

# The Eagle's Nest

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 1

APRIL 2007

## SCOUTMASTER NOTES

It is hard to believe that this Scouting year is starting to wind down. We have been extremely busy in recent weeks as many Scouts (and dads) have successfully completed the Cycling Merit Badge. This badge, led by Mark Blackman, included two 10-mile rides, two 15-mile rides, two 25-mile rides and one 50-mile bike ride. We had a great time March 23-25 on the Virginia Creeper Trail for our 50-mile ride. I would like to recognize Walker Tiller, Lewis Barnett and Ben Yurgiewicz who completed the 50 miler even though they were not attempting to earn the badge. Hopefully they will work on the shorter rides over the summer and get the badge. Special thanks to Don Brown and Rusty Barnett for their support on the Cycling Merit Badge as well.

On a more serious note, I hope our Scouts will learn a lesson from the Greensboro Scout who went missing for a few days in the mountains of North Carolina recently. Troop 1 has an outstanding outdoor program that is the envy of many in Scouting. It is imperative that we use our training, skills, and common sense when we are on trips as a troop. While we want to have a great time we also want to be safe! Please keep this in mind in the future.

As always, I appreciate the support of our parents and the enthusiasm of our Scouts.

*Calhoun*

## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR TROOP 1

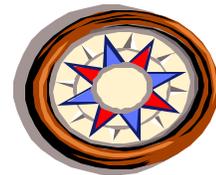
Tuesday, April 10, 6:00–7:30  
*Emergency Preparedness*

Tuesday, April 17, 6:00–7:30  
*Citizenship in the World & Elections*

April 20-22  
*Aquatics @ Middle Tyger YMCA*

Tuesday, April 24  
5:00–6:30: *TLC Meeting*  
6:00-7:30: *Emergency Preparedness*

April 27-29  
*GPS Weekend*



Tuesday, May 1,  
6:00–7:30  
*Merit Badge Completion/Turn-in*

Tuesday, May 8, 6:00–7:30  
*Court of Honor & Family BBQ*

Troop 1 meets every Tuesday evening in the Church of the Advent Scout Hut at 6:00pm. Meetings are usually over by 7:30pm. Proper uniform is required of all Scouts.

NS = New Scout OS = Older Scout

**BSA TROOP 1 IS A CHARTERED ORGANIZATION OF THE  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, SPARTANBURG, SC.**

# Sarah Todd

**2007 Dr. George Dean Johnson Leadership Award Recipient**

The Episcopal Church of the Advent's Boy Scout Troop 1 annually honors an adult leader from our group with the Dr. George Dean Johnson Leadership Award. Dr. Johnson was the first Eagle Scout in Troop 1, the first chartered Scout Troop in the State of South Carolina. This award commemorates Dr. Johnson's Scouting legacy while saluting a Troop 1 volunteer. The 2007 Dr. George Dean Johnson Leadership Award recipient is Sarah Todd.

As a registered Scout leader, Sarah has contributed countless hours to Troop 1, generously sharing her time and talent, her energy and efficiency. As the Program / Merit Badge Coordinator, she rounded up merit badge instructors and taught more than a few badges herself! Along the way, she received three Eagle Scout Mother pins in recognition of her sons' achievements. Not only have each of her boys—Cameron, Hall and Clarke—earned the rank of Eagle, two sons have more palms than anyone else in the Troop. (Palms are awarded for merit badges and participation that go above and beyond the requirements for Eagle Scout.)

Along with her husband George, Sarah has been an active fund raiser for the Palmetto Boy Scout Council. Together, George and Sarah are mentors and role models for many young men. For many, many years, Sarah has happily made Tuesday nights a priority for our troop. Quite simply, she knows how much Scouting can mean to a boy. Most importantly she is a friend we—the Scouts, leaders and parents of Troop 1—deeply respect and appreciate. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor, Sarah!

*\* Mallie King*

# VIRGINIA CREEPER CYCLISTS



# SURVIVAL 101

We have a Merit Badge named after it--Wilderness Survival--but how many of our Scouts are prepared if lost? What should they bring to avoid a desperate situation outdoors?

Here's a "top ten" list to share with your Scouts. Nearly all of these items can fit in a small "fanny pack" or day pack.

