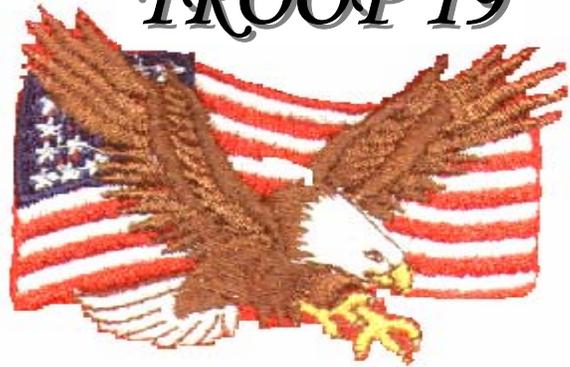


TROOP 19



Troop 19 News

Banks' Bits

It has been a very busy summer thus far. Summer camp and the Senior Scout High

Adventure Trek are behind us now. Both events were a rousing success. Summer Camp at Camp Grimes was incredible. Our boys completed 86 merit badges and achieved several awards for activities. We also provided the camp with the most excitement as three of our Scouts had injuries during camp that required emergency assistance. Thankfully, none of the injuries were serious just provided excitement to an otherwise successful summer camp.

The Senior Scouts for Troop 19 spent their summer camp trekking through

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the North Carolina mountains to Mount Sterling and Lake Fontana. Eight Senior Scouts and 4 adults completed the 30 miles of loops in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Please note, during July, the troop will hold regular meetings. We will resume meetings with the first Tuesday in August. This change is necessary due to the large number of families vacationing this summer. The next planned event for this

summer is the National Order of the Arrow Conference, July 29—August 2 in Knoxville, TN.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the parents, Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members who help me make Troop 19 a success. Your constant support and willingness to make the troop the best it can be makes my job of creating a program that develops successful

We have also added Charlie Anderson and his mother Cathleen Anderson to the troop. Charlie will be in the Cobra Patrol.

We also welcome Chris Puckett and his mother Connie Puckett to the

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Upcoming Events:

- NOAC July 29 - Aug 2
- OA 2nd Ordeal
Aug 18 - 20
- Troop Elections -
Sept 5
- Merit Badge Workshop - Oct 7
- Summer Court of Honor & Picnic -
Oct 15

Welcome to Troop 19

Troop 19 would like to extend a hearty welcome to the newest members of the Troop 19 family. Since our last newsletter, Allan and Patty Kitchen have joined us with their sons ,Trevor

and Kyle.

Allan is one of our newest Assistant Scoutmasters, Trevor and Kyle, join us as Life Scouts.

Troop 19 Eagle Scouts



Troop 19 is proud to announce that two of our Senior Scouts have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Brandon Vest and Robert Council have both successfully completed their requirements for the highest award available to Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America.

Brandon is a rising senior at North Mecklenburg High School and the son of David and Jan

Vest. Brandon built an outdoor classroom for Blythe Elementary School for his Eagle project.

Robert is also a rising senior at North Mecklenburg and the son of Bob and Suzy Council. Robert built picnic tables for Huntersville United Methodist Church's new church site for his project.

Congratulations to Brandon and Robert on their outstanding achievements.

Spring Fundraiser

Troop 19 would like to extend a well deserved thank you to our Fundraising Chairperson, Carol King for her outstanding efforts with the Spring Yard Sale. The fundraiser brought in over \$1,300 to the troop to help pay for badly needed equipment. With the money, the troop replaced camp stoves and gas lanterns and

bought other camping gear for each patrol.

The success of the Spring Yard Sale is a tribute to Carol's hard work and the assistance of all the parents and Scout leaders who participated in the sale. Watch the newsletter and troop announcements for additional fund-raising events coming this fall.

"TROOP 19 earned over \$1,300 in this spring's yard and bake sale."

OA Beaver Days Fellowship

Troop 19 is proud to recognize the following Scouts who have become members of the Order of the Arrow at the Beaver Days gathering at Camp Grimes in May.

