

The Eagle's Nest

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 1

MAY 2008

Scoutmaster Notes

As you already know, Troop 1 is a total team effort. Many parents volunteer their time and expertise to make this a very strong organization. Although our Scouts may not fully understand just what a fine scout troop they are part of, I am confident they will sooner rather than later.

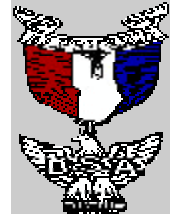
I encourage all of our first-year Scouts—including our newest addition, Sam Thompson—to help with the Eagle projects taking place in May. It is also important for the new Scouts to attend Eagle ceremonies.

Troop 1 will have a busy summer with camp at Ho Non Wah, Mt Mitchell, a solid group going to Philmont, and a 50-mile hiking trip in North Carolina and our traditional summer finale to the Nantahala River.

As always, thanks for your continued loyalty, support and participation in Troop 1.

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WHAT'S AHEAD FOR TROOP 1



Tuesday, May 6, 6pm
Disabilities Awareness

Tuesday, May 13, 6pm
Year-End Family Cookout

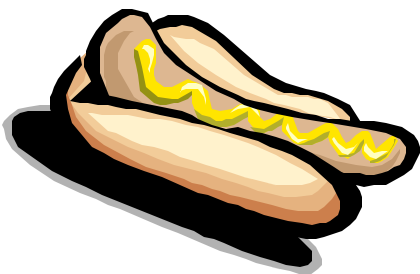
Monday, June 9
Mount Mitchell

June 15-21
Scout Camp @ Ho Nan Wah

July 16
OA Tap Out, Camp Bob Hardin

August 2-7
50-Mile Hike

August 22-24
Nantahala Family Rafting Trip



HOT DOG!

Another great year of Scouting!
Year-End Meeting & Family Cookout
Tuesday, May 13
6:00 pm, Scout Hut



MOUNT MITCHELL JUNE 9, 2008

THE BIG DAY IS FAST APPROACHING!

But after all these months of “harassment” from me, I know you are ready and prepared! Remember - this is a required troop activity for both Scouts and parents.

Don't schedule yourself and your Scout to be out of town that day! We need you! The Roster assignment follows here (minor changes from last month). The location Manager will be contacting you soon as to what hours he needs you – hopefully, he already has (hint, hint, guys).

This will be John Bryan's last year as Race Organizer for the Free Wheelers Club, so let's send him out on high note with a flawless day of perfect transportation!

Mitchell Mercer, Mt. Mitchell Chair

SPARTANBURG MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Managed by Alex Hudson (alexhudson@charter.net, 585.8694)

Chappell Bauknight, Will Coker, Collin Cooper, Fred Davis, Pate Dunbar, Ted Gage, David Greene, Nic Holcomb, Anders Ike, Hampton Ike, John David Ike, Harry McBride, John McBride, Logan McCain, JC Price, Drew Sanchez, Reed Sanchez, Bennett Setzer, Benjamin Walpole, Wesley Ward

MARION

Managed by Mitchell Mercer (mitchell.mercer@timken.com, 582.4756)

Lewis Barnett, John Blackman, Zack Boyles, Julian Cope, Caleb Fort, Wil Hammond, Drew Henderson, Jake Henderson, Seth Hildebrand, Thomas Johnson, Connor LeRoy, Charles Mercer, Sam Mercer, John Toliver Reel, Rainsford Reel, Charles Setzer, Jake Shelley, Walker Tiller, William Hudson

TOP O' THE MOUNTAIN

Managed by Walter Oates (oatescon@aol.com, 582.1379)

Casey Brown, Chris Brown, Zach Brown, Brad Daley, Richard Gilliam, Christopher Graham, Mackenzie Hines, Mils Ivey, Caleb Jennings, Dietrich Kayser, Harrison Kennedy, Walker Kennedy, Hamilton King, Christopher Lacoste, Richard Lacoste, Bubba Littlejohn, Drew Middlebrooks, Rob Richardson, Benjamin Yurgiewicz, (and several replacements for Monty Oates, Coleman Hellyer, Lesesne Phillips, and John Dargan)

