

TROOP 19

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Troop 19

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Dear Troop 19 Family:

As we start the new Fall term, we begin again with new officers for the Troop. Congratulations to all our new officers and thank you to all the outgoing officers. It is with your help that Troop 19 remains dedicated to being a Scout run troop.

I also want to announce some changes to the Troop Committee members. **Stephanie James** is stepping down as Troop Secretary. Taking over will be **Julie Smith**. We also welcome **Jeff & Teresa Mills** as our new Board of Review Co Chairs as **Audrey Stasky** steps down. **Pam Russ** has accepted the position of Advancement Chair taking over for **Lauri Byerly**. We also add a new position to the Committee. **Valerie Hardisty** has accepted the position of Scout/Parent Coordinator and Court of Honor Coordinator.

I would like to personally

thank Stephanie, Lauri and Audrey for all their hard work and dedication to the Troop. I also invite you all to welcome our new committee members. Jeff is actively looking for parents to assist him with running Boards

of Review. We welcome any one willing to help, *no experience is required - we train everyone!* I want to welcome Julie, Pam, Jeff & Teresa and Valerie to their positions with the Troop's thanks for all they do to make us a successful Troop.

We have also started to work on the Troop BBQ. **Chip Wildman** has taken responsibility for the BBQ this year and is seeking volunteers for all aspects of the event. The BBQ is scheduled for January 30. If you can assist, please call Chip for more information.

Finally, I want to say that we



look forward to another great Scouting year. Troop 19 remains dedicated to building strong, morally straight young men for our community. We have a strong program and with the help of outstanding parents and leader volunteers, Troop 19 will continue to make a strong impact on the youth of Huntersville.

Yours in Scouting,
Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.
Scoutmaster Troop 19

Upcoming
Events:

Fall Court of
Honor
Oct 7

Troop
Backpacking
Nov 21 - 23

Troop Service
Project
Dec 2

Hornets Nest
Annual Banquet
Dec 4

OA Annual
Banquet
Dec 5

Merit Badge
Seminar
Dec 6

Troop 19 News and Notes

Jr Assistant Scoutmaster Promotions

Troop 19 would like to thank **Al McCreary, Jake Augspurger, Kyle Smith, and Brandon Almond** for their service to the Troop and announce their promotion to the position of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Congratulations Scouts. Well Done!



Scouter Success Seminar

Troop 19 would also like to recognize and thank our leaders who participated and taught at the recent Mecklenburg County Council Scouter Success Seminar. The series of classes were held on Sept 27 and are aimed at providing required training for Scout leaders in a fun and convenient format for busy schedules. Thanks to all who attended and assisted with the SSS.

First Aid Merit Badge

Troop 19 would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to **Barbara Bryant** for giving of her time to teach the First Aid Merit Badge to

our puppies and older Scouts seeking to earn this important badge. Thank you Ms. Brant.



Troop BBQ

It's pig roasting time again!! Troop 19's annual BBQ lights the coals again in January for the Troop BBQ on January 30. The BBQ is being chaired by **Chip**

Wildman this year. We are in need of volunteers to help with cooking, pulling and packaging the pork and of course clean up. To assist, please contact Mr. Wildman for more information and schedules for assistance. We are in need of help from everyone, please find time to assist.

Jamboree 2010

Have you signed up for the 2010 Jamboree? The 2010 Jamboree is the celebration of 100 years of Scouting in the



United States. Between July 26 to August 4, 2010 more than 40,000 Scouts and leaders will gather at Fort AP Hill in Virginia in fellow-

ship and celebration of Scouting and 100 years of Scouting ideals. If you want to be part of this once in a lifetime celebration, you will need to be a 1st Class Scout by the time of the Jamboree and you must sign up early to be selected for one of Mecklenburg County's Jamboree troops. For more information and to sign up, visit the Jamboree website at www.bsajamboree.org.



New River Canoe Trip

A big thank you is in order to **Matt Belter** and **ASM Jeff Belter** for planning an awesome canoeing trip to the New River in Virginia. We had an incredible time.

Troop Elections

Troop 19 returned from a long and adventurous summer break to a new fall session. In September, the troop elected our new officers for the fall term. Please join us in welcoming our new Troop officers. We



also want to thank our outgoing officers for their hard work in leading Troop 19.

Congratulations Scouts on your new offices and good luck.

