

# The Eagle's Nest

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 1

FEBRUARY 2007

## SCOUTMASTER NOTES

Now that we are heading into spring, I hope all Troop 1 parents will look at their calendars and plan to participate as much as possible in the upcoming slate of activities. We have a number of outings planned—from biking in Virginia to backpacking the Congaree National Monument near Columbia to a GPS outing in May. If you have not been on a trip with your son in a while, now is the time to do it! Having the chance to spend quality time with your son and to see firsthand how he has matured (hopefully) as a young man and progressed in Scouting is something every parent should take advantage of. Troop 1 is fortunate to have a loyal group of parents who consistently take time out of busy schedules to participate. I hope we can expand that group!

I am proud to report that five of our Scouts are heading to Philmont this summer. And there is an opportunity for Troop 1 Scouts to go in 2008 as well. I am told this is quite unusual, so Scouts who are interested need to act quickly! Finally, it is time to sign up for Scout camp at Ho Non Wah, June 17-23. Be on the lookout for information from our camp coordinator, Kyle Boyles.

Until next month,  
Calhoun

## What's Ahead for Troop 1

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00–7:30  
*Patrol Competition at the YMCA*  
*Scouts should come in via the side entrance on the south side. No uniforms required; wear bathing suit and bring a towel.*

Tuesday, February 20, 6:00–7:30  
*Fish & Wildlife*

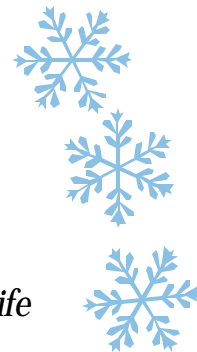
February 23-25  
*Winter Camping Trip*

Tuesday, February 27  
*5:00: Troop Committee Meeting*  
*6:00–7:30: Fish & Wildlife*

Tuesday, March 6, 6:00–7:30  
*Citizenship in the World*

Tuesday, March 13, 6:00–7:30  
*Radio or Communications*

March 23-25  
*50 Mile Bike Trip @ Va. Creeper Trail*



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# TROOP 1 OUTDOORS

Are you all going through campfire withdrawals? If that's the case, fear not as the Troop 1 Outdoor Program is cranking back up after taking a brief winter break.

Our fall program was a great success. Out of the 62 Scouts on our Troop roster, 47 of you went on at least one outing, beginning with the Nantahala kick-off in August through the January ski trip. What a great participation rate! Special recognition goes to Zack Boyles, Caleb Fort, Harrison Kennedy, Charles Mercer and Rainsford Reel who attended all five fall trips. Lewis Barnett, David Berry, John Blackman, Julian Cope, Coleman Hellyer, Walker Kennedy, Lesesne Phillips, John Toliver Reel, Charles Setzer, Walker Tiller and Ben Yurgiewicz earn honorable mentions as they went camping on four of the five trips.

Get ready for some great winter camping and backpacking February 23-25 as we head south to the Congaree National Park near Columbia. This 22,200 acre park protects the largest contiguous area of old-growth bottomland hardwood forest remaining in the United States. Scouts will be packing about 15 miles over the course of the weekend and then camping the second night near the Congaree River. More information is available at [www.nps.gov/cosw](http://www.nps.gov/cosw).

Troop 1 Scouts will be getting a chance to earn that elusive Eagle-required cycling merit badge this spring as Mark Blackman will be organizing several day rides to fulfill the short ride requirements. This effort will culminate with a weekend camping trip March 23-25 to ride 50 miles on the scenic Virginia Creeper Trail. Check out the trail at [www.vacrepertrail.com](http://www.vacrepertrail.com).

I can already smell the campfire burning and the bacon cooking on Rusty's skillet. Hope to see you soon on the trail!

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# Important Reminders

## **TROOP DUES ARE DUE!**

It's that time of year! Please turn in your check for \$50, made payable to BSA Troop 1, ASAP. These fees help cover the cost of running the troop, as well as our council registration obligation.

## **MERIT BADGE INFORMATION**

Merit Badge pamphlets are required for all Eagle-required merit badges that we are teaching this spring, just as they would be in Merit Badge College. Those badges include: Family Life, Personal Management, Citizenship in the World, Communications and Emergency Preparedness. It will be up to the individual Merit Badge counselors whether pamphlets will be required for the non-Eagle-required badges that they are teaching. But remember, these booklets are very helpful for all Scout badges.

## **BOARDS OF REVIEW**

Scouts: Please remember that you **MUST** schedule a Board of Review by signing up on the sheet posted in the Scout Hut. To be eligible for a Board of Review, you must have already completed a Scoutmaster Conference. You can take care of both these meetings on the same night, as long as you are properly signed up.



**Congratulations to our newest Eagles!**

# Scout Camp Update

Troop 1 will be attending Camp Ho Non Wah summer camp from June 17 to June 23, 2007. I hope your son is planning to be with us as I hear this is a GREAT camp! The camp is located approximately 20 miles from downtown Charleston on Wadmalaw Island and features a private lake, pool, rifle range, shotgun trap shooting range and an air-conditioned dining hall.

