



Upcoming Events

- January 8 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
7:00 pm - Committee Meeting
- January 11-13 Troop 28 Snowshoe Skiing
- January 15 7:00 pm - Troop Meeting
Pack 33 Webelos Visiting
- January 22 7:00 pm - Troop Meeting
- January 26 Pack 28 Pinewood Derby
Volunteers Needed
- January 29 7:00 pm - Troop PLC
Not at GSLC
- February 3 2:00 pm - Parents' meeting
- February 5 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
7:00 pm - Committee Meeting
- February 9 Pack 33 Webelos Umstead Hike
Volunteers Needed
- February 12 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
Not @ GSLC
- February 15-17 Troop 28 Campout
Uwharrie Backpacking
- February 19 7:00 pm - Troop Meeting
- February 23 Highland Merit Badge University
- February 26 7:00 pm - Troop PLC

Troop 28 Kayaking

November & December 2012

Scouts from Troop 28 have been working on their Kayaking Merit Badge. Hank Stroup, Assistant Scoutmaster, purchased several smaller kayaks, and has led several nights of Kayaking instruction at Optimist pool. The Scouts have been able to have fun and work on kayaking skills that can prove to be very helpful during future outings and whitewater challenges. Several Scouts have developed their fundamental understanding to the level that they can now capably teach some basics to novice kayakers.

Umstead Park Campout

November 16-18, 2012



The Scouts tried a new venue for the November campout, and it was one that involved about the shortest drive that we have ever had.

Troop 28 is 25! Court Of Honor

November 27, 2012



Thomas R, Senior Patrol Leader and Alex W, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader served as Master of Ceremonies for the celebration and Court of Honor.



Thanks were given to Pastor Sloop and David Dahl, who had the vision and founded Pack 28, and then Troop 28 twenty-five years ago at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Both men were recognized and presented with a plaque for their service to the Troop and community.



Assistant Scoutmaster Mark Robbins was recognized as Troop 28's Most Valuable Scouter for 2012. Thanks to Mark for his consistent dedication, time, and hard work.



Past Scoutmasters: David Dahl, Hank Stroup, and Dennis Ritter, alongside current Scoutmaster: John Murrell

Troop 28 2012-2013

Campout & Activities Dates

2013

February	3	Scout Sunday; Parent meeting
February	15-17	Uwharrie Backpacking
March	22-24	Merchant Millpond Campout
April	6	NCSU Merit Badge University
April	19-21	Camp Campbell Campout
May	10-12	Canoeing Campout
May	17-19	OA Spring Inductions
May 31-June 2		Grayson Highlands Backpacking
June 30-July 6		Summer Camp

Court of Honor cont'd.

November 27, 2012

Thank you note from Pastor Sloop:

What a stellar 25th Troup anniversary last night. Every detail -- food, decorations, program -- communicated the significance of the event. Thank >you and the Troop committee for all your efforts. Best wishes for continued scouting!! Gratefully, in Christ, PD

Pack 28 Pinewood Derby

January 26, 2013



Start your Engines!! Remember when you were a Cubscout and made a car for the Pinewood Derby in your Pack? Well now you can again. The

Scouts of Troop 28 have been invited to participate in the Pack 28 Pinewood Derby. How you ask? Volunteer the day of the Race and bring your own car. There will be a separate division for Scout cars! Contact Mr. Murrell immediately if you wish to volunteer and/or race!

Volunteer Opportunities

- January 26 Pack 28 Pinewood Derby
(Scouts who volunteer have been invited to enter their own car in a special race)
- February 9 Pack 33 Webelos
Umstead Park Hike
- April 20 Pack 28 Rocket Launch

If you are able to help with any of these activities please let one of the Scoutmasters know.



SPOTLIGHT A SCOUT!

This could be a story about you!

Wanted stories about scouts in Troop 28! What have you been doing in school? Tell us about your family! What is your favorite hobby! What has been the best campout so far! Where would you like the troop to go on a future campout and why?

You get the picture! We need articles from you (scouts and parents)!

Time to brag!



Thank You to NRPC

December 11, 2013

Troop 28 would like to thank North Raleigh Presbyterian Church for allowing us to meet there on December 11, 2013.

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

TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER



Troop 28 currently has 2 Life Scouts who are finishing up on their Eagle projects and several other Life Scouts who should be starting to work on their projects in the near future. Watch for opportunities to help on the upcoming projects.

Occoneechee Council National Youth Leadership Training

Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16, 2013 and
Friday, June 28 - Sunday, June 30, 2013

What is NYLT? - The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course was developed by the Boy Scouts of America to provide local councils with a standardized training course for the youth or "junior" leaders of Boy Scout troops, Varsity teams, and Venturing crews (male and female). This two extended-weekend course is designed to parallel and complement the training that their adult leaders receive in Wood Badge. Experience shows that NYLT makes a positive difference in the lives of its graduates and in the operation of their units.