Trent Almond	Senior Patrol Leader
Ben Cable	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Attendance
Bradley McDonnell	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Games
Teddy Jahns	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Quartermaster
Cory Gudger	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Health & Safety
Sa m Orr	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Troop Meeting Planning
Lee Ward	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Troop Meeting Planning
Kyle Smith	OA Representative
Harrison Green	Chaplain Aide
Cameron Summers	Librarian
Evan Napier	Bugler
Jonathon Pugliese	Patrol Leader - Cobra
Evan Napier	Patrol Leader - Falcon
Justin Austenfeld	Patrol Leader - Flaming Arrow
Trey Woody	Patrol Leader - Viking
Will Cable	Patrol Leader - Warrior
Jack Buffum	Troop Guide - Cobra, Viking
Matt Belter	Troop Guide - Warrior
Al McCreary	JASM - Puppies
Brendon Almond	JASM - Planning
Jake Augspurger	JASM - Planning
Kyle Smith	JASM - Puppies
Jonathan Weiss	Crew 19 President
Danny Tito	Crew 19 Vice President
Chris Zaino	Crew 19 Vice President
Patrick Buffum	Crew 19 Treasurer
Troy Daniel	Crew 19 Secretary



Troop 19 Calendar

October 2008

Oct 4	Puppy First Aid
Oct 7	FALL COURT OF HONOR - HPC
Oct 9	Hornets Nest Round Table
Oct 14	Troop Committee
Oct 21	Board of Review Night

Oct 24-26 Crew Canoe Trip

Oct 24 - 26	Troop Backpacking @ Uhwarrie Trail
Oct 24 - 26	Puppy Base Camp - Uhwarrie

Oct 28 Crew Fun Night

Oct 28	ASM/PLC Meetings
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November 2008

Nov 11	Troop Committee
Nov 13	Hornets Nest Round Table
Nov 14 - 16	Outdoor Leadership Skills Training
Nov 14 - 16	S.E.A.L.S. Training - Belk Scout Camp
Nov 18	OA Sign Up Deadline - Annual Banquet
Nov 21 - 23	Troop Backpacking - Foot Hills Trail, SC
Nov 25	ASM/PLC Meetings

Nov 25 Crew Fun Night

Nov 27	THANKSGIVING
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December 2008

Dec 2	Troop Service Project @ The Oaks
Dec 2	Last Troop Meeting 2008
Dec 4	Hornets Nest Annual Banquet - HPC
Dec 5	OA Annual Banquet - Belk Scout Camp
Dec 6	Merit Badge Workshop
Dec 13	Crew Linville Gorge Day Hike
Dec 24	Luminaries Service @ HPC
Dec 25	CHRISTMAS

January 2009

Jan 6	Troop Returns
Jan 6	OA Elections (<i>must attend to be elected</i>)
Jan 6	Klondike Training Begins
Jan 9 - 11	Troop Camping - Camp Old Indian
Jan 13	Troop Committee
Jan 15	Hornets Nest Round Table
Jan 17	Crew Ski Trip
Jan 20	Board of Review Night
Jan 27	ASM/PLC Meetings
Jan 27	Crew Fun Night
Jan 30	Troop BBQ
Jan 31	Crew Day Trip



2008
Fall
Fellowship

OA News and Notes



Fall Fellowship

The recent Fall Fellowship in September saw a large number of Troop 19 Scouts complete their ordeals and become members of Catawba Lodge. Completing their ordeal and taking their first steps towards membership in the lodge were:

Ben Cable
Will Cable
Lee Ward
Tim Somerfield
Teddy Jahns
Luke Jahns
Jack Buffum
ASM Jeff Belter

Congratulations to our new Arrow-

men. Additionally, several Ordeal members from Troop 19 completed their Brotherhood requirements and became full members of Catawba lodge. Sealing their membership in Catawba Lodge were:

Joey Summers
Tyler Turner
Trent Almond
Lance Sellie
ASM John Capets
ASM Michael Turner
ASM Cliff Summers

Welcome Brothers, to Catawba Lodge.



Finally, we want to extend our congratulations to **Kyle Smith** on his re election as Catawba Lodge Vice



Chief of Administration.

Life Members

Please join Troop 19 and Catawba Lodge in welcoming our newest Life Members to the Lodge. Our new life members are **Al McCreary, Brendon Almond and ASM Micheal Hartje**. Life members pay a one time fee of \$225 to cover annual dues for life. Any Brotherhood member of the lodge is eligible to become a Life member. If you are interested in becoming a Life member, please contact, **Kyle Smith** our Troop OA Representative for more information. Congratulations to our newest Life Members of Catawba Lodge.

