



Upcoming Events

- March 1 - 7:00 Scouts & Committee Meeting
- March 4 - Occoneechee Falls District Roundtable
- March 6 - Council Adult Recognition Banquet
- March 8 - Court of Honor
- March 13 - Reptile & Amphibian Day (pg. 2)
- March 15 - 7:00 Scouts
- March 20-21 - Medoc Mountain Campout -
Camping Merit Badge, Skills & Requirements
- March 22 - 7:00 Scouts - Elections & Troop
Realignment
- March 29 - Spring Break No Meeting

Troop 28 helps out at Pack 28 Pinewood Derby

On February 6, the Cub Scouts of Pack 28 held their annual Pinewood Derby at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Seven Boy Scouts from Troop 28 came to help out and volunteer at the event. In attendance were Adam A, Alex W, Edward Y, Luke V, Max M, Pat Q and Tommy Q. The scouts helped with set-up, registration, judging cars for craftsmanship and originality and track maintenance. A very big thank you goes out to Max M and Pat Q who worked diligently all afternoon to put together a go-cart that was raffled off at the end of the derby!



February Activities

What a fun and full February; Pinewood Derby help, Scout Sunday, Council Ski Trip, Troop meetings, Sports day, PLC and Merit Badge University. WOW!!

Occoneechee Ski Trip

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale,
a tale of a fun filled trip.
That started from this Raleigh port,
aboard this big troopship.

The mate was a mighty Eagle Scout,
the skipper brave and sure.
Seven passengers set sail that day,
for a three hour tour.

The weather started getting rough,
the big Excursion was tossed.
If not for the courage of the fearless crew,
the big Excursion would be lost,

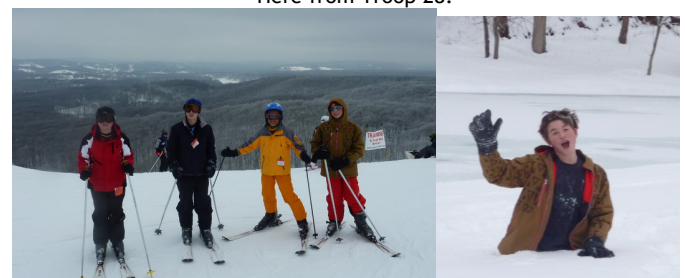
After seven hours on the road
The big Excursion found their abode
With John, Jeff,
The friend, and his son,
Garrett & Christopher,
and Michael too,
all safely there at Mulberry House.

So this is the tale of our fellow scouts,
they were there for a really good time.
They skied for two days at Winterplace
And enjoyed their cold, cold time.

The first mate, and his skipper too,
did their very best
to make the others comfortable
in this luxurious mountain nest.

A 10,000 square foot house,
a Veranda with a beautiful scenic view,
Missing Not a single luxury.

So join us next time, my friend,
you're sure to find it great,
from seven fellow castaways,
Here from Troop 28!





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

ACHIEVEMENT

Achievement in Scouting builds self-esteem and fosters collaboration with others. With every rank advanced and award earned, Scouts develop pride in themselves and their units. More than just getting a patch, Scouting's myriad of awards challenge Scouts to excel, have fun, and grow into healthy, prepared adults. In addition to advancement, the award recipient makes an active effort to reflect on personal achievements and those of other Scouts. The Year of Celebration Achievement Award highlights the possibilities for personal achievement. Scouts will pursue rank advancements, religious emblems, as well as engage adults and alumni in conversation about their own achievements in Scouting.

Complete three of the five requirements in each category to earn that award.

Boy Scouts

1. Talk to a family member or family friend who used to be in Scouting or a Scout leader and ask about their favorite Scouting achievements. Write 200 words and share with your troop leader or parent OR fill out your family's Scouting Family Tree at www.Scouting.org/100years.
2. Advance to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, or Eagle rank, or earn two merit badges.
3. Earn the religious emblem for your faith.
4. Attend 90 percent of your troop or team meetings for three consecutive months.
5. Earn one of the following awards: BSA Lifeguard, Mile Swim, BSA Emergency Preparedness Award, or BSA Physical Fitness Award.

Troop 28

Tentative 2010 Campout Schedule

April	24-25 Canoe MB - Camp Campbell
May	15-16 River Canoe Campout
June	12-13 Grayson Highlands backpack
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
	8-9 Occoneechee Camporee – Camp Durant
November	Backpacking
December	Movie Night

Fundraisers

Printer Cartridge - On going project - Don't forget to bring in your old phones or empty ink cartridges. Give to Lori or Dale Wilson or Patrick Williamson.

