

TROOP 28

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

Upcoming Events

- December 4 - 7:30 pm Movie Night
- December 7 - 7:00 pm Troop Meeting Yearly Planning & Committee Meeting
- December 14 - Court of Honor
- December 25 - Merry Christmas!
- January 1 - Happy New Year!
- January 4 - Committee Meeting & PLC
- January 11 - 7:00 pm Troop Meeting
- January 18 - 7:00 pm Troop Meeting
- January 25 - 7:00 pm Troop Meeting
- February 27 - Merit Badge University

Fundraisers



Wreath sales - 10 of our scouts participated and sold 73 greenery items in our recent wreath fundraiser. These sales totaled about \$1700 in retail sales, and netted about \$450 in profits for those boys' scout bucks accounts. We had 3 top sellers: Patrick Williamson- 15 items, Kevin Ritter-14 items and Michael Bell-10 items. All were awarded a Winchester pocket knife. All other participants got a cool pair of carabineers as thanks for their efforts!

Printer Cartridge - Our ink cartridge/cell phone fund-raiser continues to yield profits with little to no effort. Last month we turned in \$34.40 in ink cartridges and phones and this month it looks like we'll do even better. This money will go into the Troop 28 savings account so the troop can purchase new or replace old equipment without having to collect money from the scouts. We have placed a recycle bucket in the main lobby of Good Shepherd Lutheran for anyone who has an old ink cartridge, but there will also be a bucket brought to scout meetings, or you can simply hand your old phones or empty ink cartridges to Lori or Dale Wilson or Patrick Williamson.



2009 Occonechee Holiday 50 Miler

Uwharrie National Forest, Yates

Dates: December 26th - 31st

Cost: \$20. This includes your patch and a final dinner at the end of the hike.

Requirements: At least age 14 or 1st Class. If you do not meet either of these requirements you can get a signature from your Scoutmaster to approve your participation.

Summary: Arrive at Yates Place between 4pm and 7pm on December 26th to check in and park your car. There will be a meeting at 7:30 to divide into hiking groups, collect medical forms and get to know the schedule for the week. There will be four days of hiking and you will need to carry all your camping gear and food for the trip. You will hike between 12 and 17 miles every day. Water will be available every morning and at the end of the 4th day the staff will provide a feast. Participants will receive their patches during the feast and will be able to leave afterward, but if you are seeking to earn the BSA National "50 Miler Award" you must spend one more night and do a service project. All participants must be picked up by 9am on December 31st.

<http://www.doubleknot.com/form/formjump.asp?bidx=0&surveyID=15155&OrgKey=382>

WELCOME to our two new scouts, Penn Harrison & Ryan Quinn who have just recently joined. Please help us in making them feel part of the Troop 28 family.

Eagle's Nest

For all 2009 Eagle Scouts Mark Your Calendars:

Falls District Eagle Dinner
December 3, 2009, 7:00 pm
St. Mark's UMC

Council Eagle Recognition Banquet
January 23, 2010, 6:00-9:00 pm
McKimmon Center, NCSU





Troop 28 - Raleigh, NC

Celebrating 100 Years - A Year of Celebration

For the next five (5) months we will highlight one of the five awards in our newsletter.

http://www2.scouting.org/100years/100years/sitefiles/1000/YourSource/PlanningTools/A_Year_of_Celebration/BSA_Year_Patch_Earning.pdf

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Scouting's contribution to society is most visible in the movement's commitment to community service. Service is interwoven into many of Scouting's honors and is mandatory for earning the higher rank advancements. Through service, Scouts demonstrate that they provide an essential function to their communities.

The Year of Celebration Community Service Award rewards recipients for providing time and resources at no charge for the good of their local community. More than just engage in service, the award recipient must also share their thoughts about why service is crucial to our society and how Scouts today fulfill a 100-year-old legacy of serving communities.

Complete three of the five requirements in each category to earn that award. * Make sure that all service hours are recorded online for -Good Turn For America.

Boy Scouts Requirements:

1. Participate in Scouting for Food or another food drive by spending at least one hour placing bags, collecting bags, distributing food, or spreading the word about food collection.
2. Volunteer to plant trees or landscape an area around a church, synagogue, or other place of worship or a not-for-profit organization that is not the Boy Scouts of America.
3. Provide two hours of service in a group community service project approved by your Scout leader.
4. Recruit one new boy or adult leader into Boy Scouts or Varsity Scouts.
5. Provide two hours of volunteer service at a hospital, senior citizen or veteran's facility, or another facility approved by your Scout leader.

Merit Badges



At our September Court of Honor we had 15 Scouts who were presented 38 Merit Badges. Congratulations to: Adam A. - Indian Lore, Swimming; Michael B.-Astronomy, Leatherwork, Swimming; Jordan G.-First Aid, Leatherwork, Swimming; Tamarcus G.-First Aid, Leatherwork; Ricky H.-Camping, Environ Science, Family Life; Chris M.-Astronomy, Swimming, Weather, Bird Study; Garrett M.-Leatherwork, Space Exploration, Swimming; Andy P.-Cooking; Kevin R.-Archery; Thomas R.-Leatherwork, Nature, Space Exploration, Swimming; Luke V.-Nature; Alex W.-Geology, Leatherwork, Swimming, Wood Carving; Patrick W.-Photograph, Cinematography, Swimming; Edward Y.-First Aid, Indian Lore, Swimming; Alex Y.-Personal Management.



Penn H., Edward Y., Michael B., Garrett M., Chris M., Alex W., Patrick W.

November Campout

Trail to First Class Campout at Rolling View Group Campsite #3, Falls Lake, Nov. 27 & 28.

A good and safe time was had by all who attended. We had a total of 7 scouts attending (5 on Friday, and 2 additional on Saturday), along with a contingent of 5 adults on Friday, and an additional 2 on Saturday. Scouts present on Friday were Patrick Williamson, Penn Harrison, Edward Yang, Chris and Garrett Murrell. Adults were Lori and Dale Wilson, Sheila and John Murrell, and Liqun Yang. Saturday brought the addition of Scouts Michael Bell and Alex Warren, accompanied by adults Jeff Bell and Chris Munt. Friday night was cold, with a brisk wind and low temperatures. Much relief was received by making short trips to the quartz heater-equipped bathrooms!

Most of the cooking was done over open fires, all made by the Scouts with locally gathered tinder, kindling, and supplied firewood. Friday night dinner was beef and vegetable shish kabobs and baked potatoes. Saturday lunch was roasted hot dogs, and Saturday dinner was chicken with vegetable fajitas, Spanish rice, and Dutch oven apple cobbler. Breakfasts (over stoves) were eggs in bags and hard-boiled eggs, sausages, and fruit.

Activities included building both cooking fires and campfires, 5-mile hike with map and compass, ax-yard safety instruction, practice, and ax sharpening, fishing (Sunday, at end of campout), and focus on requirements instruction and demonstration. Leave No Trace was reviewed and practiced.

"Falls in Focus" Newsletter

Check out the September Issue of Falls District Newsletter page 6 for an article on Troop 28 / Mt. Rogers National Recreation Area / Grayson Highland State Park Hiking/Camping Trip

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http://www.falldistrict.org//asset.php/articles/20090312_ns7c8H/Falls_District_Sept_09_Newsletter.pdf

Boy Scout Stamp

Need stamps for your Christmas Cards?
The United States Postal Service unveiled a new Scout stamp on November 12, 2009.

Troop information to be included in the next newsletter should be submitted to scouter28@mindspring.com.