



Upcoming Events

- June 7 - 7:00 Scouts & Committee Meeting - campout planning
- June 12 - 13 - Grayson Highlands Backpacking Trip
- June 14 - Troop 28 Court of Honor - Beaver Dam Shelter # 24
- June 21 - 7:00 Scouts - REI North Hills
- June 28 - 7:00 Scouts - Summer camp planning
- June 29 - July 5 - Sea Base Camp
- July 4 - 10 - Raven Knob Camp

TROOP 28 LEADERSHIP

Newly added position:
Historian - Christopher M.

May Meetings' Summary

May 3, 2010

Troop meeting was held at REI North Hills with instruction on the different types of tents and sleeping bags. The characteristics of different materials were reviewed. This information is handy when purchasing new equipment and when working on your Camping Merit Badge.

May 10, 2010

A new format for meeting occurred tonight with the PLC meeting at 6:00, followed by the regular Scout meeting at 7:00. The PLC enjoyed pizza while they worked on the upcoming events planning.

May 17, 2010

During the Troop meeting we explored some different kinds of stoves. Demonstrations were given on how to set up, handle safely, use, and clean backpacking, propane, charcoal, and grate over a campfire. Alternative stoves, such as a homemade stove from an old can, were reviewed in handout material. Our learning was made better with delectable samples of Spam and bratwurst.

May 24, 2010

Initial sign-ups for our Grayson Highlands backpacking trip were taken; it's bound to be fun! Demonstration of small but important pointers on the REI Camp Dome 2 tent was given by ASM's Murrell and Gunther, to help Scouts maximize the performance of the tents. Ricky H. then led a drill on mobilization of a Troop as part of his Emergency Preparedness requirements. Lastly, Scouts then gathered in groups to help teach others new skills, and some Scouts were able to get some sign-offs of rank requirements. It's all part of the process of first learning, and then teaching great skills to others!

TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER

2010 Falls District Eagle Scouts

Check out the first edition of the 2010 Falls District Eagle Scout Hall of Fame newsletter where you can find two names listed from our troop. Congratulations to Kevin R and Patrick Q from Troop 28! Your leadership and contributions to the community are appreciated. Troop 28 continues to be an integral part of a quality scouting program in Falls District.

Friends for Life

Troop 28 Eagle Scouts, Class of 2010 High School graduates Tommy Q & Chris R look forward to rooming together at Appalachian State University in the Fall. Tommy is graduating from Sanderson High School where he participated in National Honor Society, Young Life, JV & Varsity Baseball. Chris is graduating from Leesville High School where he participated in Capital Pride Honors Chorus and school musicals. Chris plans to study Music Production at ASU. Both attend Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and have been camping together with Pack 28 and Troop 28 since third grade. Favorite memories include their treks at Philmont Scout Ranch and the Appalachian Trail.



On Eagles Wings

Patrick Q soared to Eagle Scout at Troop 28 and now soars in pole vaulting at Sanderson High School clearing 12'6" at the CAP 7 Conference Meet.



Eagle Projects in the Works .

Ricky H Eagle project is for Green Level Homes. Late March he held a fundraising yard sale. Project workdays were held on May 8 & 22, with volunteers working on the doors, roof and painting. See additional information and photos further down in the newsletter.

North Star National Youth Leadership Training

Shawn S. from Troop 28 will be attending the NYLT this summer bringing back to the troop lots of great knowledge and ideas.

What is NYLT? - The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course was developed by the Boy Scouts of America to provide local councils with a standardized training course for the youth or "junior" leaders of Boy Scout troops. This course, held over two extended weekends, is designed to parallel and complements the training that their adult leaders receive in WoodBadge. Experience shows that NYLT makes a positive difference in the lives of its graduates and in the operation of their troops.

Course Content - NYLT uses the Patrol Method in an outdoor setting to provide advanced training in two areas:

- Leadership Skills (counseling, planning, communicating, evaluating, controlling the group, styles of leadership, etc.)
- Scoutcraft Skills (outdoor living skills such as camping, cooking, hiking, backpacking, pioneering, orienteering, etc.).

