

# The Eagle's Nest

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 1

FEBRUARY 2008

## Scoutmaster Notes

Congratulations to Walter Oates and Lesesne Phillips for their awards presented at Scout Sunday. Both are well deserved; these gentlemen represent Troop 1 well.

Changes are headed our way. We will be welcoming 14 new Scouts in a couple of months. We are inviting them to join us on our March trip to Robert's Cave in Virginia. This will be a good chance for these families to see what a good time we have in our outdoor program.

Those Scouts who are fast approaching their 18th birthday and have not attained the rank of Eagle need to meeting with me ASAP. We will need to review your strategy to finish up any badge or project work.

As always, thanks for your support of Troop 1.

Calhoun



## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR TROOP 1



**Tuesday, February 5, 6pm**  
*Space Exploration*

**Saturday, February 9**  
*Merit Badge College*

**Tuesday, February 12, 6pm**  
*Personal Management*

**Tuesday, February 19, 6pm**  
*Space Exploration*

**February 22-24**  
*Winter Camping @ Kings Mountain*

**Tuesday, February 26, 6pm**  
*Veterinary Medicine*

*Proper uniform is required of all Scouts at all troop meetings.*

# Walter Oates

2008 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, which is, of course, the first chartered Scout troop in the state of South Carolina. This award commemorates Dr. Johnson's legacy while saluting a present-day Troop 1 volunteer.*

“Behind every Scouting program is a committee of adults making sure that the troop has the resources for the program to flourish. These people are indispensable to the operation of any program and especially to one as large as ours.

The person honored this year came to us in a time of great need. There was a critical vacancy in our troop leadership that had to be filled. We asked this person to join us because we thought he had the skills, experience and temperament that the position required. And boy, did he exceed our expectations!

He has taken our troop to new levels of participation and achievement. Under his leadership, our Scouts have been inspired to accomplish goals and go places, both figuratively and literally, that none of us had considered before. He has inspired our leaders also, as we helped rescue the Palmetto Council and became active in its management.

I am honored to present the Dr. George Dean Johnson Leadership Award to our Committee Chairman and former Scoutmaster, Walter Oates.”

~ *Remarks from the Scout Sunday award presentation by Coby Alexander*

# Lesesne Phillips

## George Withers Scout Leadership Award Recipient

“The George Withers Scout Leadership Award, named in honor of the legendary leader of the Advent Venturing Troop of the 1960s and 1970s, was created by the Troop 1 Leadership Committee in 1996 as a way to honor a Scout whose dedication and leadership has sustained and perpetuated the ideals of Scouting. This award is not about who wins the race to Eagle, but about the Scout who takes advantage of all his troop has to offer and sets an example for others through his leadership and actions. This year a committee consisting of the Scoutmaster, Outdoor Chairman and Board of Review Chairman has identified a Scout we feel is qualified to join the ranks of Chris Reynolds (1996) and Grey Lancaster (2003).

I well remember that day in April 2004 when a then 11-year-old-boy spent his first night with his new troop at the Aquatics Camporee, sensing even then that he would be special to his troop by his willingness to do anything asked of him and be the one to set the example for others to follow. Through our ski trip this past weekend, he has spent 95 nights out on Scouting expeditions—of which I can count 47 of those that I have had the pleasure of witnessing first-hand. This Scout has gone with his troop for a week of Scout camp in each of his four Scouting summers, experienced two fifty-miler canoe trips, and backpacked at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He has been elected by his fellow troop members to lead them as their Senior Patrol Leader and for membership in the Order of the Arrow of which he is currently an Ordeal Member. He has earned 27 Merit Badges and will be eligible to advance to Eagle Scout rank upon the completion of his Eagle Project.

I would now ask Life Scout Lesesne Phillips to please come forward to be recognized as the third recipient of the Troop 1 George Withers Scout Leadership Award. His name has been inscribed on this plaque which will hang in the Scout hut to set an example for many generations of Scouts to come.”

~ *Remarks from the Scout Sunday award presentation by Ted Gage*

# Off-the-Slopes Fun at the Winter Sports Weekend



# January 2008

It is about that time when we pull the old camping gear back out (and maybe something new that Santa delivered) to usher in the spring season in the outdoors.

The date is **February 22-24 for our Winter Camping** weekend as we head to Kings Mountain just up the road. After spending Friday night at the state park where we will enjoy a steak dinner together, we set out Saturday morning backpacking a 16-mile loop through both the state and national parks with a stop at the Revolutionary War Battlefield to earn the Battlefield Trail Award. (To learn more about this award, visit: <http://www.nps.gov/kimo/planyourvisit/battlefieldtrailaward.html>.) Saturday night will be spent along the trail in the wilderness.

Troop 1 will be back in the caves spelunking once again as we head to **Roberts Cave in Virginia on March 14-16** with our friends from Rock Dimensions as our guides. This will be new cave for us and is sure to contain many new surprises. The cave is a natural, one-level cave that follows a main corridor with smaller branches and beautiful, classic formations. Stalactites, stalagmites, columns, flowstones, soda straws, and other examples of limestone geology can be seen throughout the unique passages. Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, Virginia will be our home for the weekend. For more information go to: [http://www.rockdimensions.com/public\\_html/index.php?topic=20070601180112432](http://www.rockdimensions.com/public_html/index.php?topic=20070601180112432).

Hoping to see all of you on the trail soon.  
Ted

Troop 1  
Outdoors

# Assault on Mount Mitchell

## June 9, 2008

"What? Mt. Mitchell already? It's only February!!"