The Water's Fine! Aquatics Camporee



As Troop 1 breaks from regular meetings, the outdoor program will still be in full swing. We will be off to **Camp Ho Non Wah on the South Carolina coast the week of June 15–21.**

Interested in a **50-mile hike** this summer on the Appalachian Trail? The dates are **Saturday, August 2 through Thursday, August 7.** The hike will begin at Davenport Gap along the Tennessee border and conclude at Allen Gap. This is a beautiful section offering spectacular scenery. One location, Max Patch Bald, is a 392-acre, grassy-top mountain situated at 4,629 feet that affords panoramic views of the Smokies. The trail is well-marked and has numerous places to camp. Along the way, we will stop in Hot Springs, NC and experience the Hot Springs Spa situated on the banks of the French Broad River. What could be better than sitting in 105 degree water after several days of hiking! This trip is open to all rising 8th-12th grade Scouts. Please contact Mr. Setzer with any questions or to sign up at setz7518@bellsouth.net.

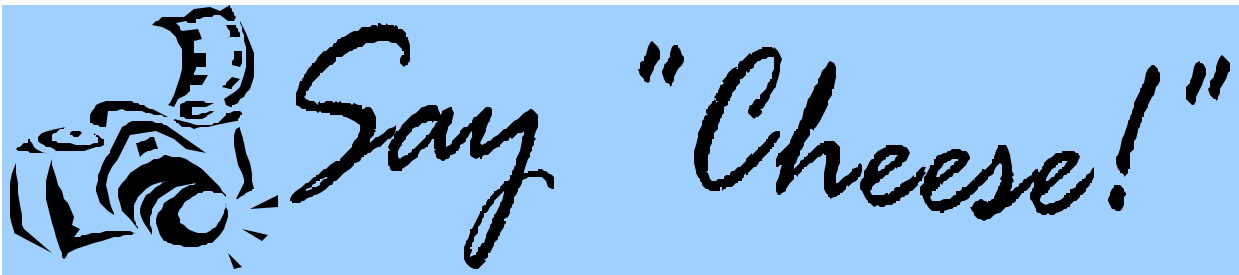
There will be a few Order of the Arrow events this summer our Scouts will want to participate in. The troop will go as a group to **Camp Bob Hardin on the evening of Wednesday, July 16 for a tap out ceremony.** This is a very dramatic ceremony where it is revealed who in our troop has been elected by their fellow troop members to join Scouting's National Honor Society. If you can not attend then and would like to attend a tap out, please be in touch with a troop leader about alternatives. Scouts who are tapped out will attend their Ordeal Weekend at Bob Hardin August 8-10.

Possibly the best-loved river in the Southeast, the "Nanty" is a captivating introduction to Whitewater. A Class II-III dam-controlled river, it's considered ideal for both the first-timer and experienced rafter. On any day in the summer, a colorful parade of rafts, kayaks, canoes and ducks (inflatable kayaks) can be seen floating downstream. With over 20 named rapids on the Nantahala there are plenty of waves for rafters to crash through, and as many flat water opportunities for simply floating and quietly appreciating nature's display. Families are particularly fond of this river, **so Troop 1 is inviting our whole Scouting family including the rising fifth-grade Webelo Den from Pack 1 to join us on this weekend.** Make plans for all Moms, Dads, Brothers, and Sisters (subject to a minimum 60 pound weight or 7 years old US Forest Service imposed limit for rafting) to join us **August 22 -24** as we once again camp at Appletree Camp Ground near the Nantahala River. Be sure and put this great family trip on the calendar. Registration forms and other details will be published later this summer.

Look for another marathon of outings this fall! More details will be coming in August. Looking forward to seeing you all on the trails and waterways this summer.

Ted





Troop 1 pictures from past adventures are now available on the web. Smugmug.com and Troop 1 are partnering to share our pictures with the whole Troop 1 family. It will take a few weeks to get most of the pictures uploaded to the site, but pictures from our last few campouts are already available. If any of you have other troop pictures, we will be happy to include them. We especially need pictures from events like Eagle and Crossover ceremonies that you may have. Please e-mail Ted at twgage@bellsouth.net for more details about sharing your photos.

To get to our site type or click this link: <http://troop1.smugmug.com>. This site is not searchable so you have to know the address to get to it so be sure to share it with grandparents and other friends and family so they can see what great things Troop 1 is up to. You will have the ability to save the original files to your computer where you may make prints or you can order high quality prints from smugmug at a very reasonable cost. If you happen to see a picture of yourself you would prefer not be shared, please let us know and we will be happy to remove it.



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT WORK DAYS



Saturday, May 10: **Drew Sanchez** (Glenn Springs Academy)
Lesesne Phillips (Ellen Smith Hines Girls Home)



Saturday, May 17: **Drew Sanchez** (Glenn Springs Academy/Main work day)



Saturday, May 24: **Coleman Hellyer** (SPACE/Cottonwood Trail/Main work day)



Saturday, May 31: **Coleman Hellyer** (SPACE/Cottonwood Trail)
Caleb Fort (Entrance to Cottonwood /Woodburn Road)



On the Edisto



For more pictures of this trip and other Troop 1 activities, visit our new photo-share site:

<http://troop1.smugmug.com>

A special thanks to Ted Gage for being our chief photographer, historian and webmaster!



CONGRATULATIONS, Troop One Seniors!

Charles Adams, Clemson University
Will Barnett, Middlebury College
Brook Cochran, University of South Carolina
Matt Hammond, Clemson University
Jay Patrick, Furman University
Winslow Schwartz, Clemson University
Parrish Smith, University of Mississippi
Clarke Todd, North Carolina State University

Spring 2008 Election Results

Congratulations to the following Scouts on being elected to leadership positions in Troop 1. Remember, leadership requires setting examples in attendance and participation in all troop activities in addition to knowledge of your specific position.

Senior Patrol Leader

W. Tiller

Assistant SPLs

J. Blackman

D. Kayser

R. Reel

O/A Representative

C. Hellyer

The following troop positions remain open: Scribe; Quartermaster, Scout Hut; Quartermaster, Equipment; Quartermaster, Recycling; and Troop Guide.