Prerequisite Requirements - NYLT is not designed to be the initial training for youth leaders. All participants will need considerable experience in outdoor living skills and the maturity to relate to the in-depth concepts presented in the Leadership Skills area. Although the course is a lot of fun, it is physically and mentally demanding. For these reasons, participants will need to meet the following requirements:

- Minimum age of 13 with outstanding Scouting spirit and team-player attitude
- First-Class rank or higher with considerable experience in outdoor living (including at least one year of summer camp)
- Good physical condition (must submit a completed copy Class II Physical Form at beginning of course)
- Scoutmaster's recommendation (must submit Scoutmaster Nomination Form)

COURT OF HONOR

Mark you calendars for the Troop 28 Court of Honor to be held June 14th at Beaver Dam Shelter #24. Arrive between 6-6:30 pm with dinner starting at around 6:45 pm.

New River Campout

May 8-9, 2010

11 Troop Scouts and 6 adult leaders had a good trip to the South Fork of the New River for our May canoeing trip. Trip organizer Mark Robbins arranged for the use of Zaloo's Canoe Outfitters, located close to Jefferson, NC. After a memorable 25-minute ride in the spacious (?) 4-bench seat van, our group of 17 got out and into the river for a leisurely float down to our riverside campsite. Canoes were hauled out of the river, tents set up, and gear arranged for the evening. The pleasant warm day and gently flowing river created good conditions for a cooling swim and place to try our luck fishing. Safe swim defense principles were employed, and all Scouts had a fun time in the water. The clean sites and good facilities were a treat! Strong thunderstorms rolled in during the evening, and their continued presence the following morning required an early halt to the rest of the canoe trip. In spite of the weather, a good time was had by all.



"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

Benjamin Franklin

Troop 28

Tentative 2010 Campout Schedule

June 12-13	Grayson Highlands Backpacking
June 29-July 5	Sea Base High Adventure Camp
July 4-10	Summer Camp at Raven Knob
July 26-August 4	National Jamborees
August	Virginia Creeper
September	Whitewater rafting
October	Climbing
October 8-9	Occoneechee Camporee - Camp Durant
November	Backpacking
December	Movie Night

Eagle Projects in Progress

Troop Scouts have cheerfully pitched in to assist in the construction of a work shed that is part of Ricky H's Eagle Project for Green Level Homes. Under Ricky's supervision, our Scouts have helped over several weekends, as well as enjoying the fellowship that comes with these efforts. The pizza lunches were great, also. Thanks, Ricky! See below for action photos.



SUMMER CAMP

All Scouts and Adults attending summer camp are required to have a physical exam each year. If you haven't already done so, be sure to turn in your Medical forms for Raven Knob and Sea Base.

We already have 12 scouts signed up to go on this great trip, where we camp among the wild ponies and beautiful surroundings. We may have 2 separate routes, with older scouts taking a more challenging course. To prepare for this, go over your gear to reduce the weight you will carry. Taking only essential items in small portions helps a lot! We will plan for this trip on June 7th. See You there!

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

On June 13th at 1:00 pm the Elks Lodge on the corner of Millbrook and Lead Mine is having their annual Flag Day ceremony at the lodge. There is a possibility that they still need volunteers and we will have more information on June 7th at our regular meeting. Even if they don't need volunteers it is an interesting ceremony and all are welcome to attend!

BSA HEALTH FORMS

The BSA requires all Scouts to have an updated health form each year.

This year we have a new 2010 Health Form. Part A & C should be completed and turned in as soon as possible. Part B is the Physical Exam part that must be completed by a Physician prior to a camping trip over 72 hours including summer camp.

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf

Volunteer Opportunities

Boy Scout Volunteers for Cub Scout Day Camp Needed

Boy Scout volunteers are needed for both weeks of Cub Scout Day Camp held at the NC State Fairgrounds! Scouts are responsible for their own lunch and water bottle. They are expected to arrive by 7:45 am and are dismissed to go home at 5:15 pm.

If you can volunteer please contact:

Week 1 June 21-25 - CF Farmer - cffarmer@juno.com, Week 2 June 28-July 2 - Alicia Embrey -aliciam4@aol.com

Yates Mill Pond - Volunteers Trail Workday

Saturday - June 5; 9 am-12 pm

Lend a hand & help to clean up the park's hiking trails & woodlands. Equipment & gloves will be furnished. Please wear proper clothing & footwear, and bring drinking water.

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