

Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Banks' Bits

Dear Troop 19 Family,

It has been another great summer so far. Summer camp was a huge success. Troop 19 earned over 120 merit badges, and won many decorations including the Spirit Award, Honor Unit of the Week and Cleanest Camp Site Award (even with 73 people in camp!!) The troop has been busy and the coming year will be just as full. This newsletter will include the 2003/04 troop calendar. This year we are printing a separate calendar for parents to use throughout the year. On the back of each month, you will find a chart detailing which Scouts are able to participate in the listed activities. We feel this will make planning for upcoming activities much easier for everyone. Please make a note of one major

change in the schedule for next summer. Summer camp for Troop 19 will be June 20 - 27, 2004. This is one week later than in 2003.

Thanks to Chad Holshouser and Brad Vice for their work on organizing the Church Beautification project. This was Chad's project to earn the Hornaday Conservation Award Bronze Medal. A very large thank you to ASM Kevin King and SPL Allen Clark, the Scouts of Troop 19 and all the ASM who assisted in the Take Pride in America Day at Camp Grimes. The troop will have many great memories of Summer 2003 to share in the years to come.

One last reminder, please don't forget the Bass Outdoor



Shops fundraiser in August. This is a huge opportunity for the troop to raise money for the coming year. Please sign up to assist.

As always, I appreciate all that you do for our Scouts and the Troop 19 family.

Yours in Scouting,

Lawrence W. Banks
Scoutmaster

Upcoming Events:

Eagle Ceremonies

K. Dills

August 10

Super Trip 2003

July 16-21

Bass Pro Fund-raiser

August 3 & 4

August 8-10

White Water Rafting

August 22-24

Philmont 2004

Mecklenburg County Council has secured a 2004 contingent to arrive Philmont Scout Ranch July 8, 2004. Slots for 36 are available.

What is Philmont? It is the legendary ranch in the Sangre de Cristo Range of the Rocky Mountains. Philmont is more than 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness with elevations ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. More than 600,000 youth have hiked the trails of Philmont.

Adult applications are being accepted for leadership positions for the contingent. Applications can be

Adults Needed

picked up at the council service center or call Nancy Hilal at (704) 342-9322 to have her mail, e-mail or fax an application to you.

2005 National Jamboree

Are you interested in going to the National Jamboree and being an adult leader representing the Mecklenburg County Council? It is time to start thinking about the Jamboree. The council goal is to send four troops. After the 2005 Jamboree, the next Jamboree is in 2010.

If you are a Scoutmaster or regis-

tered Boy Scout adult leader, you may apply for one of the twelve adult slots. The Jamboree Committee will conduct interviews in September and October to fill the slots. The 2005 Jamboree begins on July 25 and ends August 5 at Fort AP Hill (now Fort Colony), outside of Fredericksburg, VA.

For additional information, contact John Ashworth, Jamboree staff advisor at (704) 342-9326 or jashwort@bsamail.org. You may also schedule an appointment with John at the council service center.

Tucker Horne - Troop 19 Hornaday Award Recipient

The Hornaday Awards are highly prized by those who have received them. These awards represent a substantial commitment of time and energy by Scouts who have learned the meaning of a conservation/environmental ethic. A Scout must be willing to devote the time and energy to work on a project based on sound scientific principles and be guided by a conservation professional or a well-versed layperson to qualify for one of the Hornaday Awards. The awards take months to complete requiring that activities be planned well in advance.

The fundamental purpose of the Hornaday Awards program is to encourage learning about natural resource conservation and the environment. Understanding and practicing sound stewardship of natural resources and environmental protection strengthens Scouting's emphasis on respecting the outdoors. The goal of this awards program is to encourage and recognize truly outstanding efforts undertaken by Scouting units and Scouts that have contributed significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.

Troop 19 is proud to recognize Tucker Horne as our first recipient of the Hornaday Award for Conservation. Tucker is the first Mecklenburg County Scout ever to earn the award. He received his award at the Mecklenburg County Council Recognition Dinner On April 24, 2003

We have several other Scouts working on the Hornaday Conservation Award projects. Chad Holshouser organized and executed the Church Landscaping and Beautification Project for Huntersville Presbyterian Church with assistance from Brad Vice and Keith Cross as part of his effort to earn the Bronze Award. Larry Zaino is working towards the Bronze Award by planting a wildlife habitat along the Catawba River. Zach Hackley has built bird houses for migrating birds along the eastern flyway.

Congratulations to Tucker and good luck to the other Scouts as they work towards this extraordinary achievement in conservation.



