

March 2012

# Troop 28

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church - Raleigh, NC

## Upcoming Events

- March 3 Pack 28 Crossover
- March 6 7:00 pm - Troop Meeting
- March 10 Day Shooting Trip - Camp Durant
- March 13 COURT OF HONOR
- March 16-18 Snowshoe Skiing Trip
- March 20 7:00 - Troop Meeting
- March 24 NCSU Merit Badge University
- March 27 PLC
- March 31 Great Northern Merit Badge Univ.
- April 3 7:00 pm - Troop Meeting  
- Troop Elections

## Shotgun Shooting Campout

February 10-11, 2012

Troop 28 had a 'Shotgun Merit Badge' campout February 10-11 at the Durham County Wildlife Club. Scouts practiced and learned proper firearm handling, as well as developed good shooting skills.

Troop 28 Scouts attending Thomas B., Tyler B., Michael B., David C., Dylan C., Daniel C., Nalin G., Christopher M., Garrett M., Andy P., Thomas R., Alex S., Stephen S., Griffin S., Luke V., Patrick W., Victor Y.

## Scout Sunday

February 5, 2012

Troop 28 was represented at both the morning worship services at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on February 5, 2012.

Scouts attending were

8:45 Service:

Andy P., Luke V.

10:45 Service:

Chris M., Garrett M., Alex W., Edward Y., Victor Y.



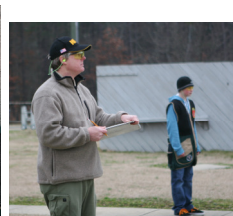
## Troop 28 WELCOMES NEW SCOUTS

February 21, 2012

On February 21, 2012 Scoutmaster John Murrell and several Troop 28 scouts attended the Soapstone Baptist Church Pack 399 CubScout Crossover Ceremony and welcomed 8 scouts to Troop 28.

Ryan F., Robert F., Knox G., Josh K., Joe M., CJM., Alex W.,  
Andrew Y.

Troop 28 Website  
[www.troop28raleigh.com](http://www.troop28raleigh.com)  
*Check it out!*



## CAMPING Merit Badge

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1. Show that you know first aid for and how to prevent injuries or illnesses that could occur while camping, including hypothermia, frostbite, heat reactions, dehydration, altitude sickness, insect stings, tick bites, snakebite, blisters, and hyperventilation.
2. Learn the **Leave No Trace** principles and the **Outdoor Code** and explain what they mean. Write a personal plan for implementing these principles on your next outing..
3. Make a written plan for an overnight trek and show how to get to your camping spot using a topographical map and compass OR a topographical map and a GPS receiver.
4. Do the following:
  - a. Make a duty roster showing how your **patrol** is organized for an actual overnight campout. List assignments for each member.
  - b. Help a Scout patrol or a **Webeles** Scout unit in your area prepare for an actual campout, including creating the duty roster, menu planning, equipment needs, general planning, and setting up camp.
5. Do the following:
  - a. Prepare a list of clothing you would need for overnight campouts in both warm and cold weather. Explain the term "layering."
  - b. Discuss footwear for different kinds of weather and how the right footwear is important for protecting your feet.
  - c. Explain the proper care and storage of camping equipment (clothing, footwear, bedding).
  - d. List the outdoor essentials necessary for any campout, and explain why each item is needed.
  - e. Present yourself to your Scoutmaster with your pack for inspection. Be correctly clothed and equipped for an overnight campout.
6. Do the following:
  - a. Describe the features of four types of tents, when and where they could be used, and how to care for tents. Working with another Scout, pitch a tent.
  - b. Discuss the importance of camp sanitation and tell why water treatment is essential. Then demonstrate two ways to treat water.
  - c. Describe the factors to be considered in deciding where to pitch your tent.
  - d. Tell the difference between internal- and external-frame packs. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.
  - e. Discuss the types of sleeping bags and what kind would be suitable for different conditions. Explain the proper care of your sleeping bag and how to keep it dry. Make a comfortable ground bed.
7. Prepare for an overnight campout with your patrol by doing the following:
  - a. Make a checklist of personal and patrol gear that will be needed.
  - b. Pack your own gear and your share of the patrol equipment and food for proper carrying. Show that your pack is right for quickly getting what is needed first, and that it has been assembled properly for comfort, weight, balance, size, and neatness.
8. Do the following:
  - a. Explain the safety procedures for:
    1. Using a propane or butane/propane stove & 2. Using a liquid fuel stove & 3. Proper storage of extra fuel
  - b. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different types of lightweight cooking stoves.
  - c. Prepare a camp menu. Explain how the menu would differ from a menu for a backpacking or float trip. Give recipes and make a food list for your patrol. Plan two breakfasts, three lunches, and two suppers. Discuss how to protect your food against bad weather, animals, and contamination.
  - d. Cook at least one breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner for your patrol from the meals you have planned for requirement 8c. At least one of those meals must be a trail meal requiring the use of a lightweight stove.
9. Show experience in camping by doing the following:
  - a. Camp a total of at least 20 days and 20 nights. Sleep each night under the sky or in a tent you have pitched. The 20 days and 20 nights must be at a designated Scouting activity or event. You may use a week of long-term camp toward this requirement. If the camp provides a tent that has already been pitched, you need not pitch your own tent.
  - b. On any of these camping experiences, you must do TWO of the following, only with proper preparation and under qualified supervision:
    1. Hike up a mountain, gaining at least 1,000 vertical feet.
    2. Backpack, snowshoe, or cross-country ski for at least 4 miles.
    3. Take a bike trip of at least 15 miles or at least four hours.
    4. Take a nonmotorized trip on the water of at least four hours or 5 miles.
    5. Plan and carry out an overnight snow camping experience.
    6. Rappel down a rappel route of 30 feet or more.
  - c. Perform a conservation project approved by the landowner or land managing agency.
10. Discuss how the things you did to earn this badge have taught you about personal health and safety, survival, public health, conservation, and good citizenship. In your discussion, tell how **Scout spirit** and the **Scout Oath** and **Law** apply to camping and outdoor ethics.

