



Eagles Nest

March
2006

Quality Unit Award Statistics

In order to earn a Quality Unit Award, a troop has to achieve six out of ten objectives. Four of those are required. For this year, Troop 1 achieved the four required objectives plus five of the six others:

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 Coby for details.

The third objective is to have at least six outdoor activities plus attend Summer Camp. Last year, we had thirteen campouts, two 50 Miler trips, and a ski trip. We also had twenty four Scouts attend Summer Camp at Bob Harden.

The fourth objective is to renew our charter on time. We completed the re-chartering process on February 24th with 69 scouts.

Two of the other six objectives must be achieved. We qualified in five:
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 374 hours to 21 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 76 Rank advancements last year compared with 61 for the prior year. (A 25% increase.) Those advancements were earned by 51 Scouts. (72% of the Troop.) We currently have 9 Eagles, 26 Life, 6 Star, 10 1st Class, 2 2nd Class and 7 Tenderfoot Scouts. In addition, 215 Merit Badges were earned. Major accomplishments were made in the Climbing, Environmental Science, Family Life, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, and Swimming merit badges. 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.

Membership – Due to a change in the way we handled Crossover, we re-chartered with 9 more scouts this year than we had last year. The patches were handed out at the February 28th meeting. It is to be worn on your right sleeve, centered under and touching your patrol emblem. (On adult uniforms, it should be two inches below the bottom edge of the flag.) Prior year Quality Unit patches should be removed – only the current one should be worn.

Coby

Upcoming Events

May 19-20

June 2-6

June 11-17

July 6-9

Mt. Mitchell

Edisto River 50 Miler

Camp Daniel Boone

WestPoint

March Calendar



Tuesday, March 7

PLC Meeting 5:30
Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
All Scouts Reptile/Amphibian MB

Tuesday, March 14

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
All Scouts Patrol Competition

Friday, March 17-Saturday, March 18



Crossover

Johnson Pavilion at Lake Bowen

Tuesday, March 21

Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
All Scouts MB Completions

Friday, March 24-26

Spelunking

Tuesday, March 28

Troop Leadership Comm. Meeting 5:00 - 6:00
Scout Meeting 6:00 - 7:30
All Scouts Knots



Scoutmaster Notes



Congratulations Scouts! Working as a team, you have met the goal for the General Westmoreland Grave Marker Fundraiser. Our goal was \$5,000.00. Officially, the fundraiser is scheduled to end on March 13th. We are still getting responses in from the letters that you all sent out. Further responses will be used to help fund our trip which is scheduled for this summer.

Trip! What trip? Oh, you haven't heard? Scouts who participated in the fundraiser, by submitting all of their letters to be mailed, are heading off on a Heritage Road Trip on July, 6th and returning on July, 9th. We will be traveling on a large chartered bus. First stop is Washington, DC where we will have a tour of the White House. Next stop is WestPoint to tour the campus and visit the late General Westmoreland's grave site and view the new grave marker. After our visit to WestPoint we will head home via Charlottesville, VA. We will stop over for the evening and visit Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello. This is an all expense paid trip. How do you sign up? Mr. Gage has sent out permission forms and an address to mail them to. You may also bring them to the next meeting. Deadline for sign up is March 14. After the deadline for Scouts to sign up on March, 14, then the seats are open for any parents who would like to go. If you are a parent and would like to come along, you may email Mr. Gage NOW. Your name will be placed on the list in the order in which he receives your email. If you need a permission form, please email Mr. Gage. twgage@bellsouth.net Remember, March, 14 is the final sign up for Scouts!

Winter Camping 2006 has allowed a brave new group of Troop 1 Pioneer Scouts to rise to the top of the outdoor program. After weeks of research by the outdoor committee and a visit in person to confirm trail heads, the committee chose this trip to be a great first year Scout backpacking experience. This was new territory for the Troop and it was most certainly a pioneering experience. The Linville Gorge is a pristine wilderness area. The gorge is known for it's rare plants, spectacular views of shear cliffs, the crystal clear Linville River cascading down forming one water fall after another and large hemlock trees over a hundred years old. The gorge is also rugged. The trail is a mire goat trail over roots and rocks. After recent ice storms the trail was littered with fallen trees and limbs making head-way slow and painful. Our conservative expectation to walk at a 1.5 mph pace turned into a slow .5 mph pace. Perseverance, determination, and the thought of McDonalds hamburgers got us through. The Scouts of Troop 1 who attended this trip have a lot to be proud of and have seen wilderness scenery and terrain they would otherwise never have experienced for the rest of their life! Tip, buy some Tylenol stock because it's going up. I hope this trip will leave good, everlasting memories in the minds of all and that the Scouts who attended will find the need to return and let their own sons experience the Linville Gorge.

Welcome New Scouts! Glad to have you on the Eagles Nest mailing list. Cross Over is just around the corner. Troop 1 has adventure after adventure in store for you. Action will begin right away with the Spring Aquatics, Mount Mitchell, Scout Camp, and before you know it, Nantahala family rafting in August. Welcome to Troop 1.

Thanks, *Walter*

Troop 1 Outdoors



The Troop 1 Outdoor Program is back in full swing as you read this. We have an exciting lineup of spring and summer events planned.

Get ready for some real caving in March as we go spelunking in a private cave in Bluff City, TN March 24-26. This is a natural cave without all the "tourist improvements." Our friends from Rock Dimensions will be our guides on this wild adventure. The April camping event will be the Spartan District Spring Aquatic Camporee at the Duncan YMCA April 21-23. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the swimming, life saving, or canoeing merit badge. Older scouts will be camping at Mt. Mitchell May 19-21 as part of the Assault on Mt. Mitchell project.

Troop 1 Outdoors will not be taking a break when summer rolls around. The Edisto River 50 Miler will be June 2-6 and Scout Camp at Camp Daniel Boone will be June 11-17. Then comes the trip of a lifetime for our scouts as they will go on the Troop 1 American Heritage Road Trip to WestPoint, NY to honor Troop 1 Eagle Scout and National Hero General William Westmoreland who was laid to rest in the WestPoint Cemetery last summer. In addition to touring the USMA campus and cemetery, scouts will tour the White House in Washington and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Charlottesville. We will close out the summer with the Nantahala Family Whitewater Rafting trip August 18-20.

Ted

The Family of
John David Ike
invites you to join us in celebrating his
attainment of
Eagle Rank
Court of Honor Ceremony
Sunday, March 12, 2006
3:00 p.m.
Episcopal Church of the Advent
Reception immediately following the ceremony
The Parish Life and Community Center

2006 Summer Camp

Camp Daniel Boone, near Canton, NC.

June 11 through June 17, 2006.

All Scouts must have a class I/II physical, if you are not sure check with Coby. All adult leaders under the age of 40 attending camp must have a class I/II physical on file. Class I/II physicals are good for three years. All adult leaders over 40 must have a class III physical. Class III physicals must be performed annually.

All physicals are the responsibility of Scouts and parents.

The Merit Badge schedule was emailed last week please contact me if you need another copy jmiddlebrooks@charter.net

The merit badges being offered are listed in the leaders guide sent out to each Scout and parent. This is for older Scouts only. New Scouts will participate in the Goin' Great program. New Scouts can participate in the First Aid and Swimming merit badges. Please review and determine which merit badges you would like to work on while at camp. List them in order of priority and

send them to me. I will match you priority list against the schedule. If you have questions regarding camp please let me know.



Jacky Middlebrooks

Boy Scouts of America Troop 1

Dr. George Dean Johnson, Jr. Volunteer Leadership Award

This award is to honor an individual whose dedication has sustained and perpetuated the ideals of Scouting.

1995 Maxcy C. Lynn, Jr.

1998 Lemuel H. Walker, Jr.

1999 Lawrence O. Goldstein and T. Ravenel Smith

2000 Glenn Miller

2001 Coby Alexander

2002 Michael L. Parks

2003 Holly and Adair Watters

2004 Milton A. Smith, Jr.

2005 Kenneth Frick

2006 Mallie E. King

Welcome New Scouts

David Berry	Zack Boyles
Casey Brown	Julian Cope
Harrison Kennedy	Charles Mercer
Rainsford Reel	Kemp Smith
Walker Tiller	



Crossover 2006

March 17-18 Johnson Pavilion/Lake Bowen



A full night of Scouting. Bullhaws Bar-B-Que will serve a delicious dinner.

The cost is \$7.00, per person, which will be collected at the door. Troop 1 will contact each family for a head count. Dinner is at **6:00 p.m.** and our Court of Honor for 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 White 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.

February Advancements

C. Adams	Computers
L. Barnett	Second Class Scout, First Class Scout
J. Blackman	First Class Scout
J. Dargan	Emergency Preparedness
A. Darr	Life Scout
C. Fort	First Class Scout, Computers
R. Gilliam	Computers
C. Graham	Camping
W. Hammond	First Class Scout
C. Hellyer	Camping, Auto Mechanics
D. Henderson	Camping, Computers, Auto Mechanics
J. Henderson	Computers, Veterinary Medicine
W. Hudson	Family Life, Auto Mechanics
H. Ike	Veterinary Medicine
J. Ike	Computers
C. Jennings	Life Scout
C. LeRoy	First Class Scout, Computers
J. McBride	Swimming
D. Middlebrooks	Computers, Auto Mechanics
L. Phillips	Camping
J. Reel	Camping, Computers, Electricity
R. Richardson	Auto Mechanics
D. Sanchez	Citizenship in the World
C. Sanders	Veterinary Medicine



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

John Dargan- Financial Assistance Chairman

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

Elise Mercer- Master of Ceremonies

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

March Birthdays

Cam Miller 03/02

David Berry 03/05

Sam Parrott 03/06

Cameron Sanders 03/06



☘ Eagle Scout John Barber will attend Clemson University in the fall. Go Tigers!!!!

☘ Hampton and John David Ike represented the Palmetto Council as delegates for the Boy Scout of America annual report to the State of South Carolina. The report allows the Scouts to tell who we are and what we do. It provides an opportunity to build the Scouting brand and image as well as increase the awareness and visibility of Scouting's service. Thanks guys!!!!



Important News



Troop 1 has been asked by the City Clerk, Connie Littlejohn to follow specific guidelines when planning to visit City Council Meetings. Adult leaders must call the Mayor's office at 596-2033 to inquire which council meeting may be appropriate for a troop/or individual scout to attend.

Scouts are required to be in Class A uniform and accompanied by an adult.

Welcome John Dargan

We are pleased to welcome John Dargan as a new committee member for Troop 1. John will serve as our Financial Assistance Chairman. He will oversee funds that are available for various Scout needs. Contact John at 583-8782 or email Jdargan@Spcf.org

The Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the scout law; To help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



Boy Scout Motto * **Be Prepared** * A scout prepares for whatever comes his way by learning all he can. He keeps himself strong, healthy, and ready to meet the challenges of life.