



Scoutmaster Notes

As November approaches we in Troop 1 must think back on the wonderful fall we have had together as a troop from all the outdoor adventures to all the knowledge we have gained from earning such merit badges as Camping, Wilderness Survival, Motorboating, Water Sports, Collections, Pathfinding, Salesmanship, and now Aviation. We have splashed around at Lake Summit and Edisto Beach and biked on the incredible Virginia Creeper trail. It is really sad to think that following our next camping trip coming up to Keowee our tents and sleeping bags will have an almost four month rest before we go backpacking at the end of February.

Our recently completed weekend at Edisto Beach was a great success. Our thanks go out to our host David Mabry for his hospitality and the Frogmore Stew we all enjoyed Saturday night. The weather could not have been better for our day romping on the beach and creeks of Frampton Inlet. The scouts did a spectacular job of teaching the adults the fine art of clam gathering. I think everyone is looking forward to our return to Edisto Beach again.



I would like to welcome three new scouts to Troop 1. Alex Freedman and Gabe Hill have joined the Scorpion Patrol and Sam Corkery has become a member of the Flaming Arrows. We hope you have been given a very warm welcome to Troop 1 and look forward to showing you all the ropes!

Well if it is November then Fowl Fest must be just around the corner – November 20th to be exact for our 20th annual event. As you know this is the only fund raiser the troop has each year so it is very important that all scouts and parents support this effort by selling tickets, securing sponsorships, and joining in on all the fun we have on Fowl Fest Day. Calhoun Kennedy is heading up the sales side and Scott Griffin will be heading up the production side with the help of Matt Copeland, Rusty Barnett, Jerry Setzer, and Jen Bradley. Sell, sell, and sell some more!!!!

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TLC Meeting Dates

November 9, 2010

January 11, 2011

February 8, 2011

March 15, 2011

April 12, 2011

Meeting will be at 5:30 in the Scout Hut. Please send your report if you can not attend.

Birthdays

October

Chappell Bauknight, 10/01 14

Tim Ward 10/25

Blair Fields 10/11 12

Walker Kennedy, 10/17 17

JD Copeland, 10/20 13

Allston Burnett, 10/24 13

David Greene, 10/26 14

Walker Tiller, 10/28 16

November

Ted Phillips, 11/05 12

Lyles, Ethan 11/06 14

Congratulations to Zack Boyles and his soccer team who won the SC 2A Championship earlier this month in Columbia



Meetings / Events

2011 Fowl Fest

- All Scouts and a parent MUST work a shift for our ONLY fund raiser
- A shift schedule will be sent out in a couple of weeks
- Weekly prizes for top sellers
- Overall TOP SELLER will win a \$150 gift card to Diamond Brand Outfitters
- 2nd place will get a \$100 gift card
- 3rd place will get a \$50 gift card
- Scouts will receive a T-shirt the day of the event



Remember, scouts earn money towards their high adventure account for every ticket and sponsorship sold! You will earn \$3 per ticket sold for the first 25 and then \$4 per ticket thereafter. Sponsorships will net you a 10% commission!

Finally, use your sales skills and hawk those tickets (politely, of course)! For \$8 you will get a half chicken dinner (with a delicious dry rub), baked beans, cole slaw, a roll and oreo cookies. Gallons of super sweet iced tea will be available as well.

2010 Schedule

Date	O/S Merit Badge	First Years	Parent Duty	First Year Parent Duty
Tuesday, November 02, 2010	Nuclear Science	Nuclear Science	Greene	Fields
Tuesday, November 09, 2010	Scouting Heritage	Early Rank/Camping	Henderson	Griffin
Tuesday, November 16, 2010	Scouting Heritage	Early Rank/Camping	Hudson	Kistler
Tuesday, November 23, 2010	No Meeting	No Meeting	N/A	N/A
Tuesday, November 30, 2010	TBD	TBD	Ike	Phillips
Tuesday, December 07, 2010	TBD	TBD	F. James	Spencer

All meetings are held at the Scout Hut from 6 to 7:30 PM every Tuesday evening minus holidays and summer vacation. For certain Merit Badges we may meet offsite. Check your weekly updates for more information.



Outdoors

From the Outdoor Chairperson

We have had a great start to our 2010/2011 outdoor season. Let's keep it going. I have been very pleased with the Troop's energy and enthusiasm.

As advertised, our Edisto Beach trip proved to be a great one. Some of us learned to crab for the first time, we all had fun on the beach, we dug some clams, and our new assistant scout master caught a nice sized redfish. The food for the weekend was excellent and plentiful. A special thanks to Mark Mullen Tim Fields, and Jay Wakefield for demonstrating their culinary mastery. This group set a high bar for our next beach trip.

On November 5 – 7, we will go to Duke Power's World of Energy. This will be a first for Troop 1 as many of our scouts will be completing their Nuclear Merit Badge. As I have said earlier, do not fear. There will be plenty of activities for everyone as we plan to make this a fun outdoor weekend. Also, please remember that this will be the last opportunity that scouts will have until February to complete those rank requirements and get some nights on the ground.