Troop 19 added 4 Scouts and 1 Adult leader to the Catawba

sealed their membership in the OA with their Brotherhood at the Beaver Days.

Joining the OA this May were:

- Jeff List**
- Danny Stepp**
- Tyler Reavis**

Scott Tart
Kevin Chelko
Sealing their membership were:

- Scott Marum**
- Bob Marum**

Let's congratulate these Scouts



Philmont 2000

Troop 19 will send representatives with the Mecklenburg County Council contingent headed to Philmont Scout Reservation this summer.

Headed to Philmont for Troop 19 are our newest Eagle Scouts Brandon Vest and Robert Council along with Brendon Riley and Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Szafran.

Philmont Scout Reservation is a 137,000 acre reserve dedicated to high adventure for the Boy Scouts of

America. Philmont was donated to the BSA in 1938 by Waite Phillips. The Scout Ranch provides lifetime adventures for Scouts and leaders searching for the ultimate challenges in outdoor skills learned in Scouting. Philmont Scout Reservation is located in the Sangre de Christo Mountains near Cimarron Carlsbad, NM

Have a great trip at Philmont.!!!



Junior Leader Training

Troop 19 will be sending two Senior Scouts to the Mecklenburg County Junior Leader Training Program this summer. Attending for Troop 19 will be Senior Patrol Leader Kevin

Instructor Justin Cross. Junior Leader Training is a week long training course at Camp Grimes focused on teaching senior Scouts the leadership skills needed to successfully run a troop. The program

stresses skills such as communication, preparation and cooperation in teaching our future leaders how to make a troop like Troop 19 a truly Scout run troop.

Good luck to Kevin and Justin.



National Order of The Arrow Conference

All OA members who are attending the NOAC this July should be ready to leave at 8:00 AM July 29 at Huntersville Presbyterian Church. Please have \$ 30 gas money for the trip and bring spending money.

This year, NOAC is in Knoxville, TN and will include over 7,000 OA members from around the nation.

NOAC patches and ditty bags will be delivered at the parking lot before we depart.



Things to Remember !!

Parents - Remember the Uniform Closet. Send good used uniforms to the troop for the closet. Check the closet for uniform needs before you go buy!!!!

Parents - If you have not been contacted by June Horne, expect a call. Ms. Horne is helping the troop develop our Emergency contact and family information worksheets on all members of the troop and their parents. This list will include telephone numbers for work and home, e mail address, places of employment and other information the troop needs in case of emergency or other needs. If you don't

hear from Ms. Horne soon, please contact her.

Merit Badges - Parents, you should also receive a call very soon from Brad Clark - Assistant Scoutmaster for Merit Badges and Counselors. Mr. Clark will be asking each parent about skills they can teach in order to develop a list of merit badge counselors for the Scouts to contact when working on badges. Remember, to teach a merit badge, you do not have to be an expert. All that is required is someone with a strong interest and knowledge of the subject and a willing-

National Scout Jamboree 2001

Next summer, the National Scout Jamboree kicks off at Fort AP Hill in Virginia.

The National Jamboree occurs every 4 years and is one of the highlights of Scouting. Troops from every council in the United States will be participating in the grand event.

Troop 19 has secured positions for 9 Scouts in the Mecklenburg County troops and we have 5 boys on the wait list if additional troops become available.

Confirmed attendees are:

- JP Dasher
- Russell Williams
- Scott Hunnicutt



TM

Cameron Shelton

Tyler Reavis

Being selected for the National Jamboree Troop from Mecklenburg County is a great honor and carries a responsibility of representing Troop 19 and Mecklenburg County.

Kyle Kitchen

Trevor Kitchen

Scott Marum

Eric Melton

Greg Ryczek

Jonathan Ryczek

Jamboree Alternatives are :

Kevin Dills

Justin Cross

Lee Shelton

Parents, it is important to note the payment schedule for the Jamboree. The first payment of \$250 is due July 14. The next payment is \$ 350 due Oct 1, 2000. The estimated total cost for the Jamboree is \$1,050 for each boy.