PATROL

LEADER

ASSISTANT

Hawk

C. Setzer

H. McBride

Moose

L. Barnett

Ch. Brown

Alligator

C. Mercer

R. Lacoste

Bison

J. Cope

Pedro

H. Kennedy

J. McBride

Ram

W. Kennedy

J. Shelley

Frontiersman

C. Graham

Wolverine

J. Henderson

Z. Boyles

Road Runner

A. Ike

L. McCain

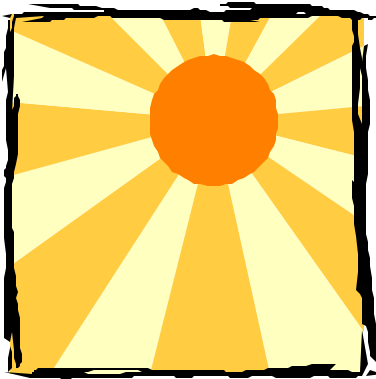
Stag

C. Cooper

B. Setzer

ADVANCEMENTS

L. Barnett	Personal Fitness, Art
C. Bauknight	Boy Scout , Swimming
Z. Boyles	Life Scout
W. Coker	Boy Scout , Swimming
C. Cooper	Boy Scout , Swimming
F. Davis	Boy Scout , Swimming
P. Dunbar	Boy Scout
C. Graham	Life Scout
D. Greene	Boy Scout , Swimming
J. Henderson	Cit. Nation
S. Hildebran	Boy Scout , Swimming
A. Ike	Boy Scout , Swimming
D. Kayser	Life Scout , Cit. Community
H. Kennedy	Star Scout , Cit. Community
W. Kennedy	Life Scout , Personal Fitness
R. Lacoste	Personal Management
H. McBride	Tenderfoot Scout
J. McBride	Second & First Class Scout , Cit/Community, Emergency Prep.
L. McCain	Boy Scout , Swimming
C. Mercer	Canoeing
D. Middlebrooks	Architecture
J. Price	Boy Scout , Swimming
J. Reel	Traffic Safety
R. Reel	Cit. Community
R. Sanchez	Boy Scout , Swimming
B. Setzer	Boy Scout , Swimming
C. Setzer	Life Scout
W. Tiller	Canoeing
B. Walpole	Boy Scout , Swimming
W. Ward	Boy Scout , Swimming
B. Yurgiewicz	Life Scout , Cit. Community, Photography
H. Ike	Eagle Scout
S. Mercer	Eagle Scout
S. Parrott	Eagle Scout
R. Richardson	Eagle Scout
J. Reel	Bronze Palm
J. Ike	Silver Palm



Easy Summer Merit Badges

When you get bored this summer, but are not quite ready for full time schoolwork, there are two merit badges you may earn on your own.

The **READING MB** involves reading six books and keeping a log. You may be able to earn credit for books you are already reading for school. You must also spend four hours of volunteer work in a reading or library situation and fill out a form. Look on the internet at <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/mb095.asp> or contact Coby for exact requirements. (Where it says “discuss with your counselor,” please write a report and turn it in to Coby.) Coby or Calhoun must approve any books that are not on your school’s summer reading list.

The **SCHOLARSHIP MB** is also very easy to earn. It involves showing your final report card, reporting on a field trip and two interviews, a note from your principal or guidance counselor and a short essay. You must also have participated in an extracurricular activity or project. Contact Coby or look at <http://usscouts.org/mb/mb100.asp> for exact requirements.

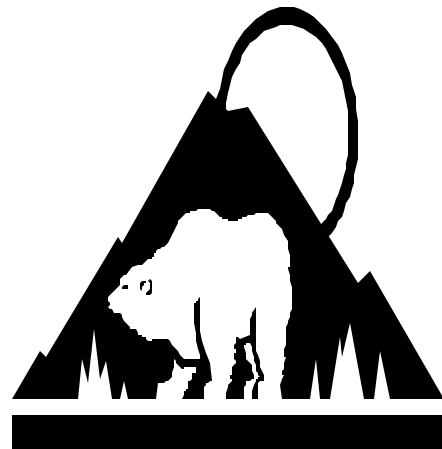
Return to Sender

Several of the new Scouts have recently received a letter from the Palmetto Council saying that they are no longer registered in Scouting. Ignore this letter! It was sent due to a computer glitch. The Council’s software program that helps to retain dropped Scouts found that you left Webelos, but did not pick up that you crossed over to Boy Scouts. The BSA registration software still has you correctly registered. You will receive your membership cards at the May 13th meeting.

Good Luck, Philmonters!

The following Troop 1 Scouts are headed to the back country of New Mexico for the ultimate Scout adventure this July!

John Blackman
Chris Brown
Sam Parrott
John Toliver Reel



**Boy Scouts of America
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, Legacy Fund Co-chair
Walter Oates, Troop Legacy Fund Co-chair
Lynne Blackman, Eagle's Nest

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Church of the Advent.*

Happy Birthday!

Jake Henderson, 5.2

Brad Daley, 5.28

Coleman Hellyer, 5.30

Charles Mercer, 6.13

Connor LeRoy, 6.27

Charles Setzer, 6.29

Wil Hammond, 7.06

Drew Sanchez, 7.22

Rainsford Reel, 7.26

John Blackman, 8.3



Mr. Kennedy:

You make it all look easy!

**Thanks for the countless
hours you invest in being
our Scoutmaster and for
leading us through another
memorable year of
adventure and learning.**

Your Scouts