



BSA Troop 28 Raleigh, NC



February 2014

Important News::: Scoutrack-From Committee Chair Jamie Gordon

We are very excited to have added Scoutrack as our main communication tool within Troop 28. Everyone has been sent an email invitation to join to Scoutrack, and as of Feb. 1, we are using this program to send emails, track events, post permission forms, etc... We have linked you to your scout's information on Scoutrack. When you log in, there is a "As A Parent of..." box on your home page. Please take a moment to click on "Change scout name's membership record" and add the detailed information that is missing for your scout, especially the emergency contacts, insurance, doctor, and allergies information. If you have not logged in or no longer have your invitation, please contact Laura Hudson at lauravhudson@gmail.com or Jamie Gordon at jamiiegordon13@gmail.com to have this information resent. We would like for every scout to also have access to Scoutrack to receive and view all Troop information. We do not have a current email address for many scouts; if your scout has not been invited to join, please have them send their email address to Laura or Jamie, too.

Impeesa District Crackerbarrel Social and Silent Auction.

Date: Feb 20, 2014

Time: 6:00-9:00 pm

Location: Raleigh Brewing Company, 3709 Neil Street, Raleigh, NC

Tickets: \$20 per person, includes 1 drink from cash bar plus soft drinks, food, live music and good company.

Dress: Casual

For adults only. Come and enjoy your Scouting friends outside of your unit or Roundtable. Proceeds will benefit the District Special Event FOS.

WHOO HOO!!! **Alex W.** has been approved for his EAGLE PROJECT!!! Look for information coming soon via Scout Track to earn some service hours in assistance with his project.

There are people who make things happen, there are people who watch things happen, and there are people who wonder what happened. To be successful, you need to be a person who makes things happen."

-James Lovell - Astronaut and Eagle Scout

UPCOMING EVENTS

2-4-14 PLC for Scout Leaders/Committee Meeting

2-22-14 Highland MBU/Climbing Camp Durant

3-14-14 Snowshoe snow sports weekend

4-12-14 Cycling Trip(Virginia Creeper)

5-16-14 Hiking/backpacking trip

Troop information to be included in the next newsletter should be submitted to fishadaughton@hotmail.com

Troop Dues of \$35.00 will be due by February 11th. This fee includes Court of Honors, advancement materials, and other miscellaneous expenses that the troop has over the year. This covers your scout until Dec. 31, 2014. Please make your check out to Troop 28 and give to Debbie King. Thank you!

SUMMER CAMP:

June 30 -July 5 Camp Cherokee
July 13-19 Camp Powhatan

!00.00 deposits are now due for camp. If you have not done so already, please email and let the summer camp coordinator at shaunaschmidt@goofy.org know right away, if you will be attending either camp. Your scout can go to both camps if they would like. There will be a deposit for each week that they will be attending.

I have synced the Troop's New ScoutTrack Calendar to our Troop website. The information you put in each calendar item's title and description will be open to the public on our website. Any documents or items associated with the calendar item are NOT public; these are not shared, but can be accessed by Troop members via the View Bulletin Board function on the bottom left of your ScoutTrack screen.

If you haven't yet logged in to ScoutTrack, now would be a good time to check it out.

I have deleted the old Google Calendar to avoid confusion. To sync your personal calendar with the New Google Calendar, please visit <http://www.troop28raleigh.org/event-calendar/> and use the "google calendar" button in the bottom right corner to add it to your calendars.

Now we will all update the Scout Track calendar and it will then populate the associated Google Calendar (and therefore the ScoutTrack calendar).

The only known problem is that sometimes Google takes 24 hours to show updates on their calendar (and therefore, on our website calendar) after they are made in Scout Track. Please be aware of this.

If you have any questions or run into any issues, please let me know.

Thank you! