

May 2011

TROOP 28

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC



WELCOME TO OUR 12 NEW SCOUTS!

Upcoming Events

- May 2 - 7:00 pm - Swim Test Optimist Pool
- May 8 - Mother's Day
- May 9 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting
7:00 pm Committee Meeting
- May 14-15 - Campout - Canoe the New River
- May 16 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting
- May 21-22 - Scout Service, Walmart, Tri. Town Ctr.
- May 23 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting
- May 30 - No Scout Meeting - Memorial Day

Troop 28 Photos Needed

We look forward to receiving information or articles that you would like to include in our monthly Troop newsletter. If you have information or photos from Troop 28 activities please send them to scouter28@mindspring.com.

Troop 28 Website

www.troop28raleigh.com

Check it out!

BW Wells Campout

April 8-10, 2011 Scouts attending the BW Wells at Falls Lake Campout were Adam A, Thomas B, Tyler B, David C, Daniel C, Nalin G, Chris M, Garrett M, Andy P, Thomas R, Stephen S, Griffin S, Luke V, Patrick W. Leaders attending were Scoutmaster John Murrell, Assistant Scoutmaster Mark Robbins and Fred Gunther. Also assisting were parents Mark Bland and Gerry Cannan.

What are boys made of?
What are boys made of?
Frogs and snails
And puppy-dogs' tails,
That's what boys are made of.



For Adults Only!

What's this?? Well, adult leaders can better help their Scouts to have safe fun and rewarding experiences if the leaders have taken the proper training to offer those experiences. BSA-certified training for a number of courses is available online or at scheduled district or council group courses. Although online is convenient, it is always much more valuable and enjoyable to take group courses, as the interaction with the other leaders can yield so much. How can one find what courses are offered? Simply look at the training calendars on the websites for our Council (www.ocscouts.org), or our District (www.impeesadistrict.org). Here's what's coming up soon:

Impeesa District Roundtable: Occurring on the first Thursday night of each month (except July), district leaders get together to discuss the upcoming events and ways to help run those events. There is food, fun, and the chance to share with other unit leaders, and it is held at 7:00 pm at the LDS Church at 5060 Six Forks Road. No advance sign-up needed, and it's free!

SM / ASM Leader Specific: This course is part of what is required to be a trained Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster, and is the lecture presentation portion. As seen on the Council website, this course will be offered on May 3rd, 5th, and on June 18th. This is an excellent way to better understand the general goals in Scouting.

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS): This is the practical outdoor application of basic Boy Scout skills that are required for achievement of the First Class rank. In one weekend attendees will learn and demonstrate the skills that our Scouts will need to master in their Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks. It is fun, and you can better teach the skills to your Scouts when you know and have done them yourself! There will be a course soon on May 19th, and the weekend of May 27-29 (must attend all sessions). This course will also be offered in August and September.

Troop Committee Challenge: This course describes the proper operation of the Troop Committee, and how it could be well organized. An excellent course for those parents who want to help, but may not be able to attend campouts as an ASM. The next course is scheduled for November 17th.

Don't let your Scouts be the only ones who get to be outside and have all the fun! Get involved, and sign up soon for some BSA courses. They're great!

'Every Scout deserves a trained leader'

"The most important single thing that a person
can leave for posterity is their name."

Anonymous

Troop 28 New Leadership

Elections were held at the regular Troop 28 meeting on March 7, 2011. Existing and additional new leadership positions not already announced are in **RED**.

Thomas R - Senior Patrol Leader

Christopher M - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Andy P - Cobras Patrol Leader

Adam L - Cobras Assistant Patrol Leader

Luke V - Spartans Patrol Leader

Patrick W - Spartans Assistant Patrol Leader

Chaplain's Aide - **Garrett M.**

Historian - **Chris M.**

Librarian - **Luke V.**

Quartermaster - **Michael B.**

Scribe - **Patrick W.**

Troop Guide - **Adam A.**

Troop Guide - **Alex W.**

B.W.Wells Campout Recap

Our Scouts had a great time at B.W. Wells campsite on Falls Lake. It was a good chance for the new Boy Scouts to gain some initial hiking and camping experience in a nearby setting. We experimented with making some wilderness survival shelters, and had different types of team games, including 'Jump the creek' and 'Capture the flag'. Scouts also went on a short nature hike, and for meals practiced some of their cooking skills. It looks like they will be well on their way towards more challenging and adventurous outings.

