



September  
2012

**Troop 28**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church -- Raleigh, NC

**Upcoming Events**

- September 4 7:00 pm - Troop Meeting  
7:00 pm - Committee Meeting  
Impeesa Roundtable
- September 6 Sailing - Oriental, NC (14 & Over)
- September 8 6:30 Court of Honor
- September 11 Triangle Rock Club -  
Climbing Merit Badge
- September 15 (Not @ GSLC)  
7:00 pm - Troop Meeting
- September 18 Shinleaf Campout
- September 21-23 Popcorn Storefront Sales  
WalMart Brier Creek
- September 22 Popcorn Storefront Sales  
WalMart Brier Creek
- September 23 7:00 pm - Troop PLC
- September 25 Popcorn Storefront Sales  
WalMart Triangle Town Center
- September 29 Popcorn Storefront Sales  
WalMart Triangle Town Center
- September 30 Popcorn Storefront Sales  
WalMart Triangle Town Center

**Troop 28  
Climbing Merit Badge Day**

September 15, 2012



Mark your calendars for Triangle Rock Club (102 Pheasant Wood Court, Morrisville) Saturday, September 15th 1:00-6:00pm. Each scout will pay that day. Each parent will have to sign a Minor Waiver; you can do that there or ahead of time.

<http://trianglerockclub.com/parties-and-groups-2/>

Please make sure that you get a Merit Badge blue card approval signature from Mr. Murrell before the 15th. For more information contact Debbie King.

**August Campout**

August 25-26, 2012

With plans set for 8 Scouts and 4 Leaders to go on a New River Canoe campout Mr. Stroup found out the water in the New River was low and canoes were hitting bottom. With a quick change of plans the leaders and scouts were off to Jordan Lake and canoed on the Cape Fear River. Scouts: David C, Dylan C, Drew G, Nalin G, Christopher M, Garret M, Alex W, Patrick W. Leaders: Annette Green, John Murrell, Mark Robbins, Hank Stroup.



## Troop 28 2012-2013 Campout & Activities Dates

### 2012

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

### 2013

|               |       |                             |
|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| January       | 11-13 | Snowshoe Skiing Weekend     |
| February      | 15-17 | Campout                     |
| March         | 22-24 | Campout                     |
| April         | 6     | NCSU Merit Badge University |
| April         | 19-21 | Campout                     |
| May           | 10-12 | Campout                     |
| May           | 17-19 | OA Spring Inductions        |
| May 31-June 2 |       | Campout                     |

## Troop 28 Clothes Closet

The Troop 28 clothes closet is up and running again. We have a variety of clothing; shirts, pants, shorts and some accessories. Most of them are Youth sizes.

If you have uniforms or troop t-shirts you have outgrown please consider donating them to our troop clothes closet. For more info contact Debbie King.



## Troop 28 T-shirt Design Competition

Watch for more info on the new Troop t-shirts for ordering. Debbie King is coordinating this project.

## Troop 28 Website

[www.troop28raleigh.org](http://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 these upcoming events

1. Merit Badge University - sponsored by Cary Troop 613 Colonial Baptist Church, Cary, NC on Saturday, October 13 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. This is the first time they have done an MBU and cost is \$25 per Scout. Details can be found at the following link:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/troop613cary/merit-badge-university>
2. 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>
3. Climbing Merit Badge Day at Triangle Rock Club - September 15. This is a great way to prepare for the Open Rock climb at Pilot Mountain, scheduled for October 27. Website: <http://trianglerockclub.com/parties-and-groups-2/>

## NEEDED:

**2 adults to attend with the scouts.**

**If available please contact Deanna Munt.**

## Search and Rescue Merit Badge

Search & Rescue the BSA's 130th current merit badge – has finally arrived. Search and Rescue merit badge, or SAR for short, has an official earn date of Monday, Aug. 20. That's the first day Scouts can start working on requirements for the merit badge.



## Occoneechee

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

**Troop information to be included in the next newsletter should be submitted to**  
**[scouter28@mindspring.com](mailto:scouter28@mindspring.com)**

## TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER



### Andy P's Eagle Project

For my project, I replaced four railroad tie bordered islands surrounding plants and vegetation in the parking lot of Good Shepard Lutheran Church. The wooden boarders where deteriorating and needed to be replaced. Each islands perimeter measured approximately 88 feet. It took about five days to complete, and the hardest thing about the project was removing the steel rebar. Helpers helped by removing the old rebar with crowbars, and they also helped put in the new rebar and hammered rebar through it, to hold it in place. With the project complete, I am now working on completing the last of my Eagle Requirements and hope to have them all done by the end of the year. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Sincerely,  
Andrew Paff



## August Meetings' Summary

August 6, 2012

Beaverdam, Falls Lake Meeting -  
Reviewing Canoeing & Kayaking

August 13, 2012

Regular Meeting

August 21, 2012

Regular Meeting

August 28, 2012

PLC Meeting

*"It's determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal that will enable you to attain the success you seek." --*

*Mario Andretti, Race Car Driver*

### Quiz Question:

What Merit Badge is depicted?



