



**October
2012**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church -- Raleigh, NC

Upcoming Events

- October 2 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting/Elections
- October 6 & 7 Popcorn Storefront Sales
WalMart Brier Creek
- October 9 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
7:00 pm - Committee Meeting
- October 13 Colonial Baptist Merit Badge Univ
- October 13 & 14 Popcorn Storefront Sales
WalMart Triangle Town Center
- October 16 7:00 pm - Troop Meeting
- October 19-21 Grandfather Mountain Campout
- October 23 7:00 pm - Troop PLC
- October 27 Open Rock Climb Pilot Mountain
- October 28 Orienteering Class -Umstead Park
- October 30 7:00 pm -Troop PLC (Not @ GSLC)
- October 31 Halloween

Welcome New Scouts

Please join me in welcoming our 2 new scouts who joined Troop 28 in September. WELCOME **Benjamin B** & **Rishi D!**

Troop 28 Court of Honor

September 11, 2012

We had 7 rank advancements and 56 merit badges presented at the Troop 28 Court of Honor on September 11, 2012 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

- Adam A Star** Motorboating
- Thomas B Second Class** Camping Canoeing Climbing
Medicine Orienteering
- Michael B** Motorboating Water Sports
- Tyler B** Swimming
- David C Second Class**
- Ryan F** Swimming
- Robert F** Kayaking Swimming Wood Carving
- Drew G** Art Nature Wood Carving
- Nalin G Second Class** Canoeing First Aid
- Knox G Tenderfoot** First Aid Kayaking Reptile/Amphibian
Swimming
- Josh K Tenderfoot** Swimming
- Joe M** Swimming
- Christopher M** Lifesaving Personal Fitness Water Sports
- Garrett M** Motorboating
- Thomas R** Motorboating Water Sports
- Alex S** Swimming
- Stephen S** Art Basketry Canoeing Fingerprinting Medicine
Space Exploration Weather
- Griffin S** Canoeing Rifle Shooting Wood Carving
- Alex W Life** Family Life
- Patrick W** Motorboating
- Edward Y** Camping Canoeing Emergency Preparedness
Medicine Nature
- Victor Y** Art Mammal Study Nature Swimming

Shinleaf Campout

September 21-23, 2012

'Blue Heron' was the campsite that the Troop used for this campout. Scouts quickly emptied the trailer at 6:30 pm, selected their tent sites, and set up their tents before the darkness of night completely set in. Scouts worked on cooking skills, and then went on a 2 ½ mile hike along Falls Lake Saturday morning. After lunch, former Scoutmaster Dennis Ritter arrived and taught axe yard skills to five 1st year Scouts. They then demonstrated their new skills to the level needed to earn the 'Totin' Chip' card. Mr. Stroup kindly brought his kayaks for some practical lessons. The evening's campfire allowed some Scouts to work on their 'presentation' skills, and have some fun and serious talk. Scouts working on 2nd class campfire skills cooked their meals over the open fire.



Climbing Merit Badge Day

September 15, 2012

On September 15th ten scouts participated in a Climbing Merit Badge Day at Triangle Rock Club in Morrisville. Scouts attending were: **Alex W, Stephen S, Griffin S, Josh K, Nalin G, Knox G, Drew G, Dylan C, David C, Tyler B,**. The scouts learned about the proper climbing equipment, safety, and techniques on climbing, repelling and belaying. The staff at TRC worked for a couple of hours on verbal instructions with the boys. Then the boys spent the remaining hours practicing and perfecting the skills they had just been taught. A great big THANKS goes out to the staff at TRC. Also THANKS to Debbie King for organizing!



Troop 28

2012 Campout & Activities Dates

October	5-7	Occoneetchee BSA Camporee
October	13	Cary Merit Badge University
October	19-21	Grandfather Mountain – Campout and hike
October	27	Open Rock climb Pilot Mountain (could turn into an overnigher)
October	28	Orienteering Class
November	9-10	LDS Merit Badge Clinic
November	16-18	Umstead Park Campout
December	5	Troop Activities
December	8-9	Camp Durant - Campout and Tower climbing

[Troop 28 Website](http://www.troop28raleigh.org)

www.troop28raleigh.org

Almost certainly, you have visited the Troop website at some point. Scouts and parents alike often use the site to learn about merit badges, rank advancement, high adventure, or to access the troop newsletter.