Prerequisite Requirements - NYLT is not designed to be the initial training for youth leaders. All participants will need considerable experience in outdoor living skills and the maturity to relate to the in-depth concepts presented in the Leadership Skills area. Although the course is a lot of fun, it is physically and mentally demanding. For these reasons, participants will need to meet the following requirements:

- Minimum age of 13. Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must be 13 years of age and fall within the maximum age allowance for their program registration with outstanding Scouting spirit and team-player attitude.
- Be First-Class rank or higher with considerable experience in outdoor living (including at least one year of summer camp) and have completed Troop Leadership Training (TLT).
- Other youth participants must be at least 14 and fall within the maximum age allowance for their program. They must have completed Crew Officer Orientation, the Venturing Leadership Skills Course, or the new Crew Leadership Training. They must have an outstanding Scouting spirit, a team-player attitude and considerable experience in outdoor living.
- Good physical condition (must submit a completed copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record at beginning of course)
- Scoutmaster/Crew Leader's recommendation (must submit Scoutmaster/Crew Leader Nomination Form)

<http://ocscouts.doubleknot.com/document/2013-nylt-participant-application/120554>

Quiz Question:

What Merit Badge is depicted?



Merit Badge Universities

February 23 Highland United MB University
April 6 NCSU MB University

Eagle Merit Badge Changes



Cooking Merit Badge

Effective Jan. 1, 2014, the Cooking merit badge will be required in order to obtain the Eagle Scout rank. Regardless of when a Scout earned the Life rank or began working on Eagle, unless he fulfills all the requirements—with the exception of his board of review—before Jan. 1, 2014, he must earn the Cooking merit badge to become an Eagle Scout.

Sustainability Merit Badge

Upon the release of the **Sustainability Merit Badge** during the summer of 2013, Sustainability becomes available as an option with Environmental Science as an Eagle-required merit badge. At that time Scouts may choose to earn Sustainability in place of the currently required Environmental Science. Scouts who have already earned Environmental Science may also earn Sustainability, but only one of the two merit badges would count as "Eagle-required." The other, however, may count as one of the others necessary to reach the total of 21 required merit badges.

COOKING

30 Minute Stew Recipe

Required:

1 pot with lid

Ingredients:

1 lb hamburger

2 med potatoes, unpeeled and cut into small pieces

2 Tbsp minced onion

1 1/4 tsp salt

1 tsp instant beef bouillon

2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce

1 16oz can diced tomatoes and juice

1 8oz can cut green beans and juice

Instructions:

Brown hamburger in pot and drain.

Add all other ingredients and stir.

Cover and cook for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Serves about 4

Ideas for Everyday Kindness and Good Turns

Source: *The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation*

- Bring flowers to work and share them with coworkers.
- Garden clubs can make floral arrangements for senior centers, nursing homes, hospitals, police stations, or shut-ins.
- Adopt a student who needs a friend, checking in periodically to see how things are going.
- Volunteer to be a tutor at a school.
- Extend a hand to someone in need. Give your full attention and simply listen.
- Merchants can donate a percentage of receipts for the week to a special cause.
- Bring coworkers a special treat.
- Students can clean classrooms for the custodian.
- Buy a stranger a free pizza.
- Distribute lollipops to kids.
- Sing at a nursing home.
- Offer a couple of hours of babysitting to parents.
- Slip paper hearts that say "It's Random Acts of Kindness Week! Have a great day!" under the windshield wipers of parked cars.
- Have a charity day at work, with employees bringing nonperishable food to donate.
- Serve refreshments to customers.
- Draw names at school or work, and have people bring a small gift or treat for their secret pal.
- Remember the bereaved with phone calls, cards, plants, and food.
- Treat someone to fresh fruit.
- Pay a compliment at least once a day.
- Call or visit a homebound person.

Troop 28 Website

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.



Occoneetchee

Check out the Occoneetchee Scout Sign newsletter

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

Robert Baden-Powell



SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

A Scout is Obedient

The Scout Handbook explains being Obedient this way: 'A Scout follows the rules of his family, school and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.'

So, you may not agree with some rules - if that's the case, then you should work to understand them and then work to get them changed. Simply disobeying them creates chaos and possibly danger.

Examples of rules to obey are Traffic Rules. If you decide that that big, red, octagon sign isn't going to stop you, then you'll be in big trouble. If you decide to see what its like to drive in England and use the left-hand side of the road, you'll be in big trouble.

These are rules that everyone understands and follows to keep traffic moving safely. They are arbitrary rules - we could have decided that green meant STOP and red meant GO, but now that they are in place, we all obey them.

The same is true in your family, school, troop, and whenever you interact with people. If you are a hermit in the mountains by yourself, then you can do whatever you want. But, in society, we obey rules and work to change those that may be unjust or unfair.