



## Upcoming Events

- **August 2** - 7:00 Troop Meeting -  
Fire-building, bucket competition; partials
- **August 9** - 7:00 Troop and Committee Meeting -  
Campout Planning
- **August 16** - 7:00 Troop Meeting -  
General skills review, activity/game night
- **August 21-22** - Campout
- **August 23** - 6:00 PLC - Planning the year's activities  
7:00 Troop Meeting -
- **August 30** - 7:00 Troop Meeting -  
Rafting campout planning
- **September 6** - Labor Day - **No meeting**

## 2010 New BSA Rank Requirements

Check out the Troop 28 webpage for the new 2010 Rank Advancement **REPLACEMENT PAGES** for your Boy Scout Handbook. <http://www.troop28raleigh.org>  
Troop Files

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## July Meetings' Summary

July 12, 2010

PLC meeting to plan for August, September, & October

July 19, 2010

Knots and lashing practice, relay competition, review PLC

July 26, 2010

Troop meeting not held due to the start of the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Boy Scout Jamboree

## 2010 CAMP RAVEN KNOB

Taking advantage of summer time break, our Scouts have been involved in a number of fun activities, including Summer Camp at Raven Knob, Sea Base in Florida, and National Jamboree.

At Raven Knob, we stayed at 'Knob View' campsite, sharing it with Troop 914 from Rural Hall. Our Scout Leaders were John Murrell, Mark Robbins and Tom Shadrix. Troop 28 Scouts attending were: Adam A, Michael B, Penn H, Chris M, Garrett M, Max M, Andy P, Pat Q, Thomas R, Alex W, Grayson W, Patrick W. Visiting Scouts from Troops 314 & 399 were: Dixon D and Ethan M

The 'Knob View' site gave us easy access to the water front, shady trees over our covered shelter, a great view of Lake Sabotta, and a unique opportunity to watch various rain water drainage patterns, including those that coursed through some tents! It was a hot week, with daytime temperatures near 100 degrees, and the evening swims were really popular. Our Scouts participated in archery, rifle and pistol shooting, small boat sailing, work on rank and merit badge requirements, as well as some community service projects, and our traditional morning Knob hike. It was good to meet members of the other Troop, and many close chess and checkers games occupied the evenings. Leader Mark Robbins taught many how to tie "Monkey's fist" knots, and also started a new Troop 28 tradition of offering a monkey's fist lanyard for those of our Scouts who have achieved either First Class or Eagle rank. It was definitely another good year at Raven Knob, and we plan to be back next year!



## Youth Protection Training Policies

### Important Changes to the Boy Scouts of America's

Youth safety is the No. 1 concern of the BSA. To increase awareness of this societal problem and to create even greater barriers to abuse than already exist today in Scouting, the Boy Scouts of America is implementing several important changes to further enhance its Youth Protection policies:

**Effective June 1, 2010:** Youth Protection Training is required for all registered volunteers. New leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training before they submit their application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins. Youth Protection Training must be taken every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection Training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered. To ensure these policies are fully implemented, please take the following steps:

If you have not taken Youth Protection Training within the past two years, please log on to [MyScouting](http://www.myscouting.org) and take the training. Be sure to have your member ID number. The number can be found on your Boy Scouts of America membership card. If you do not know your member ID number, contact your unit leader or committee chairman. Your council can also assist you. If you have taken Youth Protection Training online but did not input your member ID number, please log back on to the Training section of [MyScouting](http://www.myscouting.org) and input your member ID so the training will be linked with your records.

If you have taken Youth Protection Training within the past two years but did not take the course online, log on to [MyScouting](http://www.myscouting.org) to ensure your records are up to date, or contact your council and have them verify that your Youth Protection Training records are accurate.

Youth Protection Training is available online at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

To find out more about the Youth Protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America and how to help Scouting keep your family safe, see the information available in any of the Cub Scouting or Boy Scouting handbooks, or go to <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>.

**(Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, etc.): Please send date and proof of Youth Protection course completion to: [scouter28@mindspring.com](mailto:scouter28@mindspring.com)**

*"What you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say."*  
-- **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



## TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER

Will G is diligently working on his Eagle Project. Friends and Scout met Saturday, July 24 at his house to work on building benches for the site at Green Level Homes.