Did you know??

Almost all of the personal expenses (camping equipment, course fees, etc.) that an adult Scout leader incurs in helping with Scouts can be tax deductible. Consult your accountant for specifics, and keep your expense records!

Raleigh REI - Bike Maintenance Basics

Date: 5/17/2011

Event Fee: Free

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. (EDT)

Description: If you ride a bike, you need this class! In this informative presentation you'll learn how to lube a chain, fix a flat tire in record time, and make other minor adjustments to your bike. No experience necessary!

April Meetings' Summary

April 4, 2011

PLC meeting led by Thomas R, SPL and Chris M, ASPL. and attended by: Adam A, Luke V, Patrick W.

Followed by a regular Troop meeting with Thomas R, SPL, and Chris M, ASPL leading. Scouts in attendance: Adam A, Thomas B, Michael B, Tyler B, David C, Dylan C, Daniel C, Munga M, Garrett M, Andy P, Stephen S, Griffin S, Alex T, Brennan T, Luke V, Alex W, Patrick W.

April 11, 2011

Troop 28 regular meeting. Lead by Thomas R, SPL and Christopher M, ASPL

April 25, 2011

PLC meeting led by Thomas R, SPL and Chris M, ASPL. and attended by: Adam A, Luke V, Patrick W.

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National Youth Leadership Training

July 29-31 and August 5-7, 2011

The Occoneechee North Star National Youth Leadership Training is now taking applications for attendance. This is a two weekend (six day) outdoor experience for current and future leaders of the troop or crew. The conference utilizes the standard troop structure using the patrol method. Patrol leadership changes daily to give all Scouts a chance to be a Patrol Leader or Assistant. The participants write their own Vision Statements in which they plan how to use their newly acquired skills in their home troops/crews. The Conference has been developed by the National Council BSA and is the highest leadership training offered to youth leaders at the Council level.

WHO MAY ATTEND? Participants may be any current or future leader in the Scout Troop. To be eligible to attend, the Boy Scout must be at least First Class in rank and 13 years old by the start of the course, at least attended one year of summer camp, and has completed Troop Leadership Training (TLT). All participants must have an outstanding Scouting spirit; a team-player attitude; a working knowledge of camping, hiking, and cooking over an open fire in all weather conditions; and have the written approval of their Scoutmaster. Enrollment is limited to 48 qualified participants.

WHAT IS THE COST OF THIS COURSE?

The total cost for NYLT is \$210 which covers course materials, T-Shirt, hat, and food for the course. A fee of \$75 is required with the application form and the remaining \$135 is due no later than July 1st.

HOW CAN I REGISTER FOR THIS COURSE?

Applications can be found on the Council Calendar online at www.ocscouts.org

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey
the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake,
and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly,
Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,
Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent

Upcoming Summer Opportunities

- Volunteer at Cub Scout Day Camp 6/27-7/1
- NYLT(Occoneechee)
7/29-31/11 Part 1 and 8/5-7/11 Part 2
- Raven Knob Camp, Troop attending 7/3-9/11
- Durham Bulls Game & Sleepover 7/22

NC Museum of Natural Sciences

ASTRONOMY DAYS - MAY 21 AND 22

Date: May. 21 - May. 22; Saturday, May 21, 9 am-5 pm
and Sunday, May 22, noon-5 pm

Location: Museum of Natural Sciences

Fee: Free

See the big picture — of the Universe! Visit NASA exhibits, view the sun through solar telescopes, learn about the art of astrophotography, and meet live animals of the constellations. You can even make and launch your own rocket! Presented in partnership with NASA and the Raleigh Astronomy Club.

