

November 2009

TROOP 28

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

Upcoming Events

- **November 23 – 7:00 pm Troop Meeting** Officer from Raleigh Police Department to speak on Drug Prevention
- **November 27-29 – Trail to First Class Campout/Partials – Rolling View Site #3, Falls Lake**
- **November 30 – 7:00pm Troop Meeting**
- **December 4 – Yearly Planning**
- **December 7 – 7:00 pm Troop Meeting & Committee Meeting**
- **December 14 – Court of Honor**
- **December 25 – Merry Christmas!**

Eagle's Nest

We would like to do a spotlight article on each of the Eagle Scouts from Troop 28. Please submit photo and article (including info on their eagle project) to scouter28@mindspring.com. This includes scouts and adults.

Merit Badge Opportunities

North Carolina Museum of History
American Indian Heritage Celebration
Saturday, November 21, 2009

There will be things to do and information available to help work on the American Cultures & Indian Lore Merit Badges. Scouts will need to get permission from the Scoutmaster prior to working on the badges.

Scoutmaster's Corner

Watch for future articles.

Eagle Scout Scholarships

Applications for Eagle Scout scholarships for 2010 are now available at:
2010 NESA <<http://www.nesa.org/applications.html>>
Scholarship Applications

This year, just over 4,500 applications were received for the 109 scholarships awarded. Of those applicants, 937 used the wrong form and thus were immediately rejected.

If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, apply right away because the application is due by no later than midnight **January 31, 2010.**

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<<http://www.ocscouts.org/news/news.php>>

The John William Pope Family Eagle Scout Scholarship was created by Raleigh businessman, John William Pope, President and C.E.O. of Variety Wholesalers and former trustee of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Pope Family wanted to do something very positive for young men, who have earned the Eagle Scout Award, and plan to pursue a course of study that would involve them in the free enterprise system and civic service. The criteria for the award are leadership, scholarship and Scout Spirit. The scholarship is awarded to Eagle Scouts in their senior year of high school and includes funding for tuition, books, and summer intern programs. Each year a minimum of five scholarships are awarded.

http://www.ocscouts.org/boyscouts/eagle/jwp_forms.html

Presidential Volunteer Service Award

PVSA – Presidential Volunteer Service Award – is available to youth and adults for their volunteer service in Scouting and in other areas. Also, **Good Turn for America** provides volunteering and recognition opportunities.

Senior Patrol Leader's Corner:

Watch for future articles.

Troop 28 - Raleigh, NC

Celebrating 100 Years - A Year of Celebration

For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service, and community for millions of America's youth. Through *A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference*, we will demonstrate the incredible impact of a century of living the Scout Law.

Program participants will earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting's core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. Through that commitment, participants can earn each of five award ribbons to display from our 100th Anniversary commemorative patch.

A Year of Celebration will take place from September 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010. The program is open to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, adult leaders, and Scouting alumni

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



Adult Training

Looking to get some basic training under your belt? Then check out BSA's online training at <http://olc.scouting.org/>. You can complete Youth Protection Training and the appropriate Leader Fast Start



October Campout

Fun was had by all even though drinking water had to be carried in and insect and bug repellent were necessities. Some of the scouts were able to work on the Fishing and Oceanography merit badges. Small fish, large fish and sea creatures was hooked providing for great fish stories for the future. Grayson was the Champion fisher of the weekend. He caught a skate, multiple fish, and a crab.

November Campout

Trail to First Class Campout/Partials

Rolling View Group Campsite #3 at Falls Lake for two nightsNov. 27 & 28 (Friday & Saturday). Scouts can come for one or two nights.

Scouts will be working on Achievements through First Class.....Specifically; Cooking on an open fire & Axe Sharpening, 5-mile hike.....It would also be a great opportunity for the older scouts to help the younger scouts with their Rank Achievements!

GEO-Scouting

The Boy Scouts of America are launching a major geocaching initiative for their 100th Anniversary celebration for Scouts. "Get in the Game" consists of a number of nationwide activities that include geocaches, 100th Anniversary trackable Geocoins, custom Trackables and Groundspeak Travel Bugs®. The Get in the Game program highlights the fun of geocaching for everyone. Each Boy Scout council in the United States has been invited to participate. Learn more about [Get in the Game](http://www.geoscouting.com/gitg.html). <http://www.geoscouting.com/gitg.html>

2010 Rank Requirement Changes

The centennial edition of the Boy Scout Handbook will soon be available, and with the new handbook come several rank requirement changes that will be in effect as of January 1, 2010. Ranks not achieved prior will require these new rank requirements.

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