## 2010 National Jamboree

This is truly a special year as we celebrate 100 years of Boy Scouting in America. The BSA Jamboree comes only once every 4 years, and offers a great opportunity for Scouts from all parts of the globe to come to the USA and share experiences with thousands of other Scouts. This year's attendance will be about 46,000, and Scouts will be able to try a number of fun activities, including mountain-boarding, rappelling, sailing, snorkeling, scuba, archery, tomahawk throwing, motocross, looking at cool Army vehicles and equipment, trap shooting, fishing, and seeing many exhibits and shows, just to list a few. Troops of Scouts are formed from local areas all across the nation, and assigned Troop numbers just for that Jamboree. Scouts make new friends as they trade patches with Scouts from other Councils, and get the opportunity to realize that they are a unique part of this nationwide organization, with global partners. For a look at what's been going on, just open [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org) for a host of photos; you will be amazed to see how many Scouts can fill the open air arena!

Troop 28 has several Scouts that are attending, and they are sure to bring back good stories. Shawn S. is planning to spend several days there, and Garrett M. and Chris M. are there for the full time in Subcamp 17 Troop 1721. Check out photos from their subcamp: <http://www.jambosubcamp17.com/>

The next National Jamboree will be held in 3 years, since this year's Jamboree was delayed 1 year to make it coincide with the 100 Year BSA Anniversary. The next one will be held at BSA's newly-acquired property near Beckley, West Virginia, in 2013. The new site borders the New River, and has cliffs for climbing and rappelling, rapids for kayaking, and thousands of acres for numerous camp activities. Order of the Arrow members will be blazing trails next July, while construction of permanent buildings commences. Mark your calendars for summer of 2013 and start making plans to attend; you will not be disappointed!

There is more good news from our Troop 28 Scouts... Garrett and Chris decided to design a patch for their Jamboree Troop 1721, and one of the Scoutmasters then decided to enter it into a nationwide contest put on by Sta-dri emblems. Guess what... Garrett and Chris's patch won the contest, over numerous other Council patches! You can see the patch image below, next to the ship gateway that their Troop built, leading into their campsite.







## More Jamboree 2010 photos



Mountain boarding

Tomahawk throwing



## Volunteer Opportunities

### Upcoming & Current Eagle Projects

Several other Life scouts from Troop 28 are working on their Eagle projects and may need some volunteer help. When you hear about their sign-ups, please consider helping out.: It is a great way to help others at all times and give back to your community.

### Camp Reeves Service Day 2010

August 14<sup>th</sup> - Day of Service at Camp Reeves, part of the Oconeechee Scout Reservation. Work will be improving the camp sites, roads and facilities in both the Camporee areas and the former summer camp area at Camp Reeves. The day of service begins at 8:00 AM Saturday and concludes at 3:00 PM.

### Walk for Cancer Survivors

September 11<sup>th</sup> - At Sanderson High School, there will be a walk to help raise cancer awareness, including ongoing support for survivors. Scouts would be able to help at the food and refreshment tables, as well as help with other activities. This would be a great way to show our Troop to the community, while doing a 'good turn'. Please mark your calendars, and watch for more information to come soon.

## Sea Base Camp

June 29 - July 5, 2010



Two leaders and 4 scouts set sail on a high adventure to Sea Base Camp this summer. Dennis Ritter and Barry Long were the Scout leaders for Troop 28 Scouts Ricky H, Tyler L, and Kevin R. More information coming soon!

## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

The chances to observe Scouts applying the principles of the Oath and Law in their daily lives are some of the greatest rewards that adult leaders can receive. During our visit to the Jamboree, we had the opportunity to watch Scouts trying their best to master the 'Action Alley' obstacle course, which naturally included many significant physical challenges. One of these was a big structure built of telephone pole sized logs resting against each other in a steep incline. Scouts had to climb up one steep side, and then down the other, without falling off. One Scout, who clearly had some special needs mentally, received tremendous support from his Troop as they coached, encouraged, and stood by his sides to catch him if he should fall. Although he moved very slowly, and delayed their progress, their steadfast support did not waiver. When finished, he received the best cheer ever, as he conquered the obstacle. Remember this: these are Scouts, with little prior time spent with each other, brought together for the Jamboree, and yet their actions were in unison!



## Troop 28 Tentative 2010 Campout Schedule

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| July 26-August 4 | National Jamboree                        |
| August 21-22     | Stone Mtn / Pilot Mtn. (TBD)             |
| September        | Whitewater rafting                       |
| October          | 8-9 Oconeechee Camporee -<br>Camp Durant |
|                  | Virginia Creeper Bike Ride               |
| November         | Backpacking                              |
| December         | Movie Night                              |

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