



Scoutmaster Notes

As I write this I am sitting on my patio on a beautiful Sunday afternoon having just returned from an Eagle Court of Honor to recognize Thomas Johnson, Walker Kennedy, and Connor LeRoy. Somehow it seems these Eagles's Nest articles come together so much easier when I am outside!! Thinking back on the last ten days in the life of Troop 1 brings so many good thoughts; we had a perfect weekend of snow sports in the mountains, a day of learning yesterday at Merit Badge College, and then today the magnificent ceremony honoring those three fine young men.

It sure was cold as we ventured to the mountains for fun in the snow and on the ice. We had the biggest group ever on this trip as we took to the slopes for the "Midnight Blast" on Friday night at Appalachian Ski Mountain, the Saturday twilight at Beech Mountain, and finally Ice Skating at Sugar Mountain on Sunday morning. Did I mention how cold it got?? A great time was had as we all shared camaraderie with each other at the inspirational Valle Crucis Conference Center.

Our first year scouts got to attend their first Merit Badge College yesterday and most were fortunate enough to have none other than me as their counselor for their first class Citizenship in the Community. I hope I did not give them too bad of a taste of learning to be a good citizen! I always show them the Disney movie "Follow Me Boys" portraying a scout troop (also a Troop 1) in the thirties and forties where Fred McMurray portrays the scoutmaster. Seeing that movie always seems to renew my feelings of what our boys gain from their membership in Boy Scouts.

Those feelings were multiplied today at our Eagle Ceremony where so many of our older scouts returned to honor their own. As I began my comments about the honorees today, the memories of all the times we have had together, whether sharing laughter or facing difficult challenges, all came to my mind. It was very heartwarming to see these scouts together as a group again, and see how well they are living their life by the scout oath and law. As much as I hate seeing them "move on" from their scouting days I know they have received a strong foundation from Troop 1 for which to live their lives.

Scout Sunday is now upon us next week. I don't think there is a sight any more inspirational than seeing our Troop 1 Scouts processing in the church following the flags. I hope our whole Troop 1 family will be present as we thank our Chartering Organization for the support they give us. We will begin a new tradition this year of recognizing our seniors on Scout Sunday. I am very happy to announce here that Eagle Scout and new Assistant Scoutmaster Lesesne Phillips will be delivering the sermon at all three services on Scout Sunday, February, 13th.

The sun is now setting over my garage so I guess it is time to quit all this rambling!! As you may be able to tell, I feel really good about where our troop is and know many more good things are on the horizon.

Ted

Birthdays

February

JC Price, 02/09 14
William Hudson, 02/12 18
Jacky Middlebrooks, 02/21
Mils Ivey, 02/25 19
Chris Lynn, 02/28

March

Sam Parrott, 03/06 18
Tillman James, 03/08 13
Wesley Ward, 03/28 14

TLC Meeting Dates

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.



I know all of you have been getting very anxious, but don't worry, more scouting trips are just around the corner. I think that our Beech Mountain trip was an excellent way to get back into our outdoor schedule. After getting an extra dose of video games because of the recent weather, I trust that all of you were able to survive and to become better skiers and snowboarders.

On the weekend of February 18 – 20, we will go to the Congaree National Park <http://www.nps.gov/cong/index> for a weekend of backpacking. This should be a great way to use some of those new holiday presents and for you to get back on the outdoor trail. This trip should also be a good way for us to observe life in a midland swamp.

On March 18 – 20, we will head for the mountains to take on the “Yosemite of the East”, <http://www.ncwaterfalls.com/panther1.htm>. I do not think that any active Troop 1 scout has had the chance to enjoy this trip, and I hear that the sites will be great. You never know, but this may be the last chance for us to enjoy the mountains until next fall. Don't miss it!

It is hard to believe that it will soon be time to start enjoying the water again. That is why it is very important to attend the aquatics weekend, April 29 – May 1. We will work on some important merit badges. As any Troop 1 scout knows, life on the water with Troop 1 is fun, and you definitely don't want to miss out on any upcoming trips because you are

lacking a badge. Also, we will need the help of a few older scouts to make this an even better trip.

The weekend of May 13 – 15 will be our Year End Trip. This trip will be a great way for us to finish off our outdoor season. It will also be the first real opportunity to welcome in our new 1st year scouts into the Troop. Again, make sure you take advantage of the April Aquatics weekend so that you don't miss this final campout.

As a reminder, Troop 1 will be going to Camp Ho Non Wah from June 12 – 18. We feel that it is important for scouts, young and old, to participate. It would really be great to bring home that Basketball and Frisbee trophy this year.

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

The Troop 1 Calendar is now On-Line

Troop 1 now has an on-line calendar powered by Google Calendars. If you currently have a Google account you may subscribe to our calendar and all troop activities will show up on your personal calendar. To subscribe, go on your Google calendar page and on the left side you will see “other calendars” with a block right below that says “add friend's calendar” where you would need to type troop1palmetto. It is also possible to get the calendar to i-pod touch and i-phone calendars. A web page version of the calendar for those that do not have a google account is available at the link below which you can save in your favorites and pull up at any time.

https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=troop1palmetto@gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York&gsessionid=OK

Outdoor Schedule:	
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



Meetings / Events

Ho Non Wah SUMMER CAMP Registration!

June 12-18, Cost: \$250

For the 4th (or is it 5th) straight year, Troop 1 scouts voted to travel to Camp Ho Non Wah for scout camp, a 103-acre Scouting retreat where camp staff, unit leaders and scouts work together to learn and enjoy the best that Scouting offers. The camp is located between the banks of the Bohicket and Fickling Creek on Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina. The camp is approximately 20 miles from historic downtown Charleston, South Carolina.