10. A **water container and water purification tablets**. This way, water sources like lakes and streams become potable long after the water you bring runs out.
9. A **lightstick** (a signal to hang in a tree at night).
8. For warmth and as a signal, store **waterproof matches and cotton balls & "firestarter" paper rolls** in a sealed plastic bag or film canister. Scouts must be first trained to use fire as a tool--but this is an emergency procedure--to save your life.
7. A basic **first aid kit**.
6. A **poncho or large plastic trash bag** (cut a head hole, but no arm holes, in case of rain).
5. An **extra layer of warm clothing**.
4. A **flashlight with fresh batteries** (signaling device).
3. A **whistle** (you'll lose your voice after calling out alot).
2. A **reflective "shock blanket"** (actually a thin film of plastic--folds into a 2" square and weighs less than an ounce).
1. Unless you can see your fellow campers/rescuers, **stay where you are** once lost. They will find you.

**The single most important safety device is the *buddy system*.** Nearly all emergencies can be averted or at least reduced significantly by having another Scout (or parent) along. This goes for any Scouting activity, whether traveling to an outing, visiting a Merit Badge counselor, swimming, or even selling barbecue tickets.

# BE SMART, BE SAFE!



# AQUATICS CAMPOREE

## APRIL 20-22, 2007

Time for the fifth annual **Spring Aquatic Camporee**. This is a great opportunity for Troop 1 Scouts to participate in a district- wide Scouting event (even if they have already earned the Merit Badges being offered). It's also a good time to complete First Class Cooking requirements. **Scuba will also be offered to a limited number of scouts for an extra fee of \$25.** You will use actual scuba gear in the pool and learn the fundamentals of scuba. Please let me know at once in order to get your name on Scuba list.

**Where:** Middle Tyger YMCA on Hwy 290 in Duncan

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person. This price includes two (2) nights camping, pool time on Friday and Saturday, in-pool movie Friday night (bring a float!), event patch, MB instruction (swimming, lifesaving, canoeing, or BSA Scuba), lifeguards, and the opportunity for service hours.

**Register:** Please e-mail Ted Gage at [twgage@bellsouth.net](mailto:twgage@bellsouth.net) as soon as possible with your choice of Merit Badge and bring your permission slip and fee by the April meeting. Permission form can be found as the last page of this edition of the *Eagle's Nest*.

### **Event Summary:**

**Friday:** Scouts should arrive at the YMCA after 5:00 p.m. and set up their campsites. Next, everyone will do a swim test. For Scouts doing the Lifesaving Merit Badge, the 400m swim will be conducted. For Scouts doing the Swimming Merit Badge, the requirement for clothes inflation and survival floating will be conducted. Please bring a button-up, long-sleeved shirt and long pants. Scouts who need to complete the First Class and Second Class water requirements will have the opportunity. The evening will finish with a movie in the pool and lights out.

**Saturday:** The day will be divided into MB classes and the service project. Scouts will only have the opportunity to work on one merit badge. There will be an evening campfire.

**Sunday:** We will offer a Scout's Own Service in the morning and then pack up. Scouts should be picked up by 10:00.

There will be 24-hour access to bathrooms and showers, but no towels are provided. Each troop will handle all of its own meals. Troop 1 Scouts will be responsible for their own food and also need to bring a mess kit and utensils for eating and cooking. The troop will provide grills and stoves for cooking. BSA Scuba will be offered at an additional charge of \$25 for boys that have completed 2 of the 3 merit badges offered. This will be on a first-come, First-serve basis. Only 24 slots are available. You will need to fill out a medical form at the Scuba Shop prior to April 20 to participate.

Let Ted know if you are interested or for more details.



# Edisto 50-Miler

Troop 1 will again be embarking on a 50-mile paddling adventure on the Edisto River on **July 27-31 (Friday-Tuesday), 2007**, earning each participant the prestigious 50-mile patch. The Edisto River Basin is the world's longest free-flowing "blackwater" stream, encompassing twelve counties, including much of the Midlands and Lowcountry areas of South Carolina. The term "blackwater" refers to the tannic acids from the trees and vegetation around the river. The peaceful rate of flow makes it ideal for paddling enthusiasts of all skill levels.