On November 20th, we need the help of all scouts and parents to pull off our annual Foul Fest. Congratulations to those scouts who are actively selling those tickets. This event is the troop's only fund raiser so let's all work hard this one time so that we can enjoy the rest of our year.

On January 21 – 23, our skiing expert and scout master will lead on our annual winter sports trip to Beech Mountain. This is always a great trip and one you don't want to miss.

In closing, I am very proud of the progress you scouts are making. Let's keep it up and get ready for the second half of our outdoor season! We have some great events scheduled this spring.

Regards,

Jay Walpole

2010/2011 Outdoor Schedule

Date	Trip
November 5-7, 2010	Nuclear Science Camping TBD
January 21-23, 2011	Ski Trip
February 18-20, 2011	Backpacking
March 18-20, 2011	Camping TBD
April 8-9, 2011	Crossover
April 29-May 1, 2011	Spring Aquatics Camporee
May 13-15, 2011	GPS Camping
June 12-18, 2011	Camp Ho Non Wah





Scout	Advancement
C. Bauknight	Personal Fitness
Z. Boyles	2010 Pathfinding
A. Burnett	2010 Pathfinding, Citizenship in the Nation
W. Coker	Citizenship in the World
C. Cooper	2010 Pathfinding, Personal Fitness
J. Copeland	Star Scout, 2010 Pathfinding, Wilderness Survival, Collections
S. Corkery	Reading
J. Dargan	Scuba Diving
P. Dunbar	Cit. World, Personal Fitness, Water Sports, World Conservation Award
D. Greene	Personal Management
J. Henderson	Traffic Safety
W. Hudson	Collections
A. Ike	2010 Pathfinding, Family Life, Collections
W. Kennedy	Eagle Scout, Collections
E. Lyles	Personal Fitness, Wilderness Survival, Collections
W. Lyon	Canoeing, Rifle Shooting
J. McBride	Collections
L. McCain	2010 Pathfinding, Personal Fitness
C. Mercer	2010 Pathfinding, Personal Fitness, Collections
J. Price	Personal Management, Personal Fitness
D. Sanchez	2010 Pathfinding
R. Sanchez	Collections
B. Setzer	2010 Pathfinding, Citizenship in the World, Collections
B. Walpole	Citizenship in the World, Personal Fitness, Family Life
W. Ward	Collections

Congratulations to the following Scouts recently elected or appointed to Leadership Positions. All positions except Assistant Patrol Leader satisfy the Position of Responsibility requirement for Star, Life or Eagle.

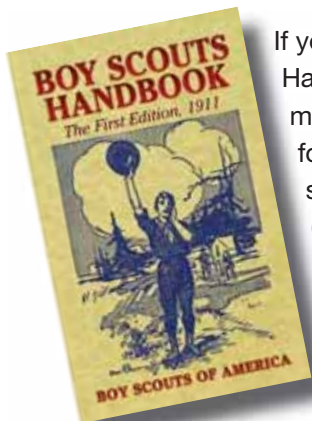
Troop 1 Scout Leadership Roster

Troop Leaders	Name
Senior Patrol Leader	Setzer, B.
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	Copeland, J.
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	McCain, L.
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	Price, J.
Chaplain Aide	McCain, L.
Leave No Trace Trainer	Boyles, Z.
Order of the Arrow Representative	Bauknight, C.
Quartermaster	Lyles, E.
Scribe	Sanchez, R.
Troop Guide	McBride, J.

Patrol Leaders	Name	Patrol
Patrol Leader	McBride, J.	Badger
Assistant Patrol Leader	Mercer, C.	Badger
Patrol Leader	Kennedy, H.	Ram
Assistant Patrol Leader	Henderson, J.	Ram
Patrol Leader	Burnett, A.	Scorpion
Assistant Patrol Leader	James, F.	Scorpion
Patrol Leader	Ike, A.	Road Runner
Assistant Patrol Leader	Lyles, E.	Road Runner
Patrol Leader	Dunbar, P.	Stag
Assistant Patrol Leader	Greene, D.	Stag
Patrol Leader	Wakefield, W.	Flaming Arrow
Assistant Patrol Leader	Kistler, S.	Flaming Arrow

Scout Spirit

“Scout Spirit” is a term scouts hear from the time they join the scouting program, but just what does it really mean? As your scoutmaster I am charged with determining whether you have “Scout Spirit” for each of your rank advancements and it is sometimes a very difficult question to answer as many factors go in determining individual cases. I found the following passage floating around on several troop web pages in some shape or form, and I think it points out many questions you as a Troop 1 scout should ask yourself as you advance through the ranks of scouting:



If you look in your Boy Scout Handbook at the rank requirements, most of them are pretty straight forward - demonstrate first aid for serious burns, tie a bowline, earn 6 merit badges, etc. However, beginning with the Second Class rank there is an added, more indefinite requirement: Show Scout Spirit.

The Scoutmasters have had a lot of questions over the years about what exactly “Show Scout Spirit” means. NO it doesn’t mean that on Halloween night you dress up as the ghost of Baden-Powell (or any other famous Scout Spirit).