If a payment is missed or not on time, your son can be re-

Summer Camp 2000

Troop 19 would like to thank the following leaders for their help in getting the troop to Summer Camp at Camp Grimes this year.

First, we have to recognize,

Ricky Cardenas

Ozzie Holshouser

Kevin King

Allan Kitchen

For attending camp with the troop and providing the daily leadership and experience this year. With the number of boys and the unexpected injuries we

incurred this summer, Camp Grimes was a challenge to these leaders and their efforts are truly appreciated.

We must also recognize

Barry Shelton

Dottie Johnson

For their help in organizing, planning and coordinating all the efforts to get the troop ready for camp and making sure all the Scouts got their fees in on time.

Thanks again for a wonderful job.

Summer Camp was a great success again thanks to the Scouts and leaders who attended our camp. Troop 19 won several awards at camp including, Best Campsite, Soccer Tournament Champion and Volleyball Tournament Champion. Jason Phillips and Trevor Hehn earned their BSA Lifeguard certification. The troop as a whole earned 86 merit badges.

Thanks to all for a great summer.

High Adventure 2000

Troop 19 would like to recognize the troop leaders who made this summer's Senior Scout High Adventure trek through the Great Smoky Mountains a rousing success. The efforts of:

Stu Williams

Kevin Chelko

Tom Nasko

Barry Shelton

made the experience fun and safe for the eight Senior Scouts participating in the program.

The trip covered 30 miles in two loops through beautiful expanses of the Great Smokys. The Scouts and Leaders trekked to Lake Fontana, Mount Sterling and Gatlinburg, TN on their way through parts of the Appalachian Trail.

Super Trip 2000

Super Trip 2000 was a great success this past April. The opportunity for the Scouts to visit North Carolina Historical sites

and enjoy the spring weather at the North Carolina beaches could only have been possible thanks to the efforts of those who planned the event. Troop 19 would like to

express our thanks to Susan and Mike Melton for an outstanding job of planning and preparing the troop for the trip. We truly appreciate your efforts.



By Brandon Vest

This past month, while the younger Scouts were away at Summer Camp earning merit badges, several Senior Scouts in the troop enjoyed a different kind of summer camp: a hiking trip in the Smoky Mountain National Park.

The trip consisted of two loops, one at Mount Sterling and one at Lake Fontana. About 30 miles total were covered during the six day trip. Eight Senior Scouts and 4

leaders participated in the trip, splitting into two groups and alternating on the loops.

The trip was enjoyed by all the Scouts and leaders. We hiked the two loops and took a side trip to Gatlinburg, TN and a ferry ride to the trailhead on Lake Fontana. The entire trip went exceptionally well but for the 80 mile detour due to closed roads. The highlight of the trip was the night at the Cades Cove Visitor Center and campground, where the boys all got to participate in our favorite activity: girl chasing.

The teams saw breathtaking scenery along the way. Stream crossings were frequent as were campsites near the streams and rivers. Wildlife was everywhere including snakes, raccoons and deer. The 360° view from the fire tower atop Mount Sterling was unbelievable.

Participating in the trip were Elliot Madre, Brendon Riley, Chris Johnson, Josh Johnson, Justin Cross, Lee Shelton, Trevor Nasko and Brandon Vest. The leaders for the trip were Kevin

A Scout's View of Summer Camp

By Zach Hackley

At Summer Camp we did a lot of different things, we were able to practice many Boy Scout skills especially, First Aid.

On Sunday, we arrived at Camp Grimes. The first thing we did was choose our tents and unpack, then we were off to our swim test. That evening we had the orientation campfire with all the Scouts in camp and the camp staff entertained us with skits.