Ho Non Wah's facilities feature a private lake for row boats and canoes, a pool for swimming and lifesaving, and the Bohicket River for Motorboating, Waterskiing, and Sail boats, archery range, rifle range, shotgun trap shooting range, handicraft shelter, ecology lodge, scoutcraft area, campfire circle and an air-conditioned dining hall. A first year camper program is conducted at a special area in camp (mandatory for Troop 1 first year scouts attending camp). Three well balanced meals, all checked by a dietician, are served daily in the central dining hall. Our campsite contains Adirondacks with bunks, two-man tents with cots, covered pavilion, a latrine, hot showers and wash stand.

Registration begins March 1st with a \$50 deposit due by March 15th and balance of \$200 by April 26th. Registration includes lunch at Rush's each way, four camp t-shirts (1 Camp HNW shirt / 3 Troop 1 shirts). All first year scouts will enroll in the "Woodsmen" program to help build a firm foundation for attaining their 1st Class Rank by the end of their first year. 2nd year scouts and up may take 2 Eagle required merit badges and up to 5 additional merit badges. For our older scouts that may not need additional badges, it is extremely

important for our younger scouts to have the guidance from other scouts and help carry on the traditions of Troop 1. Please encourage your scout from Tenderfoot through Eagle to attend summer camp. Don't forget, this could be the year Troop 1 carries the championship banner for athletics! Basketball still eludes us!

Dads needed for summer camp too!

If you have the flexibility to attend for the entire week of summer camp, it is a great experience to share with your son. Ted and I will definitely be there all week (with three others as probable), we have enough coverage, but if you would like to attend, we have a limited number of slots so let Kyle know ASAP at ktboyles@aol.com if you can attend or have any questions.





Congratulations to Thomas Johnson, Walker Kennedy and Connor LeRoy for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Scout	Advancement
J. Blackman	Gold Palm
Z. Boyles	2nd Gold Palm, Scouting Heritage, Nuclear Science
A. Burnett	Scouting Heritage
C. Cooper	Scouting Heritage
S. Corkery	Tenderfoot Scout
A. Freedman	Nuclear Science
D. Greene	Scouting Heritage
T. Griffin	Nuclear Science
J. Henderson	Eagle Scout
S. Hildebran	Nuclear Science
G. Hill	Nuclear Science
W. Hudson	Gold Palm
F. James	Camping
T. James	2010 Pathfinding, Nuclear Science
T. Johnson	Eagle Scout
E. Lyles	2010 Pathfinding, Scouting Heritage
W. Lyon	Camping, Citizenship in the Community
L. McCain	Scouting Heritage
C. Mercer	Scouting Heritage
T. Phillips	2010 Pathfinding, Nuclear Science
J. Price	Citizenship in the World
R. Sanchez	2010 Pathfinding, Scouting Heritage
B. Setzer	Scouting Heritage, Nuclear Science
S. Spencer	2010 Pathfinding, Nuclear Science
W. Wakefield	2010 Pathfinding
B. Walpole	2010 Pathfinding

Troop Rechartering

The time has come to renew your membership in BSA Troop 1. Cost is the same as last year, \$100 per Scout and \$10 per registered adult. New this year is the ability to pay your Order of the Arrow dues through the troop. Please add \$15 to your check if you are in the OA.

Please consider registering at least one adult per family. Registered adults are included on BSA's liability insurance and therefore are able to officially help transport and oversee scouts on campouts and other sanctioned events. Please see Coby or Ted for an Adult Volunteer form.

As in the past, it is required that dues be paid before you are renewed with BSA. We must receive your dues by Feb. 15th in order for you to be renewed. If you are not renewed, you will be dropped from our roster at the Council office and your records will be deleted from their computer. Please make your check payable to "BSA Troop 1" and bring it to a scout meeting by Feb. 15th.

Also, if your address has changed since last February and/or you are not receiving "Boys' Life" (scouts) or "Scouting" (registered adult) please let Coby know.

Part of the rechartering process is deleting aged-out scouts from our roster, the council's roster and our High Adventure fund accounting. If you have turned 18 in the last 2 years, please let us know how you want any leftover High Adventure money distributed. You may choose to donate it to the Phillip Fund, the Troop 1 Legacy Fund, or the Goldstein Fund.

Scout Sunday, February 13th 2011



February 13 is Boy Scout Sunday in our parish. Since its beginning in 1914, Troop 1, the oldest in the state, has produced some remarkable leaders for this community and beyond. There are 215 Eagle Scouts on record, including such notable names as Johnson, Wardlaw, Hodge, Whitehurst, Watters, Cleveland and Irwin. Troop 1 Eagles are actively engaged in medicine, law, business, education, the military, and social service agencies. Of course, no organization can serve youth unless there are adults involved. So in addition to honoring the Scouts themselves on this date, we will also honor the men and women who are Scout leaders, both past and present.

When you see the long procession of uniforms at the 11:15am service on February 13, take a moment to realize how vital Scouting is to our parish and our community. Much has changed since 1914, but not the importance of being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent has not.

In conjunction with Scout Sunday the scouts and their families from Pack 1 and Troop are invited to lunch in the Parish Community and Life Center following the service. Cost will be \$4 pp or Maximum \$15 per family to be collected at the door. Please respond to Caroline James at hjames@charter.net with a count of how many in your family we need to set the table for. Scout Sunday is a wonderful occasion in the life of our troop and I urge everyone to come be a part of this celebration regardless of whether your church home is at the Advent or not. We have several things planned to showcase our scouting program which you will not want to miss.

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