Wood Badge Beads

Wood Badge Tickets

Wood Badge is the most advanced training available to an adult leader in the BSA training continuum. Each participant completes two three-day weekends (known as the practical part of the course) and a "ticket", which is a contract to complete specific goals related to his or her registered position. The ticket items vary greatly but all are aimed at aiding Scouting and the Wood Badge candidate in developing their

skill in assisting young boys become young men in the Scouting program.

Troop 19 would like to extend our congratulations and thanks to **ASM Chris Sokely, SR 855 Bear** and **ASM John Mounts, SR 855 Owl** on receiving their beads at the recent Scouting Success Seminar. Chris and John completed their tickets and renewed their dedication to the Scouting program. Thank you both for your dedication to Scouting and your hard work in earning your beads.



A Letter from Troop 19's Charter Organization Representative

Larry,

I'd like to take a minute to convey to you how proud we (Huntersville Presbyterian Church) are of the Boys/Men, and Leaders of Troop 19. I apologize for not seeing everyone more this summer in person, but unfortunately I have had a grueling travel schedule with Homeland Security.

The latest news letter really brings it home how busy the Scouts have been, and what an awesome group of boys and Leaders we have at Troop 19. I am also extremely proud of our newest Eagle Scouts, as well as those who received their Eagle award in the past year.

HPC is very fortunate to have such a well respected, organized, and enthusiastic organization like Troop 19.

Larry please convey to all of the Scouts and the Leaders how proud I am to be associated with Troop 19 and to represent them to the members of Huntersville Presbyterian Church. Also to you personally, thank you for a job well done and you're many years of service to our Troop!!!! I encourage everyone to continue the excellent performance and effort in the spirit of the EAGLE!!

Yours in the Brotherhood,

David

Sergeant D.C. McAlexander
Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department
Troop 19 Charter Organization Representative
Huntersville Presbyterian Church



What is Top Gun?

By Justin Austenfeld

Top Gun is Mecklenburg County council's National Youth Leadership Training. Here, you learn leadership skills that you can not only use in Scouts, but at school or in a business, too.

You and your patrol have probably never met each other. This will test the skills you already have, while allowing you to meet new people and place you in a real leadership position. For example, in one exercise, they give you and your patrol a single milk crate. Using problem solving and delegation, you have to help your whole patrol find a way to fit all six members on the milk crate. Also, since the week has an emphasis on backpacking, you will switch campsites every day.

You don't just work on leadership skills while you're there. There is usually an activity planned for each night. One night, we watched the movie "Apollo 13" while eating snacks and drinking soda. On the last



night, we had a feast, where each patrol made a dessert for everyone.

In all, Top Gun was an awesome experience. You will definitely have fun if you get the chance to go. Lastly, I have some advice:

First, don't bring an iPod or cell phone- They do check for them. Second, bring cards. You will use them a lot. And most importantly, study first aid. Trust me, the week is full of surprises!

Congratulations to Troop 19 Top Gun graduates for 2008. Troop 19 Scouts: **Justin Austenfeld, Matt Belter, Tim Nye** and **Taylor Turner** completed the Top Gun course this summer. Troop 19's **Kyle Smith** served on staff of Top Gun.

Great work Scouts.

Senior Camporee 2008

Thanks to all the Scouts and Leaders on a great Senior Camporee Sept 5 - 7. ASM Bobby Gudger and his team did a great job in planning and running the Troop 19 Coal Mine village. ASM Michael Turner

did a super job in feeding all the attendees (more than 280 people that night) on Saturday night. His Mexican theme and food were a huge success.

ASM Don Almond and the Troop 19 puppies built a great campfire. We had several Scouts serve on the Camporee staff including, Miles Jahns, Matt Vice and Luke Jahns. Additionally, our Scouts Jesse McDonnell, Cy Moore, Luke Orr and Chad White were great serving as "victims" for the First Aid Village.

Under the outstanding support and guidance of the Camporee Senior Patrol Leader, Christian Smith, our patrols performed extremely well in the Camporee events. Troop 19's "Mad Cow" Patrol earned 2nd Place under the leadership of Patrol Leader Brendon Almond. Their score was just 1 point shy of 1st place! We had two other patrols that did a great job in the competitions. Our other patrols were the Border Patrol led by Trent Almond and the Beach Bums led by Joey Summers. What an awesome weekend of fun and competition. Great job Scouts!