From Monday to Friday, each

morning was filled with merit badge work. All the second year Scouts and those without the Environmental Science badge worked on that merit badge.

Each afternoon, we had two activity periods to participate in planned activities for the troop. Some of the activities were climbing, rappelling, mountain biking and shooting. We also used activity time to clean the campsite and visit the trading post.

The troop that the camp nurse will remember most is Troop 19. We sent three scouts to the Emergency Room, one by ambulance. One sprained ankle, one sprained wrist and one battered and bruised collar bone and several scrapes, abrasions and bruises later we finished camp.

Friday night was the closing campfire. Many parents came



Another View of Camp

By Brandon Havas

Summer Camp at Grimes was a very exciting experience. I had so much fun. I got to shoot rifles, swim in the lake and learn about the natural world. All my merit badges were tough and lots of work and it took lots of concentration but I earned all my badges after the 5 days of camp.

Sleeping in a wall tent was crowded but I had fun with my tent mate, Tyler Reavis. The camp food was decent and *sometimes* nutritional. Even

though the steak was rubbery, the pizza was delicious.

The highlight of the camp was the bike trail. It was VERY EXCITING. Near the end of the trail, we were coasting down a big hill. About midway down, I hit a bump and a small tree. Our trip leader call the Emergency staff who came and immobilized me with a backboard and neck brace. I rode an ambulance to the Emergency Room. After all the adventure and three hours of excitement, the x rays showed I had only a bruised collar bone.

Overall, camp was great and could never be bet-

Arrowtech

Catawba Lodge Calendar - 2000 - 01

July

July 5 Executive Committee Meeting
Jul 29-Aug 3 National OA Conference - Knoxville

August

Aug 18-20 2nd Ordeal/Lodge Fun Day @
CCSC

September

September 6 Executive Committee Meeting
Sept 22 - 24 Natl. Leadership Seminar
Sept 15—17 Fall Fellowship/Invitational

October

October 4 Executive Committee Meeting
Oct 13—15 Lodge Leadership Training

November

November 1 Executive Committee Meeting
Nov 3—5 Area 5 OA Fall Training/COC

December 6 Annual Banquet

December

January 2001

January 2 Troop 19 OA Elections
January 3 Executive Committee Meeting
January 6 OA Cold Weather Training
Jan 26—28 OA Cold Weather Campout

February

February 7 Executive Committee Meeting

March

March 7 Executive Committee Meeting
March 16-18 OA Spring Fellowship

April

April 4 Executive Committee Meeting
April 27 - 29 OA Dixie Fellowship - Camp Barnhardt

May

May 2 Executive Committee Meeting



Troop Calendar—Leaders and Parents

	AUGUST			Session
August 10	Roundtable - 7:00 PM	3		
	Youth Protection Training	October 24	PLC	
August 16	Assistant SM Meeting -	October 28	Senior Scout Trip	
	7:00 PM HPC	October 31	Troop Fun Night	
Aug 25 - 27	Troop Camp Out			
August 29	PLC	November 1	Fast Start— 7:00 PM - CSC	
	SEPTEMBER	November 4	Scoutmaster Fundamentals -	Session
September 4	Labor Day	1		
September 5	Troop Elections	November 8	Scoutmaster Fundamentals -	Session
September 12	Parent Committee Meeting -	2		
	7:00 PM - HPC			
September 14	Roundtable—7:00 PM	November 9	Roundtable - 7:00 PM	
September 23	Scouter Success Seminar	Nov 10 - 11	Scoutmaster Fundamentals -	Session
September 23	Troop Junior Leader Training	3		
September 26	PLC	November 14	Parent Committee Meeting -	7:00 PM - HPC
Sept 29 - Oct 1	Troop Camp Out			
	OCTOBER	November 15	Assistant SM Meeting -	7:00 PM HPC
October 7	Merit Badge Workshop	Nov 17 - 19	Virginia Creeper Bike Trip	
October 10	Parent Committee Meeting -	November 23	THANKSGIVING DAY	
	7:00 PM - HPC	November 28	PLC	
October 11	Fast Start- 7:00 PM - CSC			
October 14	Scoutmaster Fundamentals -			
	Session			
1		Dec 1 - 2	Father & Son Camp Out	
October 15	Family Picnic & Summer	December 5	Service Project @ The Oaks	
	Court of Honor	December 6	OA Annual Banquet	
October 18	Scoutmaster Fundamentals -	December 12	Christmas Party	
	Session			
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Oct 20 - 22	Scoutmaster Fundamentals -	December 14	Polaris District Banquet	