[Merit Badge Universities](#)

Mark your calendars and watch for more info on this upcoming event

1. LDS Merit Badge Clinic - sponsored by the Church of Latter-Day Saints, Friday and Saturday, November 9-10. We have participated in this clinic the past 2 years. There is no charge for the event, but Scouts are usually asked to bring canned goods for a food drive. Registration opens on September 23 and isn't on-line yet. You can see details about last year's event here:

<http://www.meritbadge.info/mbn/eventdetails.aspx?id=840E49AA-04C6-432A-A89D-37D7A4DD7222>

NEEDED:

2 adults to attend with the scouts.

If available please contact Deanna Munt.

[Occoneetchee](#)

Check out the Occoneetchee Scout Sign newsletter at:
<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=112924>

[POPCORN](#)

Popcorn sales started with a BANG as some of the scouts from Troop 28 held a Storefront Sale at the WalMart Brier Creek on Saturday & Sunday, September 22 & 23.

The second weekend of Popcorn sales again had scouts from Troop 28 selling popcorn storefront at the WalMart Triangle Town Center on Sunday, September 30.

If you weren't able to participate in these 2 weekends don't worry! We have 2 more weekends for you to volunteer.

October 6 & 7 at WalMart Brier Creek

October 13 & 14 WalMart Triangle Town Center

[Troop 28 Sailing](#)

September 8, 2012

Six older Scouts were fortunate to be able to take a day trip to Oriental for a large-boat sailing experience, which was graciously hosted by Mr. Joe Hotard of Hotard Associates. Scouts were first introduced to sailing safety practices, and then assisted Mr. Hotard as he piloted the 39-foot s/v Lagniappe out of the harbor and into the sound. Once in the sound, Scouts took turns on either manning the wheel, or trimming the sails using sheets and winches. Scoutmasters Murrell and Stroup monitored as [Andy P](#), [Chris M](#), [Garrett M](#), [Patrick W](#), [Thomas R](#), and [Michael B](#) enjoyed the experience. A specially mounted propane grill was used to cook hot dogs, and the Scouts also took time to have some swimming fun as well. Near the end of the afternoon, the group hurried back to the harbor, just in time to tie up before a passing thunderstorm came by. A big 'Thank you' to Mr. Hotard for his kindness and generosity!



TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER



Occoneechee Eagle Breakfast

October 31, 2012

The gathering will be from 7:00 am to 8:15 am and will provide you with a unique opportunity to meet and connect (or re-connect) with other Eagle Scouts in our community.

There will be recognitions for the oldest Eagle, the youngest Eagle, and the unit that has the most Eagles in attendance.

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

Highland United Methodist Church

1901 Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC

Breakfast service begins at 7:00 am.

Free for Eagles under 21!! "Mature" Eagles pay \$20 either in advance or at the door.

To register, please call the Occoneechee Council Office at (919) 872-4884, or email Brandon Stokes, the Impeesa District Executive, at bstokes@bsaemail.org.



Troop 28 Eagle Projects

Andy P and Chris M have completed work on their Eagle Projects and are now finishing up with their Merit Badges and paper work.

Troop 28 also has a couple of Life Scouts who will be starting on their projects in the near future. Watch for ways you can help!

Quiz Question:

What Merit Badge is depicted?



"It takes less time to do a thing right than to explain why you did it wrong."

-- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, poet

September Meetings' Summary

September 4, 2012

Regular Meeting-Rank requirements work

September 11, 2012

Court of Honor

September 18, 2012

Regular Meeting - Campout planning at Burger King

September 25, 2012

PLC Meeting

The Occoneechee Lodge Holiday Challenge

Take the weekend after Thanksgiving, 50 miles of trails, 50 experienced hikers, 24 hours, and a bunch of support staff and what do you get? Yep, it's the annual Holiday Challenge!!!

When: November 24-25, 2012

Where: Falls Lake Mountains to Sea Trail (Wake Forest NC, just north of Raleigh)

What: 50 miles in 24 hours (beastly)

Who: Registered Scouts and Scouters in the Occoneechee Council

Registration: \$50 per participant. 4-person relay teams are permitted @ \$150 per team. Larger relay teams are welcome but must be requested with group details to the event organizers.

Website: www.104challenge.net

Proceeds will benefit the Charlie Sullivan Training Center at Camp Durant and the Mountains to Sea Trail.

The challenge begins at 2:00 PM on Saturday afternoon and continues until 2:00PM on Sunday. Your path will follow the NC Mountains to the Sea Trail from the Falls Lake dam and continue west for 25 miles towards Creedmoor Rd.

There you will stop for a midnight snack and then begin your return trek to the starting point. All along your path you'll have the support of other Occoneechee Scouts, hosting check-points, food/meal/drink stations, and providing first aid. You will also have lovely views through the woods and along the lake during the hike (when there's daylight).