My Hornaday Award

By Tucker Horne

In April of this year, I received the William T. Hornaday Award for a special service project involving environmental conservation. This is a national Boy Scout Award, and I am pleased to say, I was the first in Mecklenburg County to receive it. According to the press release from BSA, only 2,970 awards have been presented since 1914.

The award is named for Dr. Hornaday. Dr. Hornaday was director of the NY Zoological Park and a founder of the National Zoo. In 1914, he began the Wildlife Protection Medal program to challenge scouts to work for wildlife conservation and habitat protection. After his death, the award was changed to the Hornaday and widened its criteria.

Last year, I participated in the week long canoe trip down the Catawba River with Scouts from Troop 19 and other troops Mecklenburg County headed by Dr. Stuart Tucker, Scoutmaster at Myers Park Presbyterian Church (our ASM, Mr. Hackley also was a leader.)

One of the primary reasons



Dr. Tucker planned this trip was to make us more aware of our resources and environment and wanted each of the scouts to choose a project, get the required/related merit badges, go on the trip and carry out the project. (By the way, I also was able to earn about 12 merit badges in a five month period while preparing for the canoe trip.)

My project was supposed to serve my community in an environ-

mentally beneficial way. I chose an advisor with a lot of expertise, Mr. Hugh Barwick, a Scientist with Duke Energy.

He helped me decide on a plan—to scientifically do a fish count in McDowell Creek and compare it with a similar count that was done in 1996. After counting, identifying and measuring the species of fish, I “scored” the data and graphed the results. I came to a conclusion that the main pollutant in this creek was sedimentation which is caused by careless land development (which was worse than it was in '96.) We forwarded the information to the Mecklenburg County group that did the 1996 count and urged them to keep tighter controls on this pollution.

Mr. Barwick led the way for me to learn a field of knowledge that I would have never thought about before now and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I am planning to do two additional projects (plus getting more required merit badges) in hopes of earning the gold medal (only one is awarded nationally per year.)

Eagle's Aerie

Troop 19 is proud to announce our newest Eagle Scouts. These Scouts completed their Eagle projects during May/June and will be receiving Eagle Awards at Courts of Honor later this summer.

Lee Shelton

Lee has earned his Eagle Award in June after completing his project to build a new fence for the courtyard at Huntersville Presbyterian Church.



Kevin Dills

Kevin earned his Eagle award in June as well. Kevin completed a project to design and build benches and sitting areas along the Cedarfield Nature path.

We will announce the dates for these new Eagles Courts of Honor in the coming weeks. Please plan on coming to the ceremonies to honor our newest Eagle Scouts.

Troop 19 News and Notes

Graduation Congratulations

Sean Gantt has graduated from Davidson College with a degree in Anthropology.

Chris Johnson graduated from North Mecklenburg and is headed to NC State
Josh Johnson graduated from North Mecklenburg and is headed to Appalachian State

Brendon Riley graduated from Hopewell High.

Trevor Kitchen graduated from North Mecklenburg.

Trevor Nasko graduated from Dore Academy.

Elliot Madre
Scott Hunnicutt
Ryan Tincher
Mike and Tanya Hartje

Merit Badge Sashes

All Troop 19 Scouts are expected to have a merit



badge sash. The front of the sash is used to display merit badges earned by the Scout. The back of the sash can be used to display other patches the Scout has earned like Summer Camp patches, Super Trip patches, Camporee patches or OA event patches. However, *please do not display OA flaps on the sash*. OA flaps are for the left pocket flap of the uniform shirt only.

New OA Members

Troop 19 is proud to announce our Scouts who have recently joined the Order of the Arrow, Catawba Lodge at the May Beaver Days Ordeal.

Ordeal - Derrick Reavis, Billy Blakely, Jonathan Cannito, Ryan Smith, Seth Cross and Josh Hedrick

Sealing their membership with their **Brotherhood** recognition – Greg Ryczek, Larry Zaino, Tucker Horne, Cameron Shelton and Eric Melton

Mr. North Mecklenburg

Josh Johnson was voted Mr. North Mecklenburg during the Spring Semester 2003. Josh graduated from North and is headed to ASU this fall.

Uniform Notes

All Scouts participating in Boards of Review or Scoutmaster Conferences must be dressed in the Dress Class A uniforms. This requires the full BSA uniform, merit badge sash, OA sash, neckerchief and slide, troop hat and troop t shirt. Failure to wear the proper uniform can delay the Board of Review or Scoutmaster Conference to another date. Please be sure to show up dressed properly.

Camp Grimes Staff – 2003

This summer, Troop 19 has 5 members working at Camp Grimes as counselors and camp staff.

