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Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Dear Troop 19 Family:

What a great summer this has been. The 50th Anniversary celebration of the troop was an absolute success. If you were not one of the 300 plus folks who attended you missed a great night of celebration, memories and fun. I want to thank all those who assisted in putting the celebration together.

Jan Smith did a great job of organizing and planning the event. I also want to recognize **Astra Czerny**, **June Horne** and **Bill Hunnicutt** for their parts in making this celebration special.

Friends, I also need to remind everyone of the importance of camping to the Scouting program. The troop has seen a notable drop in attendance to camping events and Scouts are missing out on a critical part of Troop



not learn the skills they need for rank and do not qualify to hold positions of responsibility in the troop. Scouts who do not camp, do not get the full benefits of the Scouting program has to offer.

I know that active families are pulled in many directions. School, sports and other activities often conflict with Scouting.

Please remember, Scouting is not a part time activity. To succeed in Scouting and especially in Troop 19's program, your son must attend meetings and camping events regularly. Make sure Scouting and Troop 19 campouts are a priority for your Scout.

Yours in Scouting,

Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.
Scoutmaster
Troop 19

19's Scouting program.

Camping has always been a key event in Scouting. Many of the skills Scouts must learn for rank advancement can only be taught on camping trips. Troop 19 uses the patrol method to organize the troop. This means Scouts camp in patrols, learn skills in patrols, cook as patrol and learn to work together as a patrol.

Our troop requires all Scouts participate in troop activities. Scouts who do not camp, do

Upcoming Events:

Popcorn Sales
October 7

Elk Trip
October 7 - 9

Z Hackley Eagle
Oct 23

Troop Auction
November 12

Bike Trip
Nov 18 - 20

Bass Pro Fundraiser
Nov 25 - 27

Service at the Oaks
Dec 6

Vigil Honors



We welcome **Bobby Fortney**, as the newest recipient of the Vigil Honor from Troop 19. Bobby was given the honor for outstanding service to the Lodge at the Fall Fellowship. Bobby has spent many years in the lodge serving most recently as Editor of the lodge newsletter, *The Legend*.

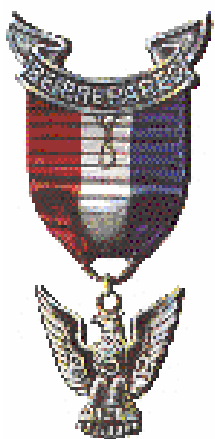
Bobby was recognized with the name, **Klamachpin Le-hiket** which means *Quiet Writer*.

The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a lodge

can give to an Arrowman.

By nomination only, the honor is given by the Lodge to those Arrowmen who have shown outstanding and unselfish service to the lodge. To be nominated, an Arrowman must have at least 2 years as a Brotherhood member.

Please join us in congratulating Bobby for his recognition and his outstanding service to Scouting through the Catawba Lodge.



Troop 19 welcomes our newest Eagle Scout to our program. **Zachary James Hackley** completed his requirements for his Eagle Award on September 27, 2005.

Zach Hackley has been active in the troop since 2001 and has served the Troop in many positions of authority including Troop Guide, Troop Instructor and Patrol Leader. Zach was also a member of the 2005 State Champion

Troop 19 Eagle Scout

North Mecklenburg High Basketball Team. Zach's project built a volleyball court and picnic tables for a civic area in north Charlotte.

Zach becomes Troop 19's 53rd Eagle Scout since 1938 and the 40th Eagle Scout for Scoutmaster Larry Banks. Zach's Eagle Ceremony is planned for Oct 23, 2005.

Congratulations Zach Hackley!!



Bass Pro Shops Fundraiser

to all the families who pitched in and donated their time and make the fundraiser a success.

The fundraisers are critical in our efforts to help keep the costs of running a troop this size down. The funds help keep the annual dues from rising to meet the needs of the troop. We have tentatively scheduled the next fundraiser at Bass Pro for the weekend of November 25, 26 and 27. We are

The Bass Pro fundraiser July 30 & 31 and August 5, 6 and 7 were a rousing success. Thanks

waiting for confirmation of the dates but please plan now to assist the program. **Remember, all funds earned by Scouts and their family members are returned back to the Scout as Troop bucks.** These dollars can be used to offset the costs of most troop activities and help families pay for the programs your sons enjoy.