National BSA must have had a lot questions too, because they changed the requirement recently to read “Demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath and the Scout Law in your everyday life.” That’s a little better, but still... what does it mean?

The first thing you need to understand about Scout Spirit is that even though the requirement looks the same for each rank, it’s really different - Scout Spirit for Life Scout is very different (and much harder) than Scout Spirit for Second Class. You’ll discover that the scoutmasters will only sign you off for one “Scout Spirit” requirement at a time, because each one is harder than the next.

The other thing that you will notice is that unlike almost

all the other requirements, you can never convince a Scoutmaster to sign off the Scout Spirit requirement on the spot. Tie a bowline, and he’ll sign that off; show him your merit badge card and he’ll sign off that requirement for Star, but he’ll never just up and sign off that pesky Scout Spirit one. That’s because you must demonstrate Scout Spirit in your everyday life, not in the five minutes you’re talking to the Scoutmaster. What happens is that at meetings and especially on campouts, the Scoutmasters are like Santa Claus - they’re always watching you, to see when you are naughty or nice. Scout Spirit should be shown at all times, and generally this requirement is one of the last ones to be signed off for any rank. Scoutmasters will want to see the appropriate Scout Spirit for some period of time before they sign off the requirement. For Second Class that may only be for a campout and the last few meetings, but for Eagle it may be for several months.

What are they looking for? Believe it or not, there’s a “Scoutmaster’s cheat sheet” that the Scoutmaster and his friends all have to give us some idea. Here is just a few of the things we look for: By the way, we expect Scouts to not only follow the items listed for that rank, but also all the items for the previous ranks.

Second Class

- Do you participate in lots of troop activities regularly (better than 50%, and better than 75% for Troop Officers and Patrol Leaders)?
- Do you come to “work” activities like service projects and meetings, as well as fun nights?
- Do you try not to complain or put other people down, even when you feel bad or you have to do a task like cleanup?
- Are you willing to try new things, and keep trying even when you don’t succeed at first?
- Do you pay attention when we need you to, and know when to stop what you’re doing to help out?
- Do you come prepared for campouts? Do you keep track of your stuff, or lose it a lot?
- Do you never bully, harass, or joke around with other Scouts unless they are willing & happy participants?

First Class

- A first class Scout Spirit Scout must never complain about weather, or work, or cleanup, and must never gripe or “whine” when a leader makes a decision they do not like.
- A Scout must never criticize others harshly, or make fun of other Scouts whose skills aren’t as good.
- Do you handle normal personal tasks and patrol tasks (cooking, camp setup and tear down, getting water, etc.) without being asked?
- Do you keep an eye on others in the troop and help them out - like pickup their garbage, or quietly returning stuff they forgot or left out, so that the Scoutmaster doesn’t get it?
- Do you sometimes lend a hand teaching new Scouts some of the basics (and you can do it without yelling)?
- Are you starting to help out your patrol leader & troop by offering ideas for events, and helping to organize and call people when needed?
- Do you listen & learn well when a Scoutmaster or more advanced Scout tries to teach you something, or do you play “know-it-all”?
- Do you show Scout Spirit at home and in school?
- Do you also meet the requirements for Second Class?

Star

- For Star rank, you have to serve in a troop leadership position. Did you serve well and help out the troop, or did you miss meetings, show up unprepared, not get things done, etc.?
- Are you starting to show the kind of leadership a First Class Scout should know? Do you help organize other Scouts to get things done at campouts (like put up dining flies, set up campfires, etc.?)
- Do you watch out for other Scouts and make sure they’re doing OK - on the trail, in camp, etc.?
- Can you be relied on to finish what you start?
- Are you always ready to assist and be helpful when you see something that needs doing, or do you just “hang out” with your buddies?
- Do you show respect for other Troop Leaders as you would like them to respect you when you’re leading?
- Do you also meet the requirements for First Class and Second Class?

Life

- As a troop leader (even if you don’t hold an office), do you actively take up leadership when you see something that needs doing?
- Can you organize & coordinate other Scouts of all ages (without yelling)?
- Are you a major player in the “behind-the-scenes” work that makes the troop run - organizing equipment, making camping arrangements, setting up activities for the PLC?
- Are you a good, patient teacher and example to younger Scouts?
- Are you involved in your school or in the community as a volunteer?
- Do you also meet the requirements for Star, First Class and Second Class?

Eagle

- Do you participate actively in all troop activities?
- Do all the adults and Scouts treat you almost as if you were another Scoutmaster?
- Are you involved in your school and community as a leader?
- Do you also meet the requirements for Life, Star, First Class and Second Class?

⚠ WARNING: Using this list to ARGUE with a Scoutmaster over whether you have Scout Spirit is a sure way NOT to get it. NO Whining! Get the picture? To show “Scout Spirit” means to live up to your word and be Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful at all times! Good luck, & keep working on that Spirit at every meeting and campout.

With all that said I think the most important question to ask yourself is “have I tried my best” and if the answer is yes you will have no trouble in scout advancement and your everyday life.

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