YOU MUST
CONTACT
SALLY
FREDRICKS



(sallycc35@yahoo.com) WITH A DATE/TIME SLOT THAT YOUR SON CAN PARTICIPATE. WE ALSO NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE TROOP. IF YOU SIGN UP NOW, YOU WILL HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO CHOOSE THE DATE AND TIME YOU WISH TO WORK, OTHERWISE YOU WILL RECEIVE A CALL WITH AN ASSIGNED DATE/TIME TO WORK.

Super Trip 2004

It is not too soon to be thinking of the 2004 Super Trip. We have changed our original plans to visit Valley Forge, PA. And will now have a trip to Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA. We will be working on the Arlington Memorial Cemetery Trail Medal and visiting many of the historical sites in both cities. Please mark your calendars for July 10 - 14, 2004 for this great trip.

Jamboree 2005

Planning for the 2005 National Jamboree has already begun. Parents, this is a truly remarkable experience for all Scouts and we encourage you to send your son. We will be announcing critical dates for the Jamboree in coming newsletters and troop announcements.

Adult leaders are also needed for

Bass Pro Fundraiser

Troop 19 will be participating in a fundraiser at Bass Pro on the weekends of August 2 & 3 and August 8, 9, 10. The Troop has the potential to make a lot of money (pay is per person/per hour) but every scout and a parent is needed in order to make this a success. Because we will not be having another troop meeting until August 5, you will be receiving emails with updates/information.

Sally Fredricks is coordinating this event and we still have a lot of slots that need to be filled. The work is not hard, we will be bagging items for the cashiers and moving shopping carts in the parking lot. If we are successful, we may be able to add this to our fundraising activities. We are only asking for 2 hours of work over a 5-day period.



Camp Grimes 2003

Boy Scout Summer Camp

Troop 19 Honors and Awards



Spirit Stick Award
Honor Unit Award
Golden Plunger Award
For Campsite of the Week

Troop 19 Scouter of the Week
Chris Chelko

Team Sports Awards

Volleyball -- 1st Place Team
Soccer -- 3rd Place Team

Grand Ole Adventure Awards

Swimming Relay:

1st Place Team - Chris Zaino, Zachary Capets, Nicholas Capets,
Colter McDermott

3rd Place Team - Brandon Mundy, Patrick Buffum, Chris Jackson-
Jordan, Chris Isenberg

Name That Merit Badge:

2nd Place - Luke Augspurger

Cross Country Run:

1st Place - David Remick 3rd Place - Allen Clark

Marksmanship Shooting-Archery:

1st Place - Jacob Young 2nd Place - Brendan Almond

Marksmanship Shooting-Rifle:

3rd Place (tie) - Nicholas King and Chris Chelko

Leaf Matching:

3rd Place Team - Nick Stasky and Tyler Lawson

First Aid Kim's Game:

1st Place - Allen Clark

Rescue Rope Toss:

2nd Place Team - David Remick and Ryan Smith

Knot Tying Relay:

2nd Place - Allen Clark, Larry Zaino, Chris Jackson-Jordan, Seth Cross
and Miles Jahns

3rd Place - Danny Tito, Matt Vice, Zack Capets, Brian Giarratana, Matt
Magliocco



Scoutmaster Merit Badge Recipients

Larry Banks, Keith Cross, Kevin King, Matt Hedrick,
Tom Lawson, John Capets, Ken Jahns, Dan Tito, Don
Almond, Bob Sellie

Super Trip 2003

Super Trip 2003 is on!!!

From July 16—21, Troop 19 will be visiting the Outer Banks of North Carolina to be part of the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Wright Brothers' First Flight at Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills, NC.

ASM Barry Shelton, will be leading the trip and provided the following plans for the trip:

Main Theme: Wilbur & Orville Wright—100 Years of Flight

Sub Theme: History, Nature and Outer Banks Architecture

We will be leaving on Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 PM. You will need to be at HPC at 5:30 PM to begin loading the trailer and Troop bus. Wednesday night will be spent in the Rocky Mount area. Your bedroll (pad, sleeping bag, etc) and toiletries will need to be packed separately from the rest of your gear, as we will be sleeping in a Scout hut or church as a group.

We will return Monday, July 21 at approximately 5:00 PM.

Thursday night through Sunday night we will be camping in Manteo, NC campground. The camp is equipped with showers, rest rooms etc. Most of our meals will be self provided.



What will we do?

The schedule is packed. If you have not been before, there is more than we can do in 4 full days. There are definite plans for the following:

Jockeys Ridge—high sand dunes

Wright Brothers Museum—man's first powered flight

NC Aquarium

Fort Raleigh—Site of first settlement in new world

The Lost Colony—Outdoor drama depicting the new world's first settlement.