## COOKING

### Campfire Cookout

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 green bell pepper, sliced
- 4 large carrots, sliced
- 4 large potatoes, sliced
- 1 large onion, sliced
- Worcestershire sauce

Mix ground beef, salt and pepper. Shape into 4 large patties. place each patty on a large square of heavy-duty foil. Cover each patty with prepared vegetables, then sprinkle each meal liberally with Worcestershire sauce. Cook for 15 minutes over hot coals, then turn and cook on the other side for 15 minutes.

## Meet the Assistant Scoutmasters

### Dennis Ritter

**When did you join Troop 28?** I became assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 28 in March 2004 when my youngest son, Kevin, bridged over from Pack 28 into the troop. I was already an assistant scoutmaster at Troop 104 for 3 years with my older son, and he transferred to troop 28 as well.

**What have you done with the troop?** I have planned many troop meetings, outings, campouts and summer camps. I became Scoutmaster in 2005 and I went thru many of the BSA courses offered to the adult volunteers, including the Woodbadge course, in order to become a better leader. I have been with the boys on summer camp 7 times and I took a group of Venture Scouts to camp Sea Base in Florida for a week long sailing adventure.

**What are you focusing on now?** Eagle adviser, to help any Life scout in the troop on their path to Eagle.

**What are your favorite activities?** Almost anything outdoors, such as hiking, camping, backpacking and gardening. I enjoy travel and seeing new things. I also like to build stuff and enjoy woodworking, carpentry, construction and cooking. I also really enjoy working with our youth to help them learn a new skill and to develop good character and leadership. It's fascinating to watch them grow.

**Any words of advice for the Scout parents?** Consider the EDGE method as a parent. When a boy first joins the troop as a boy scout, he may have a lot of apprehension and questions. As a parent you can explain to him what to expect and what to do. If you are not sure yourself, you and your son can ask one of the adult leaders in the troop to explain. As your son grows and becomes more comfortable in the troop, he may still need you to demonstrate how to do things, such as how to get ready for a campout. With further experience, your scout may only need some Guidance. Eventually, they have the program figured out and they need you to just enable them to continue to grow in scouting. Have your son share with you what they have learned or what they enjoy about scouting. It could be learning a new skill in a merit badge session, or a great campout, or usually it is the new and fun game the troop played. Boy scouts offer a great opportunity for your scout to learn, grow and become leaders, if you let them. For new scout parents, I also recommend to get involved in the troop and work with the other adults. I have made some really great friends with the other adults in the troop over the years.

## 2013 BSA JAMBOREE

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

Summit 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.

## Meet the Committee Members

### Deanna Munt

My name is Deanna Munt and I am the Merit Badge and Advancements Coordinator for Troop 28. My son crossed over into the Troop from Pack 28 in March of 2009, where I had served as a Den Leader for all 5 years of our involvement.

My primary responsibility with the Troop has been to provide Scouts with information about merit badge events, help them complete the badges they did not finish at camps or clinics and review work that they have done independently. I also keep records of the Scouts' achievements, record and report their advancements to Occaneechee Council and procure all of the awards for the Courts of Honor.

While so much of the work I do for the Troop focuses on advancements, the activities I most enjoy are outdoors. I truly miss the Cub Scout days when entire families cooked and sang together around the campfire. However, it is very rewarding to watch the Scouts mature and become more independent through the years. I am very proud of all of them.

My bit of advice for parents: Help your Scout document his Scouting life. Keep a record of all of his activities and take a lot of pictures! This will not only help him immensely as he prepares an application for Eagle Scout, but it will help you and your Scout remember all the great times he has had as a member of Troop 28.



## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Have you ever been in or seen a Soapbox Derby? You know, where you ride a cart down a hill. Or, have you ever ridden a sled down a long hill? Or, how about floated down river in an innertube?

These all have three things in common. They're all fun. They all require no effort - you just sit there and coast. And, they all take you downhill.

Just like in those activities, you can coast doing other things. You can coast through school, just getting good enough grades. You can coast through sports, just playing the games. You can even coast through life until your time is done. But, just like riding in a cart - coasting through life is all downhill.

To achieve a goal is uphill - there's no coasting. There's work, effort, and sometimes sacrifice. But, there is also great reward! When you coast, you don't just stay even, you lose - you go downhill.

Remember, Coasting is All Downhill

**Moral of this story: You have to put forth effort to advance.**