It is important that each Scout be prepared for summer camp with good information, proper equipment, and the right medical form. Class 3 forms are required for Scouts taking Extreme programs and for dad's over 40 attending camp. The class 3 form requires a doctor's exam within the past three years and a parent's signature within the past year. All other scouts and leaders complete the Class 1/2 form. Each Scout should bring the following items to enjoy his stay at camp this summer:

1. Uniform: Class A
2. Sleeping bag or two sheets and a blanket (each scout is assigned a padded bunk or cot)
3. Flashlight, small book bag or fanny pack, notebook , pen and pencils, water bottle
4. Swim Suite - 2 (pack on top of bag, needed for swim test as soon as Scout arrives on Sunday)
5. Jacket, raincoat or poncho (nights can get cool and it rains)
6. Shorts, T-shirts, socks, underwear, extra pair of shoes and a hat
7. Bath Kit - toothbrush, soap, comb/brush, towels, washcloth
8. Money - for snacks, t-shirt and craft items
9. Long pants and long sleeve button down shirts are required for aquatic merit badges.

The base fee for your son is \$185 (deposit of \$35 due March 6) and is due no later than May 22. The troop must pay in advance and the fees are non-refundable. Other fees will be needed for extra activities like shooting sports, handicrafts, motorboating and skiing. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Summer camp is a great experience and will move your son closer to Eagle Scout. Stay tuned to the Eagle's Nest for more information as the camp dates approach.

- Kyle Boyles (ktboyles@aol.com)



# Good News!

In the classroom, on the playing fields and all around town,  
Troop 1 Scouts are excelling!

*If you have good news to share about a Troop 1 Scout,  
please send it to [4blackmans@charter.net](mailto:4blackmans@charter.net) for inclusion  
in the next issue. We would especially like to acknowledge  
our older Scouts on their college choices in upcoming  
editions of the Eagle's Nest.*

★ SDS Honor Roll: Richard Lacoste, John David Ike, Hampton Ike,  
★ Thomas Johnson, Rainsford Reel, John Toliver Reel, Walker Tiller,  
★ John McBride, Sam Parrott, Lesesne Phillips and Drew Sanchez

★ SDS Basketball: Hampton Ike, Walker Tiller, Christopher Lacoste,  
★ Rainsford Reel and John McBride

★ SDS Honor Band: John McBride, Thomas Johnson, Drew Sanchez  
★ and Walker Tiller

★ Congratulations to Mark Crowley who was chosen as a member of  
★ the Winthrop Invitational Band, the Limestone Honors Band and at-  
★ tended the USC Band Clinic.

★ Gable Football: William Hudson

★ Dawkins Football: Chris Brown

★ Dorman Track: William Hudson

★ CCS Most Improved Tennis Player: Thomas Johnson

★ McCracken Wrestling: Lewis Barnett, John Blackman, Wil  
★ Hammond and Coleman Hellyer



**Boy Scouts of America  
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South Carolina**

**Committee Members**

**Calhoun Kennedy**, Scoutmaster  
**Walter Oates**, Committee Chair  
**Coby Alexander**, Advancement Chair  
**Ted Gage**, Outdoor Co-chair  
**Bubba Littlejohn**, Outdoor Co-chair  
**Rev. Rob Brown**, Chaplain  
**Kate Dargan**, Merit Badge Coordinator  
**Cindy Hellyer**, Merit Badge Coordinator  
**Jerry Setzer**, Board of Review Chair  
**Jacky Middlebrooks**, Finance Chair  
**Chip Smith**, Barbecue Co-chair  
**Stephen Freudenthal**, Barbecue Co-chair  
**Kit Jennings**, Barbecue Co-chair  
**Mitchell Mercer**, Mount Mitchell Co-chair  
**Rick Phillips**, Phillip Fund Coordinator  
**Rodney Lacoste**, Specialty Outdoor Chair  
**Kyle Broyles**, Scout Camp Chair  
**Virginia Setzer**, Cubmaster  
**Allen Reel**, Secretary  
**Elise Mercer**, Master of Ceremonies  
**Larry Goldstein**, Troop Legacy Fund Co-chair  
**Walter Oates**, Troop Legacy Fund Co-chair  
**Lynne Blackman**, Eagle's Nest

**Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!**



**Many thanks to all the parent volunteers who pitched in to make Scout Sunday a great success. Our lunch crowd peaked near 200—and the chicken never gave out!**

**Happy Birthday!**

**William Hudson, February 12**  
**Brooks Cochran, February 21**  
**Mr. Jacky Middlebrooks, February 21**  
**Alden Paul, February 22**  
**Mackenzie Hines, February 25**  
**Mils Ivey, February 25**  
**Mrs. Chris Lynn, February 28**