Please consider volunteering your time to help. Call **Sally Fredrick** for more information.



The Senior Camporee was held September 9 - 11 at Camp Grimes. Troop 19 entered two patrols of Scouts, the Referee Patrol and the Mario Patrol.

Senior Camporee 2005

The Senior Camporee is designed to test the Scouting skills of Senior Scouts over the age of 14 in a series of tests to determine their ability to solve problems, exhibit leadership and work as a patrol.

The Troop 19 patrols fared very well in outcome of the Camporee. The Referee Patrol earned 1st Place and were led by Patrol Leader **Gregory Ryczek**. Mario Patrol was led by **Seth Cross** and came within 9 points of 2nd Place, finishing in 6th Place.

Congratulations to all our Senior Scouts for a great effort. Thanks too are in order for **Brad Vice** and his staff at the Mohawk Village station during the Camporee..

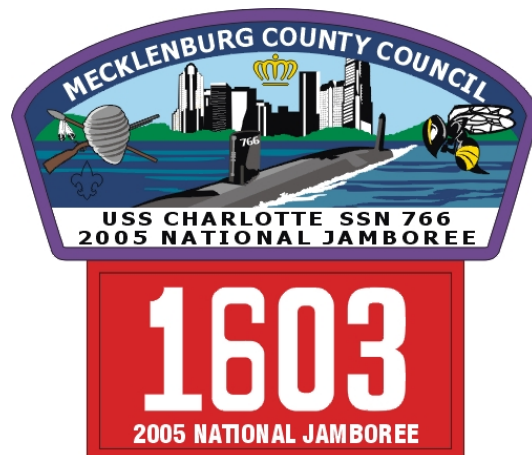
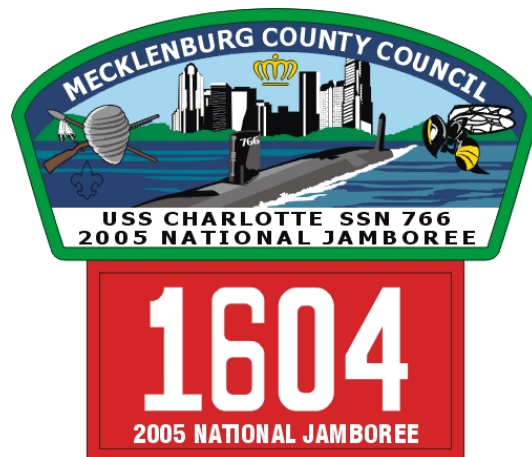
Brad's staff included **Chad Holshouser, Ryan Tincher, Greg Augspurger, Brian McCreary** and **Tanya Hartje**.

A final recognition is due to ASM **Mike Hartje** for his creative talents to make the award given for the top patrol at Mohawk Village.



2005 Jamboree

The 2005 Jamboree is over. What an extraordinary time it was. Heat waves, heat shock, electrical shocks all combined to make the experience. The next Jamboree will be in 2010 to coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Scouting in the US. More details will be coming out in later newsletters but everyone should consider the opportunity to attend a Jamboree. The 100th celebration will be outstanding.



Summer Camp 2006

This year, Camp Grimes will celebrate its 30th year of operation. A super camp is expected again this year and the time is coming for your son to make his reservation for Summer Camp 2006.

Summer camp dates are June 18 through June 25, 2006. If your son is attending, a deposit of \$10 is due December 1. Payment can be made to our summer camp coordinator, **Astra Czerny**. Call Astra now to reserve your spot in Camp Grimes 30th Year of service.

Super Trip 2006

Gettysburg!! The images of the Civil War and the War Between the States. Troop 19 will return to Gettysburg this summer for our annual Super Trip. Trip dates are planned for July 1 - 5, 2006. Scouts and families are welcome to travel with the Troop to see history up close at Gettysburg, PA. Look for more details in coming newsletters.

Troop Spirit

We did not make much of the news, but Troop 19 won the Spirit Stick at Camp Grimes this past summer camp. Troop 19 has won the Spirit Stick four years in a row thanks to the extraordinary spirit and leadership of Scouts like **Chad Holshouser** whose personal spirit helped inspire the troop to an awesome week.