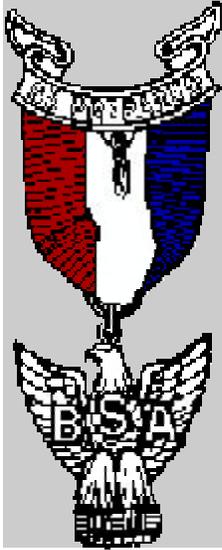
Yup, it IS only February, but it is time to start thinking and planning and scheduling and getting ready! The Big Bike Race will be held on Monday, June 09.

This is a major event to coordinate and is a fundraiser for the troop. The good news is that at least it is summer break and our Bike Wranglers (Scouts) won't be in school. The bad news is that many of you begin scheduling summer trips, vacations, or just lazy summer sleep-ins when we need you to help with Race Day! Please remember: this is a required troop activity for both Scouts and parents, so we want to get the word out now - early and loud - to ask, beg, plead, implore, and maybe just plain scream: **"The Race is on MONDAY JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>! Don't schedule yourself and your Scout to be out of town that day! WE NEED YOU!"** Seriously, we need Scouts & parents to be available for just that one day to help work our 3 locations. This is a big event and requires many hands to pull it off successfully. Please, look at and mark your calendars and keep that date open. (I'll be there - and I bet my commute is longer than yours!)

As in the past, we will have 3 stations: Spartanburg Auditorium; Marion NC (Tom Johnson Camping Center); and the Top of Mt. Mitchell. We will divide the Scouts and parents into three groups and coordinate the transportation of the bicycles when the cyclists complete their ride. Every year we get better at doing this, and every year I hear from riders how much they appreciate our (sometimes) thankless job of sweatin' our way through the day to ensure that the riders have a great experience. We are successful because of you - so let's get planning and make this year yet one more success in a long string of Troop 1 successes!

Mitchell Mercer, Mt. Mitchell Chair





# CONGRATULATIONS, Eagle Scouts!

Matthew Hammond

John Toliver Reel



*Scout Sunday*

# Advancements

C. Adams	<b>Silver Palm</b>
L. Barnett	Aviation, Snow Sports
D. Berry	Snow Sports
J. Blackman	<b>Life Scout</b> , Architecture, Climbing
Z. Boyles	Architecture, Aviation, Photography, Snow Sports, Crime Prevention
C.R. Brown	Architecture
C.T. Brown	Architecture
J. Cope	Snow Sports
C. Fort	<b>Life Scout</b> , Family Life, Architecture, Aviation
<b>M. Hammond</b>	<b>Eagle Scout</b> , Emergency Preparedness
W. Hammond	Aviation
J. Henderson	Architecture, Crime Prevention
M. Hines	Aviation
N. Holcomb	Architecture, Crime Prevention
W. Hudson	Camping, Personal Fitness, Architecture, Climbing, Crime Prevention
T. Johnson	Communications, Aviation, Snow Sports
D. Kayser	Emergency Preparedness, Architecture
H. Kennedy	Climbing, Snow Sports
C. Mercer	Family Life
L. Phillips	Architecture
<b>J. Reel</b>	<b>Eagle Scout</b>
R. Reel	Architecture, Aviation, Oceanography, Scholarship, Crime Prevention
D. Sanchez	Personal Fitness
C. Setzer	Aviation
J. Shelley	Architecture
W. Tiller	<b>Life Scout</b> , Personal Fitness, Architecture, Aviation, Climbing, Oceanography, Waterskiing, Crime Prevention

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Troop 1  
Spartanburg, SC**

**Committee Members**

**Calhoun Kennedy**, Scoutmaster  
**Walter Oates**, Committee Chair  
**Coby Alexander**, Advancement Chair  
**Ted Gage**, Outdoor Co-chair  
**Bubba Littlejohn**, Outdoor Co-chair  
**Rev. Roy Cole**, Chaplain  
**Kyle Boyles**, Merit Badge Coordinator  
**Delie Fort**, Merit Badge Coordinator  
**Jerry Setzer**, Board of Review Chair  
**Jacky Middlebrooks**, Finance Chair  
**Jerry Setzer**, Barbecue Co-chair  
**Rusty Barnett**, Barbecue Co-chair  
**Kit Jennings**, Barbecue Co-chair  
**Mitchell Mercer**, Mount Mitchell Chair  
**Rick Phillips**, Phillip Fund Coordinator  
**Kyle Boyles**, 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

*BSA Troop 1 is a chartered  
organization of the Episcopal  
Church of the Advent.*

Happy Birthday!

<b>William Hudson</b>	<b>2.12</b>
<b>Mackenzie Hines</b>	<b>2.25</b>
<b>Mils Ivey</b>	<b>2.25</b>
<b>Nic Holcombe</b>	<b>3.01</b>

**EAGLE PROJECT**

Sam Parrott will be carrying out his project on **Saturday, February 16** at Miracle Hill Rescue Mission, which is located on N. Forest St. off Saint John Street. Scouts are asked to meet there at 9am. The project involves adding security fencing onto their present chain link fence. There will be breakfast for the participants in the morning and lunch will be provided once the project is done. Bring along shears (heavy duty scissors) and a step ladder if you have one. Please call Sam if you are planning to come and have not talked to him yet.

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Wadmalaw Island, S.C.

**JUNE 15-21, 2008**

Now is the time for you to think about summer camp and completing your merit badges on the road to Eagle! This year we will have 12 - 14 new Scouts crossing over and we need to have plenty of older scouts there as mentors. Your participation even as you approach your Eagle rank is important to future Scouts and is why the Scouting spirit lives on from one generation to the next. If you plan to attend camp, please contact Kyle Boyles (ktboyles@aol.com).