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Last Troop Meeting until January 2001

December 25	CHRISTMAS		Session 2
	JANUARY	Mar 16 - 17	Scoutmaster Fundamentals - Session 3
January 9	Parent Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - HPC	March 21	Assistant SM Meeting - 7:00 PM HPC
January 11	Roundtable—7:00 PM		
January 15	MLK JR HOLIDAY	March 24	Spring Court of Honor & Webelos Graduation
January 17	Assistant SM Meeting - 7:00 PM HPC	March 27	PLC
January 23	PLC	March 31	Troop TLD
Jan 26 - 28	Cold Weather Camp Out		APRIL
January 30	Troop Fun Night	April 6 - 8	Troop Camp Out
	FEBRUARY	April 6 - 8	Woodbadge Weekend I
February 3	Scouting for Food	April 10	Parent Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - HPC
February 8	Roundtable - 7:00 PM		
February 10	Year End Court of Honor	April 12	Roundtable - 7:00 PM— Life to Eagle Transition—All Life & Parents should attend
February 13	Parent Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - HPC	Scouts	
February 17	Webelos Parent Orientation	April 15	EASTER
February 17	Senior Scout Day Trip	Apr 15 - 19	Super Trip - Williamsburg
February 19	PRESIDENTS DAY	April 20 - 22	Woodbadge Weekend II
Feb 23 - 25	Klondike Derby	April 24	PLC
February 27	PLC		MAY
	MARCH	May 4 - 6	Woodbadge Weekend III
March 6	Troop Elections	May 4 - 6	New Scouts Camp Out
March 7	Fast Start— 7:00 PM - CSC	May 8	Parent Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM HPC
March 8	Roundtable - 7:00 PM	May 10	Roundtable - 7:00 PM
March 10	Scoutmaster Fundamentals - Session 1	May 12	Scout Show
Mar 9 - 11	Troop Camping Trip	May 16	Assistant SM Meeting - 7:00PM HPC
March 13	Parent Committee Meeting - 7:00 PM - HPC	May 18 - 20	Troop/OA Camp Out
March 14	Scoutmaster Fundamentals -	May 22	PLC
			JUNE

Troop Calendar—Scouts

JULY

July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
 Jul 23 - 29 Council JLT
 Jul 29 - Aug 3 NOAC - Knoxville,
 TN

AUGUST

Theme: Boating & Canoeing

August 18 - 20 2nd Ordeal
 August 25 - 27 Troop Campout
 August 29 PLC

SEPTEMBER

Theme: SAFETY

September 4 Labor Day
 September 5 Troop Elections
 Sept 8 - 10 Senior Camporee
 September 23 Troop JLT
 Sept 29 - Oct 1 Troop Campout
 September 26 PLC

OCTOBER

Theme: NATURE

October 7 Merit Badge Workshop
 Oct 13 - 15 Lodge Officers Training
 October 15 Family Picnic & Summer
 Court of Honor
 October 21 Popcorn Show and Sell Be-
 gins
 October 28 Senior Scout Day Trip

October 24 PLC
 October 31 Troop Fun Night

NOVEMBER

Theme: BUSINESS

Nov 3 - 5 OA Arrowtech
 Nov 17 - 19 Virginia Creeper Bike Trip
 November 23 THANKSGIVING
 November 28 PLC