Hornets Nest Trail

Troop 19 became the first troop in the council to have members earn the Hornets' Nest Historic Trail Award. This trail educates hikers

Troop 19 News and Notes

about the history of Mecklenburg County, including stops in North Mecklenburg and uptown Charlotte. Scouts learned about the county's participation in the American Revolution, the effects of the Civil War on Charlotte, as well as recent pop culture events.

Earning the award for Troop 19 were:

Larry Banks
Michael Turner
Tanya Hartje
Matthew Belter
Tim Nye
Jalen Parson

Troop 19 Scouts

Eagle Scout **Robert Council** has been accepted into the Engineering program at UNCC. Robert earned his Eagle in June 2000.



Troop 19 Eagle Scout **Sean Gantt** is continuing his studies in Anthropology in New Mexico. Sean earned his Bachelor degree from Davidson College in 2003 and had earned his Eagle with

the Troop in 1997.

Thank You!

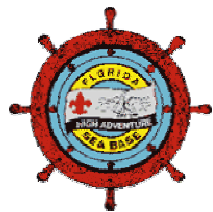
Thanks to outgoing SPL **Alex Young** for a great job and outstanding leadership the past six months. Congratulations and good luck wishes are in order for our newest Senior Patrol Leader, **Larry Zaino**. We look forward to another six months of great leadership from Larry and his staff of assistant SPLs.

50th Anniversary Celebration



Scoutmaster Banks and Troop 19 would like to thank **Jan Smith** and her committee for the outstanding job they did in staging the 50th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner. More than 300 people attended the event. Special Guests included **Scout Executive Leroy Mayne** and Troop 19's oldest living Eagle Scout **Dr. Thomas Craven** who became an Eagle in 1944. Thanks too to ASM **Bill Hunnicutt** on the book he wrote on the Troop History for the celebration. It was a great night!

Florida Sea Base 2006



The latest installment of for Sea Base 2006 is now due. Each participant must turn in their \$350.00 payment to **Tanya Hartje** immediately so that the slots we reserved remain open.

There remain a few slots open on our crew. If you are interested, it is "first come, first served"

The payment to the Sea Base must be sent by the troop on October 2. Please get your payment in so your son can make this unique experience.

Popcorn 2005

Popcorn is right around the corner.

This year, please remember that Troop 19 will not be participating in the Show and Sell segment of Popcorn sales.

Scouts will only be doing take orders. Again this year, 100% of the profit of popcorn orders will go back directly to the Scouts in their Troop Bucks account.

This is a good opportunity to save money and allow your Scout to earn Troop Bucks to pay for Troop 19 related activities.

Start date of Popcorn Take orders is October 8. More information will be coming home with your Scout in meetings during October. Let have another great Popcorn sale!



HUNTERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU." MATTHEW 7:7

Huntersville Presbyterian Church has been the sponsor of Troop 19 since 1938. They have long provided moral, financial and personnel assistance to the troop in all our activities. Our debt of gratitude to the church may never be fully repaid.

One means for the Troop to support those who

have long supported us is to attend the church's fundraising events.

On October 15, Huntersville Presbyterian Church will hold their annual AutumnFest at

the church grounds. The fest offers a Silent Auction, Quilt Auction, Yard Sale, Baked Goods, Food and Children's activities and a Pumpkin Patch to help raise funds. This year, all proceeds will be given to the Red Cross for relief of the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Please take time to help support those who have given us so much for so many years!!

Troop 19 Unit Award

For the first time in our history, Troop 19 has been awarded the Presbyterian Unit Award of Excellence. This award was established in 1990 by the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters to recognize outstanding leadership and youth participation in Scout units sponsored by Presbyterian churches and affiliated groups.

This annual award is determined by several key factors including:

1. A Quality Unit as recognized by the Boy Scouts of

America

2. Youth Participation in God & Country programs
3. Unit Participation in church or worship services
4. Representation of a Charter Representative on the troop leadership team
5. A unit service project of significant contribution to the church

Congratulations to Troop 19 and all the Scouts and Scout leaders for this significant award!!



A Final Word from SPL Alex Young

Troop 19,

My term as SPL has now come to an end. I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to experience the duties and challenges (there's been a lot of them) of being Troop 19's Senior Patrol Leader.