Senior Camporee Review

By Taylor Turner

The 2008 Senior Camporee at Camp Grimes was the first camporee I have had a chance to attend and to participate in. We arrived late Friday on the Troop bus and waited for our campsite assignment at the Hornet's Nest. My patrol, the Border patrol, was assigned to the Frontier area.

We woke up around 7:30 a.m., got our grip together, and headed to the first station. We had been told that our first station was at the shelter right in front of the frontier, and later found out that it was at the archery range. So when we got there, we were late and the other group, The Hobos, were already started. We were all supposed to hit at least 1 or 2 targets, and that did not work out. We all went and Cory was the only one that got an arrow in the target. We found out that we had to make a spear and hit the target 3 times. Right when we were starting to perfect the throw, the spears we had tied on there came loose and tangled. So we had a rough time getting that untangled. By time we finished, time was up. We didn't do so hot on that one, but we put on our sombrous, got our maraca's shaking, and moved to the next station.

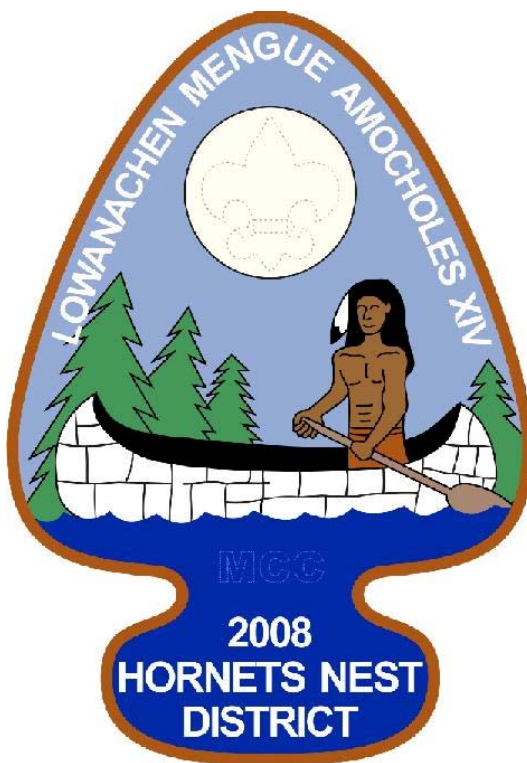
The second station for us was the one where you had to get everyone up at least 6 feet and 6 inches. We did pretty well on this one. We didn't finish the whole station, but we got good points. The third station was the waterfront treasure hunt. I think this was our best

and favorite station we had to do of the whole Camporee. Though none of us brought bathing suits, we chose to just get into the water with our boxers and basketball shorts. We first had to find the ammunition box in the beginner section. We just walked around and Tim Somerville just stumbled upon it. We got it out of the water and opened it to find a water bottle with a message on it. It was Morse code and said something about being cold. Cory thought it was in the coolers, and then we thought the iceberg. Sam and Cory climbed onto the iceberg and read us the next clue. We had to put Sam on a seahorse barrel.

Cory and Trent were already in the water, Tim and I had to walk through the goose poop minefield on the dock. We eventually got into the water and got Sam on the barrel. The next clue meant the lifeguard tower. Cory climbed the tower and found nothing but two flashlights. Who would've known that one of those flashlights had the next clue in it, oh well. He said there was nothing but we knew the clue said the treasure was somewhere in the water. There were canoes, life-jackets, and paddles right there so we figured it meant to get in the canoes and find it some-

where in the water. We paddled out to the next station, but we didn't know at the time that the station was a station. So we just canoed around looking for the treasure and the time ran out on us. Another station not completed, but we were still having fun.

When we got back, we had all of our Mexican attire, Tim put a Mexican flag on one of the canoes. We paddled across the lake in the canoes to the next station. What I remember the most was trying to light a fire in a vertical rain shower.



Our next station one was at the Cope tower. This one was cool because we all came together as a team and got the task done fairly fast. Then we were at Troop 19's station. I almost knew right when we stepped foot into there that it wouldn't be the easiest thing to do. Tim and I had to save a coal miner in a mine, blindfolded. Let's just say that the "pipes" broke and we got soaked. We did save the miner but barely says Mr. McDonnell.