We will depart the Scout Hut on Friday, July 27, 2007 at 3:00PM, headed for Branchville where we will stop for a BBQ dinner at a local restaurant. Our Branchville outpost is located a few miles west of town on the Edisto River where we will camp the first two nights. Saturday morning we will launch the canoes 9 miles upstream of the outpost at Kill Kare Landing and canoe down, stopping for lunch, fishing and swimming along the way. Opportunities for advancement and a steak dinner will be on the menu when we arrive back at the outpost. Sunday morning will see us leaving the outpost to begin the two-day, 32-mile paddle to Colleton State Park in Canadys. We will camp and prepare a trail dinner on the river bank or a sand bar (depending on the water levels) about 19 miles downstream. It will be possible to fish for red breast and catfish, and enjoy various water sports. Monday will find us continuing on to Colleton Park where we will once again set up camp and pull the grills out for another huge feast.

A requirement for earning the 50-mile patch is during the time on the trail or waterway to complete a minimum of 10 hours each of group work on projects to improve the trail, springs, campsite, portage, or area. We will do a project at Colleton Park Monday and Tuesday afternoon. We will also have an ongoing project of collecting litter along the way. On Tuesday we will canoe the final 9 miles of our trip to Stokes Bridge, where we will load the canoes and head back to Colleton Park for a hamburger lunch. We will then complete our service project, pack up and head back to Spartanburg arriving about 7:00PM.

## **IMPORTANT DETAILS:**

**Space is very limited on this trip and is on a first-come basis. Scouts must have attained First Class Rank prior to the trip to participate.** All meals from Friday dinner through Tuesday lunch along with camping accommodations, canoe equipment, and transportation are included in the \$85.00 fee. Scouts will only need money for a possible snack on the return trip. Indoor plumbing will be available at the Branchville Outpost and Colleton Park. Each Scout will need to bring a PFD suitable for canoeing to be worn at all times while on the water. **The canoeing merit badge, which will be offered at the April Spring Aquatic Weekend or at Camp Ho Hon Wah in June, is required.**

**Please register by putting your name on the bulletin board at the Scout Hut ASAP and returning the permission slip (found on the last page of the Eagle's Nest) and fee by the following Scout meeting. There will be a waiting list. Questions: Ted Gage (w) 583-8448x12 (h) 585-3829 [twgage@bellsouth.net](mailto:twgage@bellsouth.net).**

# ADVANCEMENTS

W. Barnet	Radio
J. Blackman	Cycling
Z. Boyles	<b>First Class Scout</b>
C. Brown	Radio
C. Fort	Cycling
W. Hammond	Swimming
M. Hines	Radio
W. Hudson	Snow Sports
H. King	<b>Bronze Palm</b>
R. Lacoste	Radio
C. LeRoy	Citizenship in the Community
D. Middlebrooks	Personal Fitness
S. Parrott	<b>Life Scout</b>
J. Reel	Radio
R. Reel	<b>Star Scout</b> , Citizenship in the World
R. Richardson	Personal Fitness
C. Russell	Computers
D. Sanchez	<b>Life Scout</b> , Citizenship in Community
C. Setzer	Cycling, Traffic Safety
W. Tiller	<b>Star Scout</b> , Citizenship in the World
C. Todd	<b>Gold Palm</b>

## CAMP HO NON WAH

June 17-23, 2007

Eighteen Troop 1 Scouts are registered for Camp Ho Non Wah! I hear the camp is great and I know the Scouts will enjoy the week. Registered Scouts recently received via e-mail a copy of the merit badge course schedule along with a registration form. Once Scouts make their class selections (at least one open period is suggested and a maximum of two Eagle badges are allowed), the **registration form must be returned to me (by e-mail or at a Scout meeting) no later than April 24.** Once the completed form is signed off by the Scoutmaster, I will email you any advance work your Scout needs to complete prior to camp. Requirements can be found at [www.meritbadge.com](http://www.meritbadge.com) or by purchasing a merit badge book. Another reminder: **the cost balance for camp is due no later than May 22.** Thanks—and **for any parents that can attend, we still have a need!**

*Kyle Boyles*





# OA ELECTIONS

On Tuesday, April 17, Troop 1 OA elections will be held. Founded in 1915, the Order of the Arrow is universally recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is four-fold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives;
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit;
- To promote Scout camping; and
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

To be eligible for OA consideration, Scouts must have achieved the First Class rank or higher and must have experienced at least 15 nights of Boy Scout camping within the past two calendar years. Eligible nights must include one, but no more than one, long term camp of 5 or 6 nights. The remaining 9 or 10 nights must consist of overnight, weekend or other short term camping. Cabin camping was not counted.