I just want to thank all the leaders and ASPL's for helping me out and all the Scouts for working with us to keep everything going as planned. I really enjoyed my term and learned a lot of leadership skills that will stay with me for a long time.

One again thanks everyone and especially Mr. Banks

for everything he did to help me along the way.

¡Adios amigos!

Alex Young
Troop 19 SPL



ASM Recognition

Troop 19 would like to make special mention of two of our Assistant Scoutmasters for their efforts with the hurricane victims on the Gulf Coast.

ASM Matt Hedrick is a Captain with the Charlotte Fire Department and has been on assignment in Louisiana and Mississippi to aid in the relief efforts from

the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina.

ASM Rick Lowe works for Duke Power and has also been on assignment in the Gulf, working to restore power to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Troop 19 wants to recognize these leaders for their efforts to assist those in need and to try and restore some normalcy to those who have lost so much. Thanks Gentlemen!!

Troop Election Results

Troop 19 held elections when we returned from the summer break. All troop and patrol positions were up for elections. Troop positions are chosen by a vote of the full troop. Patrol positions are chosen by individual patrols.

Election results are below:

Larry Zaino - Senior Patrol Leader

Matt Vice - Asst Senior Patrol Leader

Zach Capets - Asst Senior Patrol Leader

Josh Hedrick - Asst Senior Patrol Leader

Jonathan Cannito - Asst Senior Patrol Leader

Al McCreary - Asst Senior Patrol Leader

Justin Austenfeld - Patrol Leader - Cobra

Michael Westhafer - Patrol Leader - Falcon

Isaac Josephthal - Patrol Leader - Flaming Arrow

Billy Blakely - Patrol Leader - Owl

Trent Almond - Patrol Leader - Shark

Taylor Turner - Patrol Leader - Viking

Wesley King - Patrol Leader - Warrior

Other key positions include:

Troop OA Representative - **Jake Augspurger**

Troop Chaplain - **Chris Jackson Jordan**

Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster - **Nick King**

Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster - **Chad Holshouser**

Scouts will be trained in their positions at the coming Troop Leadership Development on October 1.

Congratulations Scouts on your new positions. Good luck!



OA News and Notes



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Nick King was elected as Lodge Vice Chief of Programs. Nick was the outgoing Chapter Chief of Sehwtu Chapter.

In chapter elections, **Larry Zaino** was elected as Chapter Chief, **Seth Cross** was elected as Chapter Vice Chief and **Kyle Smith** was elected as Chapter Secretary, completing a sweep for the Chapter positions.

We also want to recognize and thank outgoing Chapter Chief **Nick King** and outgoing Chapter Secretary, **Alex D'Amour** for their service and dedication to the Sehwtu Chapter of Catawba Lodge.



Also we wish to congratulate our newest members in Catawba lodge. Completing their ordeal requirements at the 3rd Ordeal were

Nick Capets
John Capets

Lets congratulate these new members of the Order of the Arrow.

Troop Auction 2005



The time is drawing near for the 2005 Troop Auction. By now, most of the troop families have seen e mails from Auction Coordinator, **Pam D'Amour**. We are seeking donations from area businesses for goods, services and gifts that can be sold in the auction and raise funds for the troop.

We have included a copy of the letter families can use to request donations. We ask that each family contact the businesses they frequent and try to get them to

donate to the auction. The letters can be copied and provided to business managers. Additional letters or information can be gathered from **Pam D'Amour** via e mail at her address, [pda-mour2001 @yahoo.com](mailto:pda-mour2001@yahoo.com).

The auction is scheduled for November 12. Donations are needed by October 29 so that the auction team can make up the baskets and sort all the items. Pam will be at troop and committee meetings throughout October to collect any donations you may have to drop off. If you have something you wish to donate and need assistance in getting the donation to the troop, contact

Pam for guidance.

The goal for the auction is \$5000 this year. We need everyone's help to make this a success.