## Exercise Those Extraordinary Imaginations in the Boy Scouts of America Innovation Challenge!

The Boy Scouts of America and Edison Nation® present an exciting competition designed to showcase the incredible creative ingenuity of today's youth.

Boy Scouts of America, under license to Edison Nation, invites all creative thinkers ages 7 to 21 to submit their ideas to the BSA Innovation Challenge. Edison Nation will spend up to \$1 million to develop the products and make them a reality. The idea-to-shelf" product developer will do everything from designing your product, making the prototypes and filing the patents-all you have to do is invent! Imagine... if your invention is selected, you could:

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Be named as "Inventor" on the patent!

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For complete details, go to [www.edisonnation.com/boyscouts](http://www.edisonnation.com/boyscouts).

## Troop 28 2012 Campout & Activities Dates

March	3	Pack 28 Crossover
March	9-11	Camp Durant Campout Shooting & Climbing
March	16-18	Snowshoe Weekend
March	13	Troop 28 Court of Honor
March	24	NCSU Merit Badge University
April	3	Troop 28 Elections
April	13-15	Campout
May	18-20	Campout
June	24-30	Boy Scout summer camp

## TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER



Occoneechee's Annual Eagle Banquet for those scouts who achieved the Eagle rank in 2011 was held on February 4, 2012. Troop 28 Eagle Scouts Max M and Tyler L attended along with their parents and Scoutmaster John Murrell.



## Mark your calendars!

### NCSU Merit Badge University

March 24, 2012

This is always a very good MBU for the 'science' oriented merit badges, like Chemistry, Geology, Forestry, and more. Be sure to put this on your calendar for a great way to learn new sciences!

## February Meetings' Summary

February 7, 2012

Regular Meeting - Youth Protection Video

February 14, 2012

Regular Meeting - Shotgun merit badge campout review, proper flag presentation, fire safety, making fire starters, outdoor code and leave no trace review, and games. Thomas B. and Andy P.: Proper flag presentation, Adam A.: Fire safety, David C.: Review of outdoor code, and Leave No Trace.

February 21, 2012

Regular Meeting

February 28, 2012

PLC

*"I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it."*

*-- Thomas Jefferson, 3rd US president*

## 2013 BSA JAMBOREE

July 15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. <http://www.ocscouts.org>



Summie Bechtel Reserve

[www.BSAJamboree.org](http://www.BSAJamboree.org)

July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The 2013 National Scout Jamboree will be the first at the Bechtel Summit, and will offer unique opportunities focusing on the adventure of Scouting.

## Raleigh REI - Bike Maintenance Basics

3/27/2012 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Free

If you ride a bicycle, then you need this class! This class is an informative presentation that will teach you how to lube a chain, fix a flat tire in record time, and make other minor adjustments to your bicycle. No experience necessary!

Great opportunity for those who have not had this class. This class is on our scheduled PLC meeting so there will be no regular scout meeting. If you would like to attend on your own please contact REI at North Hills to sign up.

## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

### Two Little Words

What do you suppose is the most valuable two word sentence you can say?

Some of you might say, it's "We won!" Others would vote for, "Here's money!" But I think the best two-word sentence is "Thank you."

It isn't used as often as it should be. How often do you use it? And how often do you say thank you to the persons who are closest to you, your mother and father? How often do you say it to your friends or even strangers when they do something for you?

It's so easy to forget, especially if the Good Turn is done by somebody in your family. Too often we take for granted the many things our parents and other family members do for us.

Here's a challenge for you. Between now and next troop meeting, see if you can find some reason to say thank you every day to some member of your family. You may be surprised how they will react.

A simple thank you costs nothing, but it means so much to those who matter most to you. Good manners can be the difference between you being just another Scout and one who earns himself respect from those around him.

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