Merit Badge University

Fourteen scouts from Troop 28 attended the Merit Badge University at Highland United Methodist Church. Merit badges worked on from our Troop were Citizenship in the Nation (Alex, Garrett, Michael); Citizenship in the World (Patrick, Christopher); Citizenship in the Community (Raymond, Andy, Tamarcus); Environmental Science (Edward, Adam, Grayson); Communications (Ryan); Art (Thomas); Computers (Luke); and Fingerprinting (Luke, Thomas). Much was learned and a good time was had by all.

Game Day

By Dennis Ritter

Troop 28 Sports day was held on Sunday, 2/21. Pack 28 Senior Webelos joined Grayson W, Luke V, Thomas R and Alex W from Troop 28 for 2 hours of sports and games. With participation of Mark Robbins and Dennis Ritter, everyone started off with a name game to get to know each other's names. Then there were several rounds of Dodge ball. Mark and Dennis decided to not participate in this and just kept an eye on things, like incoming projectiles. This was followed by a game of Clean your backyard where it was noted that 4 scouts helping to clean up was quicker and more efficient than 3, as in campsite cleanup where everyone is supposed to help. Enough with the lesson, on to, touch football, basketball, elimination and spud tag. 2 hours went fast and everyone enjoyed the time. It was great to get to know the Webelos. Hope to see them soon after they cross over into Boy Scouts!



Scout Sunday

"The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting." This year is a special celebration for the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts.

Troop 28 was well represented on Scout Sunday February 7, 2010 as they attended the worship service at Good Shepherd Lutheran. The scouts in attendance were Pat Q, Luke V, Andy P, Kevin R, Grayson W, Raymond S.

Uniform Program

The troop has a used uniform program. Scouts can donate uniforms as they outgrow them, and new scouts can buy larger sizes as needed and save a lot of money. The stock is at the Ritter's house.

Congressional Award

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' award for young Americans. It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. The program is open to all 14- to 23-year-olds. Participants earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas; Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. Earning the Award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you'd like to try for the first time. You move at your own pace - on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals.

Regardless of your situation, you can earn the Congressional Award. The Congressional Award has no minimum grade point average requirements. It accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities who are willing to take the challenge. The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' award for young Americans. It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. The program is open to all 14- to 23-year-olds. Participants earn Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Certificates and Bronze, Silver and Gold Congressional Award Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas; Volunteer Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration. Earning the Award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you'd like to try for the first time. You move at your own pace - on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals.

Congressionalaward.org

2010 River Kayaking Adventure

April -September events/classes

Deadline to register: March 15, 2010

Objective - To teach fundamental river kayaking skills, safety, and group management. 14 yrs old and adults

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"A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens."

Robert Baden-Powell

Carolina Hurricanes vs. Phoenix Coyotes

Saturday, March 13, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. - RBC Center

Purchase your tickets thru the troop (deadline 3/3/10) and receive a **new Hurricanes Patch**, discounts off the gate price and group recognition on the scoreboard. Let Mr. Ritter know if you are interested in attending. The Hurricanes are proud to present this special discount offer to Scouts and other special guests of each Unit.

N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences

naturalsciences.org

IT'S FREE

Reptile & Amphibian Day

Saturday, March 13 (9a.m. - 5p.m.)

Old Salem Museums & Gardens

Scout Day

"Weaving the Threads of the Past"

March 20, 2010

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences

April 20 - 22, 2010

National Norman Rockwell Art Tour

On loan from the National Scout Museum

Original Norman Rockwell and Joseph Csaturi paintings depicting the history of Scouting .

Merit Badge College at NC State

The second annual NC State School of Chemistry / College of Natural Resources Merit Badge College is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2010. Chemistry, Composite Materials, Electricity, Energy, Engineering, Forestry, Geology, Nuclear Science, Pulp and Paper, Space Exploration, Soil and Water, Conservation, Environmental Science, and Fish and Wildlife Management will be taught by a faculty member or graduate student who is a true subject matter expert.

<https://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=729482>



JAMBOREE DAY TRIP

The Occaneechee Council will lead a bus trip to Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia to visit the Jamboree on Friday, July 30, 2010. This once-in-a-lifetime experience will depart Raleigh at approximately 5:00 a.m. and return the same day at approximately 11 p.m. Visitors will have between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to observe and visit the 65,000 Scouts and Scouters who comprise the 100th Anniversary's largest and best display of Boy Scouting in the USA!

What is the process to sign up? Registration paperwork and full payment must be completed in full by April 1, 2010. www.ocscouts.org/location.

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