Troop Calendar 2006

October 2005

Oct 8	Popcorn Starts
Oct 7 - 9	Elk Trip
Oct 11	Troop Committee
Oct 11	Church Service Project
Oct 14 - 15	Lodge Officers Training
Oct 15	HPC AutumnFest
	Church Service Project
Oct 25	PLC/ ASM Meeting

November 2005

Nov 8	Troop Committee
Nov 11	New Leader Essentials
Nov 12	Leader Position Training
Nov 12	Troop Auction
Nov 15	Operation Xmas Child Begins

Nov 18 - 20	Bike Trip
Nov 19	Adult Outdoor Training
Nov 22	PLC/ ASM Meeting
Nov 25 - 27	Bass Pro Fundraiser

December 2005

Dec 3	Merit Badge Workshop
Dec 3	Puppies First Aid Merit Badge
Dec 6	Service at the Oaks
	Last 2005 Troop Meeting

January 2006

Jan 3	OA Elections
Jan 3	Klondike Training Begins
Jan 3	Sr Scout CPR Begins
Jan 7	OA Cold Weather Training
Jan 10	Troop Committee
Jan 20 - 22	Troop Camping

Important Date Change Notice:

Due to an error with the Council calendar, the original Troop 19 calendars reversed the dates of the Dixie Fellowship and the April Wood Badge II Weekend. The correct dates are: Dixie Fellowship - April 28 - 29 - 30. Wood Badge II Weekend April 21 - 22 - 23. Please make note of these changes.

Operation Christmas Child

Now is the time to begin to gather items for Operation Christmas Child. We welcome every Troop 19 family member to begin packing shoe boxes with items for these needy children. Things to include in the boxes are combs, brushes, small toys, shampoo, toothpaste, hair bows, crayons and coloring books. Items that are not to be included are glass items, perishable foods or toy guns or knives.

Troop 19 has continued the tradition of gather shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child since 1989.

We ask families to gather the items to fill the boxes. We will begin collecting boxes to take to the Operation Christmas Child collection site in November.

The shoe box gifts will be filled and donated by millions of individuals in 11 countries: United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, The Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, Austria, Switzerland, Finland, and New Zealand.

Operation Christmas Child began in the U.S. in 1993 with 28,000 shoe

box gifts. Since then, the kids-helping-kids project has collected some 31 million shoe box gifts valued at more than \$610 million, and hand-delivered them to needy children in some 120 countries.



Did you Know?

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which **Taps** were played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

Here is something every American should know.

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, **Taps**. It's the song that gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the unit, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light,

he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission



of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him one musician. The Captain chose a bugler.

He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as **Taps** ... used at military funerals was born.

The words are :

Day is done.. Gone the sun.
From the lakes.
From the hills.
From the sky.
All is well. Safely rest.
God is nigh.

Fading light. Dims the sight.
And a star.
Gems the sky.
Gleaming bright.
From afar. Drawing nigh.
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise. For our days.
Neath the sun.
Neath the stars.

Neath the sky.
As we go. This we know.
God is nigh.

Most of us have felt the chills while listening to **Taps** but few have ever seen all the words to the song. Most do not know that there is more than one verse.

Remember Those Lost and Harmed
While Serving Their Country.

And also those presently serving in
the Armed Forces..

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Huntersville Presbyterian Church
Huntersville, NC 28078

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Eagle Scout Scholarships



Eagle Scouts who are graduating high school seniors or who will be attending an accredited college or university awarding at least a bachelor's degree may qualify for a scholarship through the National Eagle Scout Association.

Applicants for all scholarships must (1) have received the Eagle Scout

Award prior to application submission, (2) have demonstrated leadership in Scouting, and (3) have a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting. Applicants must have a SAT and/or ACT score acceptable to the standards set by the review committee.

Available Scholarships include:

Cooke Scholarships - One Scholarship of \$48,000 (\$12,000 per year) and four \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year). Applicants must demonstrate financial need and have the endorsement of a volunteer or professional Scout leader who knows them personally.

Elks Foundation Scholarship - four scholarships of \$8000 (\$2,000 per year) and four \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year).

National Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund -
12 scholarships of \$3,000 (lump sum).

Hall - McElwain Scholarships - 80 Scholarships of \$1,500 annually (20 in each of BSA 4 regions). They are based on merit and are open to high school seniors through the undergraduate junior year in college.

Applications are available on the BSA website (www.scouting.org/nesa/scholar/appform.pdf) at local council service centers or from NESA.