DECEMBER

No Theme

Dec 1 - 2 Father & Son Campout
 December 2 First Aid Merit Badge 1st
 Year Scouts
 December 5 Service Project @ The
 Oaks

(Explore Xmas Wrapping Project)

December 6 OA Banquet
 December 9 50 Mile Bike Trip
 December 12 Christmas Party

Last Troop Meeting until January 2001

December 25 CHRISTMAS

JANUARY

Theme: WINTER CAMPING

TRAINING FOR KLNODIKE BEGINS

January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 January 2 OA Elections
 January 6 OA Cold Weather Train-
 ing

January 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING
JR. DAY

January 20 Senior Scout Advanced 1st
Aid and CPR Certification

January 23 PLC

Jan 26 - 28 Cold Weather Campout

January 30 Troop Fun Night

FEBRUARY

Theme: CITIZENSHIP

TRAINING FOR KLONDIKE DERBY

CONTINUES

February 3 Scouting for Food

Feb 4 or 11 Scout Sunday

February 10 Year End Court of Honor

February 17 Senior Scout Trip

February 17 Webelos Parent Orientation

February 19 Presidents Day

Feb 23 - 25 Klondike Derby

February 27 PLC

MARCH

Theme: PHYSICAL FITNESS

March 6 Troop Elections

Mar 9 - 11 Troop Campout

Mar 16 - 18 OA Spring Fellowship

March 24 Spring Court of Honor &
Webelos Graduation

March 27 PLC

March 31 Troop Leadership Develop-
ment

APRIL

Theme: FORESTRY

April 6 - 8 Troop Camping Trip &
Merit Badge Weekend

April 12 **Roundtable - 7:00 PM—**

**Life to Eagle Transition -
All Life Scouts & Parents should
attend**

April 15 EASTER

Apr 15 - 19 Super Trip - Williamsburg

Apr 27 - 29 Dixie Fellowship - Camp
Barnhardt

April 24 PLC

MAY

Theme: LEADERSHIP

May 4 - 6 New Scout Camping Trip

May 12 Scout Show

May 18 - 20 Beaver Days - Troop and
OA

May 22 PLC

May 28 MEMORIAL DAY

May 29 Troop Fun Night

JUNE

No Theme

Jun 10 - 16 Summer Camp

Jun 10 - 16 Senior Scouts Summer Trip

June 26 PLC

JULY

NO JULY MEETINGS

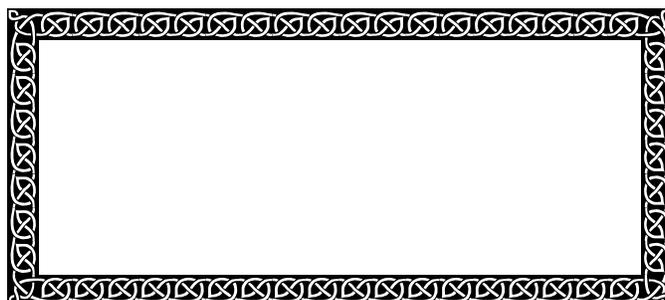
July 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

TROOP 19
Huntersville Presbyterian Church
Huntersville, NC 28078

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Remember
No JULY MEETINGS!



Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools 2000 – 01 Calendar

	AUGUST	January 15	ML King Holiday
August 16	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	January 16	Teacher Workday
	SEPTEMBER		FEBRUARY
September 4	Labor Day Holiday	February 19	Presidents Day
September 15	Teacher Workday		MARCH
	OCTOBER	March 23	Teacher Workday
October 19 - 20	Quarter Break		APRIL
	NOVEMBER	April 13	Teacher Workday
November 7	Teacher Workday	April 16 - 20	Spring Break
November 22	Teacher Workday		MAY
November 23 - 24	Thanksgiving Break	May 28	Teacher Workday
	DECEMBER		JUNE
December 18 - Jan 1	Winter Break	June 5	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
	JANUARY		