



# The Eagle's Nest

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, TROOP 1

MARCH 2009

## Scoutmaster Notes

I would like to thank all the Scouts and parents who went on the Congaree trip. We enjoyed good steaks and weather until 3:00am Saturday morning. Our younger Scouts need to use this trip as a learning experience. They should know where and how to select a site for their tent. However, with the torrential rains in the lowlands it ultimately didn't matter where your tent was located unless you built an ark. All parents need to know that we always look after the kids and would never put us or our Scouts at risk. Obviously, weather conditions can change at a moments notice, but we try to take proper precautions.

As we head into the final months of our Scouting year, I hope that more of our older Scouts, and especially the Eagles, will join us for meetings and trips. We have a large number of young Scouts who need your guidance. Our goal is to have a boy- led troop, and we want our old-timers to help lead the way.

See you on the Creeper!  
Calhoun

## WHAT'S AHEAD FOR TROOP 1

**Tuesday, March 10, 6pm**  
*Cycling*

**March 13-15**  
*Virginia Creeper Trail Trip*

**Tuesday, March 17, 6pm**  
*Energy*

**Tuesday, March 24, 6pm**  
*Energy/OA Elections*

**Tuesday, March 31**  
*No Meeting—Spring Break*

**Tuesday, April 10, 6pm**  
*Weather*

**April 17-19**  
*Spring Aquatics Camporee*

**April 24-25**  
*Crossover*

**April 26**  
*Hammond/Gilliam Eagle Ceremony*



**On Tuesday, March 24, 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 fourfold: 1) To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives; 2) To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit; 3) To promote Scout camping; and 4) To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

# Troop 1 Outdoors

Although we were disappointed that Mother Nature would not cooperate with us on the Congaree trip, we still have some great outdoor weekends ahead of us. Looking on positive side of things, I sure learned some valuable lessons at Congaree, including: being prepared; making sure to pick high ground for my tent; always having raingear; packing lightly; and, most importantly, that **Troop 1 CAN keep that campfire lit in the pouring rain!**

OK, let's make up for lost time next weekend, **March 13 -15**, by taking a bike trip on the **Virginia Creeper Trail**. This should really be a fun trip that will get us in shape and let us enjoy some great scenery. I am pleased to hear that additional family members will also be up for the challenge. Getting in a little exercise before this trip may not be a bad idea!

It is hard to believe that the time to start enjoying time on the water is just around the corner. That is why it is very important to attend the **Aquatics Camporee, April 17 – 19**, as we will work on some important merit badges. As any Troop 1 Scout knows, life on the water is fun and you definitely don't want to miss out on any upcoming trips because you are lacking a badge.

The **GPS weekend of May 8 – 9** should also be a very interesting one since the location is TOP SECRET. On Monday, May 8, a GPS coordinate with a rendezvous will be emailed out to everyone. Will this trip be at the beach, in the mountains, or maybe back again to try to find those wild boars on the Congaree? Who knows? What we do know is that it should provide a lot of fun activities for an active troop. Stay tuned!

Be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to knock out a few more merit badges at Scout camp this summer. Troop 1 will converge on **Camp Ho Non Wah from June 14 - 20**. It will be a good chance to lend the new first year Scouts a hand.

Let's work hard on those badges and get that campfire lit!

Jay



# A SCOUT IS PREPARED.

Our trip to the Congaree was a valuable reminder that Scouts must be prepared for any sort of situation. Whether it's the weather or a survival emergency, a Scout is prepared. Here's a "top ten" list for Scouts and parents to review. 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 a lot).

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.

# ADVANCEMENTS

***Congratulations to the following Troop 1 Scouts on their most recent advancements. Our troop was well represented at Merit Badge College and our class of first-years worked diligently to complete challenging Eagle-required badges.***

C. Bauknight	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
Z. Boyles	Soil & Water Conservation, Space Exploration, Surveying
W. Coker	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
C. Cooper	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
J. Cope	Environmental Science
B. Daley	Cit. in the Community, Cit. in the World, Environmental Science
J. Dargan	Traffic Safety, Wilderness Survival
F. Davis	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid, Geology
P. Dunbar	Citizenship in the Nation
D. Greene	Citizenship in the Nation
J. Henderson	Law
S. Hildebran	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
A. Ike	Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
T. Johnson	Environmental Science, Personal Management
H. Kennedy	<b>Life Scout</b>
C. LeRoy	Communications, Environ. Science, <u>World Conservation Award</u>
E. Lyles	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
L. McCain	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
C. Mercer	Citizenship in the World
J. Price	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
R. Sanchez	Citizenship in the Nation
B. Setzer	First Aid
B. Walpole	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
W. Ward	Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid, Geology
B. Yurgiewicz	Soil & Water Conservation, <u>World Conservation Award</u>

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**Committee Members**

**Calhoun Kennedy**, Scoutmaster  
**Walter Oates**, Committee Chair  
**Coby Alexander**, Advancement Chair  
**Ted Gage**, Outdoor Co-chair  
**Bubba Littlejohn**, Outdoor Co-chair  
**Jay Walpole**, Outdoor Co-chair  
**Rev. Roy Cole**, Chaplain  
**Kyle Boyles**, Merit Badge Coordinator  
**Jerry Setzer**, Board of Review Chair  
**Jacky Middlebrooks**, Finance Chair  
**John Bauknight**, Barbecue Co-chair  
**Becky Dunbar**, Barbecue Co-chair  
**Rick Phillips**, Phillip Fund Coordinator  
**Kyle Boyles**, Scout Camp Chair  
**Virginia Setzer**, Cubmaster  
**Laura McCain**, Secretary  
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**Walter Oates**, Troop Legacy Fund Co-chair  
**Lynne Blackman**, Eagle's Nest

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Happy Birthday!

**Sam Parrott, 3.06**  
**Wesley Ward, 3.28**  
**Hampton Ike, 4.1**  
**John McBride, 4.2**  
**Anders Ike, 4.4**  
**Collin Cooper, 4.10**  
**John Dargan, 4.16**  
**Christopher Graham, 4.18**  
**Will Coker, 4.24**  
**Drew Middlebrooks, 4.28**



**HO NON WAH**



**Wadmalaw Island, S.C.**

Mark your calendars for June 14 - 20 for our return to Camp Ho Non Wah. For those of you who have been before, you know it's a great camp with plenty to do, in and out of class. Our younger Scouts will be able to select their merit badges—including up to two Eagle badges. Early Bird Registration is through May 15. We do need dads to sign up for a couple of nights through the camp including bus drivers! For more information on Scout camp, contact Kyle Boyles.