rock Dimensions of Boone, NC will guide our scouts through earning the climbing merit badge over the course of the weekend. Check them out at [www.rockdimensions.com](http://www.rockdimensions.com) for details about the program. The cost will be about \$80.00 and there is a sign up sheet in the Scout hut.

Lastly it is not too early to start thinking about the annual Troop 1 Ski trip to Beech Mountain January 27-29, 2006 especially with the BBQ ticket sales coming up. We had a blast last year and expect an even better trip this year.

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## Advancements

J. Blackman	<b>Boy Scout</b>	
Z. Brown	Citizenship in the Community, Personal Fitness	
T. Frick	<b>Second Class Scout</b>	
R. Gilliam	Citizenship in the Community	
M. Hammond	Personal Management	
W. Hammond	<b>Tenderfoot Scout</b>	
C. Hellyer	<b>Star Scout</b> , Photography	
D. Henderson	<b>Life Scout</b>	
J. Henderson	<b>Boy Scout</b>	
H. Ike	<b>Second Class Scout, First Class Scout</b> , First Aid, Swimming, Photography	
J. Ike	Architecture, Photography	
M. Ivey	Genealogy	
C. Lacoste	<b>Boy Scout</b>	
J. McBride	<b>Boy Scout</b>	
D. Middlebrooks	Fly Fishing	
M. Oates	Family Life	
S. Parrott	Photography	
J. Patrick	Personal Management	
A. Paul	Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, First Aid, Personal Management	
J. Reel	Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Photography	
D. Sanchez	<b>Second Class Scout, First Class Scout</b> , Photography	

# WAY TO GO SCOUTS

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-Merit Badge Coordinator  
Stephen Freudenthal-Barbecue Co-chair  
Ken Frick- Finance Chairman  
Ted Gage- Outdoor Chairman  
Arthur Hellyer - Mount Mitchell Co-chair  
Cindy Hellyer - Merit Badge Coordinator  
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  
Holly Watters- Master of Ceremonies



# October Happy Birthday



<b>Caleb Jennings</b>	<b>10/01</b>	<b>Hamilton King</b>	<b>10/04</b>
<b>Tommy Frick</b>	<b>10/10</b>	<b>Daniel Haskell</b>	<b>10/15</b>
<b>Craig Calhoun</b>	<b>10/16</b>	<b>Zach Brown</b>	<b>10/17</b>
<b>Walker Kennedy</b>	<b>10/17</b>	<b>Richard Gilliam</b>	<b>10/21</b>
<b>Foster Hodge</b>	<b>10/23</b>	<b>Luke Somers</b>	<b>10/25</b>

**Rob Richardson 10/26**

### **Daniel Haskell turns 18 this month**

*Monty Oates is playing football for the McCracken Eagles*

*Zach Brown, Rob Richardson, and Ben Taylor are playing football for the Spartanburg High School Vikings*

*Will Barnet, Richard Gilliam and Winslow Schwartz are all in the Spartanburg High School Marching Band.*

*Lesesne Phillips and Richard Lacoste are playing soccer for the Spartanburg Day School Griffins*

*John David Ike and Drew Sanchez are in the SDS Band*

## Important News



"In the 30 years that I've been doing this for a living, I've never had a parent say to me, 'I regretted the time I spent with my son or child in Scouting.'"

**Roy L. Williams, Chief Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America**

### A Reminder to Life Scouts

Five of the Life scouts in Troop 1 are seventeen.

Remember that all work towards your Eagle must be completed before you turn 18. Your Board of Review may be held after your birthday, but that leaves no time to fix any problems the Eagle Board may have with your application or project. You should also plan on the time it takes to earn any Merit Badges you may still need. (Some take up to three months). Your six month Position of Responsibility also has to be completed before your birthday. Remember that all Eagle paperwork (project approval or rank application) has to be turned in to Walter or Coby by the fifteenth of the month preceding the Eagle Board meeting.

To sign up for a Board of Review Contact Chip Smith -921-7872 or Bubba Littlejohn -921-2610

Service Opportunities are being posted on the bulletin Board at the Scout Hut. Please check there for these exciting opportunities.

Eagles Nest is available all month on the Church's website <http://churchofadvent.org/>