Geo-Dome; Live Animals of the constellations;

Blast-off Rockets;

Astronomy Mythbusters: mysteries of the universe demystified;

Mars Rover: full scale replica of the explorers that keep going and going

For more information contact Bonnie Eamick, Educational Events Specialist, at bonnie.eamick@ncdenr.gov, or 919.733.7450 x554.

NC Museum of History

Exhibit Opening: North Carolina and the Civil War: The Breaking Storm, 1861-1862

Friday, May 20

This exhibit, the first in a three-part series exploring the Civil War, looks at the events that led up to the war's outbreak and the early battles.



TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER

Troop 28 has one scout, Tyler L working on his Eagle project. Watch for upcoming opportunities to help!

Troop 28 - Raleigh, NC

Troop 28 2011 Campout Dates

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| May | 14-15 Campout, New River |
| June | 10-12 Campout, Camp Campbell |
| July | 3-9 Boy Scout Camp |
| July | 22 Durham Bulls Game & Camping |

Presidential Volunteer Service Award

PVSA - 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. Our troop has been approved to issue/monitor these awards.

Children's Miracle Network: On May 21-22, Troop 28 will be helping load groceries at the Walmart at Triangle Town Center to help raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network. This is a great way to earn some service hours, and to 'do a good turn' at the same time. More information and sign-ups to come soon!

If you have volunteer hours please turn them in to Ms. Munt.

AFTER THE WAVE: JAPAN'S TSUNAMI ZONE

An exhibit of exceptional photography opens April 30. Takaaki Iwabu, a staff photographer at Raleigh's News & Observer, left for Japan 10 days after the earthquake and tsunami that destroyed much of that country's northern coast and left more than 27,000 people dead or missing.

His photos, which will be on display at the NC Japan Center in Raleigh from April 30 - July 29, 2011, show this was more than a news assignment for Iwabu. It was a homecoming. He looked beyond the physical devastation to focus on survivors, providing a tender look at people enduring unbearable loss and moving ahead.

"Many tsunami victims I met displayed extraordinary humbleness and compassion," he says. "It was they who worried about my welfare."

Iwabu, 42, moved from Japan to the United States 20 years ago. He has worked at the News & Observer for 6 years, and before that at The State in Columbia, South Carolina. His work has appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post and many other U.S. papers. Iwabu has won numerous photography awards, including a Silver Award from Society of Newspaper Design.

Location: NC Japan Center (Dorothea Dix Campus)
705 Barbour Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603

Downtown Festival of Hope

This is a call to Scouting Units to support the May 7 event. It is called the Downtown Raleigh Festival of Hope and is held from 10 -2. We would like to have a Scouting presence at the event. There will be a space for a tent and the unit will need to bring table and chairs. Bring scouting info and be ready to talk to the public about Scouting, Scouts should wear their uniforms, have a display and show basic skills, (guys tying knots, etc.) We have badges to give to them for participating at the event. If you are interested in participating, contact Karen Hoffman 828-9014 x 132. We look forward to seeing the scouts at the event.

Thanks!

Richard Fitzgerald, Dir of Fundraising and Agency Relations, Raleigh Rescue Mission

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

The Two Knapsacks

We are sometimes told that life is like a hike from the cradle to the grave. For some, it is a long trip of many moons; for others, it is a short excursion that ends unexpectedly. But all are equipped with two knapsacks—one to be carried on the back and the other on the chest.

The average hiker along the trail of life puts the faults of others in the sack on his chest so that he can always see them. His own faults he puts in the bag on his back so that he can't see them without some effort. And so, he hikes through life constantly seeing the errors of others, but overlooking his own mistakes. Well, this pack arrangement is bad, because nobody has a successful hike through life finding fault with the other guy. The person who can see his own faults, then strive to correct them is the one who enjoys the trip and enters the happy hunting ground with thanksgiving.

So, place your bag of faults upon your chest and put the bag of other people's faults and mistakes behind you, and have happy hiking. One more thing: be sure to smile and laugh a lot on your hiking trail of life.

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