The following Scouts will be on the ballot O/A elections are this month and the following Scouts will be on the ballot. *If your name is not on the list and you think it should be, see Coby as soon as possible.*

Barnett, L.  
Blackman, J.  
Boyles, Z.  
Brown, Ch.  
Cope, J.  
Daley, B.  
Dargan, J.  
Fort, C.  
Hammond, W.  
Hellyer, C.  
Henderson, J.

Hines, M.  
Hudson, W.  
Ike, H.  
Ivey, M.  
Kennedy, W.  
LeRoy, C.  
Mercer, S.  
Parrott, S.  
Reel, R.  
Sanchez, D.  
Setzer, C.

Tiller, W.  
Yurgiewicz, B.



# SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Christmas in Action

Saturday, April 14

7:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.



A team of volunteers from the Church of the Advent will be heading to the Startex community to do home repair, under the leadership of Craig Williams. Scouts are invited to ride the church bus which will depart the Advent parking lot at 6:45 a.m. Breakfast will be served on site and lunch is provided as well. Scouts need to wear sturdy shoes and bring work gloves.

To register for a seat on the bus, you MUST e-mail Ms. Chris Lynn, Director of Christian Formation at the Advent ([clynn@churchofadvent.org](mailto:clynn@churchofadvent.org)), to reserve your spot. Scouts may also come to the work site for a shorter length of time, but must provide their own transportation.

For more information on this project, call Craig Williams at 978.3811.

*In accordance with Troop 1 guidelines, Scouts must obtain advance approval from the Troop Advancement Chairman for service hour credit. Christmas in Action is on the list of “usually approved” projects. In other words, be sure to speak to Coby on Tuesday night 4.10 to ensure approval for Saturday’s service hours.*



**Boy Scouts of America  
Troop 1,  
Spartanburg,  
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 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 Birthday!*

**Hampton Ike, 4.1**  
**John McBride, 4.2**  
**Walter Oates, 4.15**  
**John Dargan, 4.16**  
**Grey Lancaster, 4.17**  
**Christopher Graham, 4.18**  
**Adam Freudenthal, 4.26**  
**Drew Middlebrooks, 4.28**

**SUMMER DATES:**

**Mt Mitchell: 6.11**  
**Camp Ho Nan Wah:**  
**6.17-23**  
**Edisto 50-Miler:**  
**7.27-31**  
**Nantahala Rafting:**  
**8.10-12**

**Year-End Celebration!**

**Tuesday, May 8**

**Court of Honor**

**Barbecue by Bull Haws**

**For Scouts & THEIR Families**

# PERMISSION SLIPS

## Aquatic Camporee Permission/Payment Form

My son, \_\_\_\_\_, has parental consent to attend the Troop 1, Episcopal Church of the Advent, Spartan District Spring Aquatic Camporee. The dates for the event are April 20-22, 2007. The cost is \$ 10.00 per person.

Circle Merit Badge: (only one) Swimming Canoeing Lifesaving BSA Scuba

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring this completed form along with the \$10.00 fee (cash or check payable to Troop 1 BSA) per person by the April 17, 2007 scout meeting. You may mail to: Ted Gage, 402 Connecticut Ave., Spartanburg, SC 29302.

## Edisto 50-Miler Permission/Payment Form

My son, \_\_\_\_\_, has parental consent to attend the Troop 1, Episcopal Church of the Advent, Edisto 50 Miler trip. The dates for the trip are July 27-31, 2007. The cost is \$ 85.00 per person. This fee includes all meals from Friday dinner through Tuesday lunch along with camping accommodations, canoeing equipment, and transportation.

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form with payment. You may mail your form with payment to Ted Gage, 402 Connecticut Ave., Spartanburg, SC 29302. Please make checks payable to BSA Troop 1.