Cape Hatteras Lighthouse—tallest lighthouse in the nation

Bodie Island Lighthouse

Chicamacimico Lifesaving Station—restored rescue station for shipwrecks

Pea Island Wildlife Refuge—Protected bird sanctuary

Oregon Inlet Fishing Center—Charter boat fishing center

Coquina Beach—beachfront fun

We are looking forward to a great trip!

Advancement Notes From Advancement Chair June Horne



We are looking for additional Merit Badge Counselors for *some* of the very important Eagle Rank required merit badges:

Citizenship in the Community
Citizenship in the Nation

Citizenship in the World
Communications
Personal Fitness

Our SCOUTMASTER would like for all **parents** to be signed up as merit badge counselors for the following badges so that they can guide their son(s) with these badges, and have the scout review the badge and look to another registered merit badge counselor for the final approval and signature on the blue cards:

Family Life
Personal Management



In order to qualify, you must:

- 1) be at least 18 years old,
- 2) be proficient in the merit badge by vocation or avocation,
- 3) be able to work with scout-age boys,
- 4) be registered with the BSA (forms available from June Horne or in the Scout Hut).

As a Merit badge counselor, you must agree to:

- 1) follow the requirements of the merit badge, making no deletions or additions, ensuring that all the advancement standards are fair and uniform for all scouts,
- 2) have two or more scouts present at all instructional sessions,
- 3) renew your registration annually if you plan to continue as a merit badge counselor.



If you feel like you would like to teach one of these

merit badges at a merit badge workshop or to a small group sometime during the year, we would appreciate that as well.

ALSO, many of you (you know who you are) seem to be starting your own library with Troop 19 merit badge books. PLEASE RETURN THEM at the August 12th meeting so that everyone can have access to them, just like you did!



PARENTS PLEASE NOTE.

Parents cannot sign off on these badges any longer. A counselor must approve when the badge is started, the requirements must be met, and the counselor must review the completion of the requirements with the scout.



If you have questions or want to participate as a merit badge counselor, please call Advancement Chair June Horne 704-892-0610 home or 704-756-4422 cell



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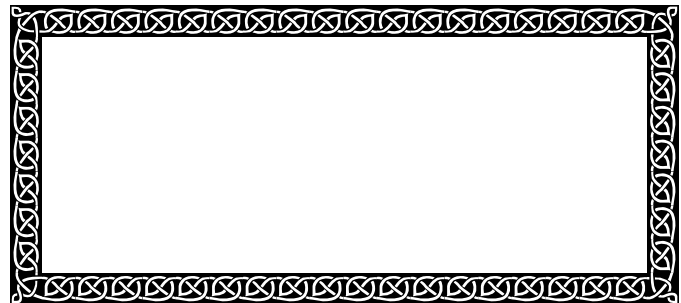
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Huntersville Presbyterian Church

Huntersville, NC 28078

WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

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Junior Leadership Training

Troop 19 is sending three of our troop leaders to JLT this summer at Camp Grimes. Attending JLT this summer are Allen Clark, Zach Hackley and Luke Augsburg.

JLT is evidence that a Scout has the knowledge, experience, and confidence to carry out the responsibilities of his leadership position. The Junior Leader Training Conference is the most advanced Scout Leadership program offered by the Mecklenburg County Council. This seven-day training course is open to Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venture Scouts.

Each participant will be prepared for more effective Troop or Team leadership through the leadership skills he acquires and the sharing of his experience with his home unit. More important, he will have experienced personal growth in a memorable setting that will benefit him far beyond his Scouting years.

JLT focuses on eleven subjects called the Eleven Skills of Leadership... the core concepts of planning, organizing, and achieving success as a team leader. Every participant will gain basic understanding and practice in the application of these skills that will serve them in Scouting and throughout life.

The eleven skill are:

Knowing & Using The Resources of The Group
Understanding Needs & Characteristics of The Group
Communicating
Planning
Controlling the Group
Evaluating
Representing the Group
Sharing Leadership
Effective Teaching
Counseling
Setting the Example



In addition, practical lessons in Scout unit planning and operation will be taught and practiced. JLT provides fundamental training and applied experience in the following topics:

- Annual Unit Planning Process
- Campfire Planning & Presentation
- Low-Impact Camping
- Orienteering Activities
- Patrol Games & Activities
- Patrol Leader's Council Operation
- Pioneering Project Planning
- Planning Troop Meetings
- Troop and Patrol Organization

Good luck Scouts!