Next up was the athletic field, which I heard was a cool one. I later found out that we all had disabilities. Trent had no right hand, Sam had a bummed elbow, Tim was mute, I had crutches, and Cory was blind. This was a really cool station, maybe it was fun just making Cory run into everything.

Finally, the last station! Orienteering! Trent and

Cory were in a group, so that left Timmy, Sam, and I in one. We started off good, and then I really don't know what happened. After that was over, it was back to camp. We took off our shoes, socks, and just hung out until dinner. Dinner was great, I felt like I was at home in Mexico with the tacos and quesadillas. We later had the campfire and then back to camp. Next thing I knew, it was 7:30 and I was packing to hit the road.

All in all, this was probably the most fun I have ever had on a camping trip. Whether it was being Mexicans with sticky mustaches or Tim and I dodging the goose poop minefield, I think it was a great trip. Even though we didn't finish in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd I had a good time being a member of the Border patrol.

Congratulations to the "Mad Cows" for bringing home the second place trophy. Nice job guys!



Senior Camporee 2008



Vigil Honor Recipients



Troop 19 is very proud to announce our newest Vigil Honor recipients. The Vigil Honor is the highest recognition a member of the Order of the Arrow can attain. The Vigil Honor is awarded to Lodge members who have shown a dedication to service, devotion to the ideals of the Lodge and Scouting and long term commitment to the youth in Scouting and the lodge. Vigil Honors are not given for longevity or regular participation. The Honor is reserved for those who lead by example and whose service is over and above that which is a normal part of a Lodge member's obligations.

Troop 19 is proud to announce that two of our members have earned this prestigious honor within

Catawba Lodge. Receiving the Vigil Honor at the past Fall Fellowship were:

**Kyle Smith.
Tanya Hartje**



Kyle and Tanya served their Vigil at the Fall Fellowship in September. Each Vigil Honoree is given an Indian name to denote a special aspect of their personality or character that has become their unique recognition within the lodge. The Vigil honor names for our newest Vigils are:

Kyle Smith

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Smile/Friendly One

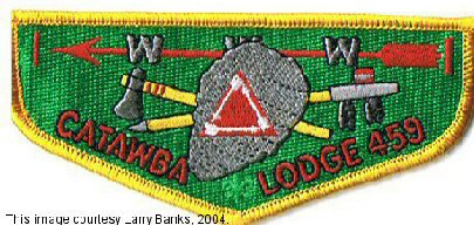
Tanya Hartje

Meechgalhukqout Mechcauwikenk Guka

Red haired Camp Mother



Please join us in congratulating our newest Vigil honorees. Thank you Kyle and Tanya for all your dedication and service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.



This image courtesy Larry Banks, 2004.

Troop 19 Eagle Scouts



Troop 19 is pleased to welcome our newest Eagle Scouts to the Eagle's Aerie. Three of troop 19's Life Scouts completed their Eagle projects and passed their Eagle Boards of Review to become our newest Eagle Scouts.

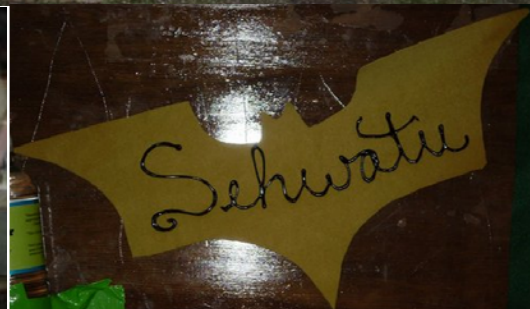
Alan Frederick McCreary becomes our 67th Eagle Scout and the 54th for Scoutmaster Larry Banks, passing his Eagle Board on July 8, 2008. On July 28, 2008, **Brendon**

Harrell Almond becomes our 68th Eagle Scout and the 55th Eagle Scout under the leadership of Scoutmaster Banks. Finally, Troop 19 welcomes **Jacob Thomas Augspurger** who joins the Eagle's Aerie as the 56th Eagle for Scoutmaster Banks since he became Scoutmaster in 1988 and the 69th Eagle Scout since the founding of Troop 19 in 1938.

Congratulations Eagle Scouts!



Remember, Once an Eagle Always an Eagle.



Fall Fellowship 2008

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New River Canoe Trip 2008