But wait, there's more!

Your challenge is not just the hike. This is a fundraiser for the Charlie Sullivan Training Center at Camp Durant and the Mountains to Sea Trail. There is no minimum requirement of funds to be raised this year, and we are simply accepting charitable donations of any amount from participants and/or non-participant supporters. It's all for a good cause.

But wait, there's more!

Not feeling up to a long hike? We need small groups of volunteers to work the eight (8) aid stations that will be set up along the trail, each only requiring a commitment of a 3-hour shift. Your group will be like a shining beacon of welcome hospitality to the scouts and scouters who face the challenge of the trail.

Are you up to the Challenge? Would you like to be a volunteer? Want more information??

Event Chairman - Stephen Frein (OA youth member) - stephen.frein@yahoo.com

Event Advisor - Stuart Thomas (OA adult member) - stthomas@well.com

General Information - CSHolidayChallenge@gmail.com

Website - www.104challenge.net

Impeesa District Scouter Recognition

Nov. 2, 2012 Nomination Deadline

The Impeesa District Dinner will be held on Thursday December 6, 2012 - (Location TBD)

We will again be recognizing Scouters across Impeesa District. You can nominate the Scouters in Impeesa District for awards in three categories:

1. District Award of Merit - Nomination
2. SM / CM / VL / Commissioner of the Year - Nomination
3. Most Valuable Scouter - One Per Unit

Please take the time to nominate a Scouter who has made a difference.

A word of explanation on the Most Valuable Scouter.

We developed this award in the former Falls District to allow each unit (pack, troop, crew or team) to recognize one of its adults who best exemplifies Most Valuable Scouter *however that unit defines it*. It can be the unit leader, or an assistant leader, or a committee member, or a parent who is always there to drive on camping weekends, or who organizes Popcorn or summer camp or unit training or unit rechartering. *The unit determines who their Most Valuable Scouter is* and submits the nomination form to the district so we will have the person's name and bio for introducing him/her at the District Dinner. We know that every unit has someone who is the glue that holds things together, the spark that gives energy to every unit activity, someone who deserves to be recognized and thanked for their devotion to Scouting.

Submit your nominations by Friday November 2, 2012 - 3pm at the Council Office.

YiS,

Ed Miller Impeesa District Advancement and Recognition Committee



2013 BSA JAMBOREE

July 15th-24th, 2013. <http://www.ocscouts.org>
Summit Bechtel Reserve
www.BSAJamboree.org

July 15th through July 24th, 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.

Troop 28 Uniform closet

SHIRTS:

Youth:

Short-sleeved:

- 1 -Med w/crest patch, council patch, troop numbers & shoulder cuffs
- 2 -Large (no patches)

Long-sleeved:

- 1 -med w/council patch & crest patch
- 1 -large w/council patch
- 1 -large (no patches)

Women:

Short sleeved:

- 1 - large w/troop numbers and world crest patch

Men:

Short-sleeved:

- 1 - small w/troop numbers

Long-sleeved:

- 1 - small w/council patch
- 1 - medium (no patches)

PANTS:

Youth:

- 1 - large Switchback nylon
- 1 - size 8 Convertible Cotton/poly (Dk Gr), zip off bottoms (small stain on zip off leg)

Men:

- 1 - size unknown not zip off stain on back leg

SHORTS:

Youth:

- 2 - size unknown olive green
- 1 - size unknown poly/cotton blend
- 1 - large swimshorts (green)

Adult:

- 1 - size unknown cotton/poly blend
- 1 - 36 waist cotton/poly
- 1 - 30 waist cotton/poly

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- 2 - med/lrg hats
- 1 - Camp Raven Knob hat
- 2 - pair green socks (new)
- 1 - 36" black belt
- 1 - 41" green belt
- 1 - 37" green belt
- 1 - med/lrg mesh hat
- 1 - Stearns raincoat L/XL
- 1 - pair white socks
- 1 - 41" dark blue belt
- 1 - 34" green belt

-----See Debbie King for information on these items.-----

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

A Scout is Friendly

What's the fourth point of the Scout Law? 'A Scout is friendly.' Do you have as many friends as you'd like to have? Real friends, I mean? The kind of guys you're glad to see, and who are glad to see you?

Lots of us would like to make more friends. The secret of making friends is simple - being friendly. If you're a put down artist, or if you're always trying to rip off everybody or get the better of them in some way you're not going to have many friends. Nobody likes to be put down or ripped off.

The Bible gives the key to making friends. It's called the Golden Rule - 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' That's a great rule to remember in everything you do. And it's a perfect prescription for making friends.

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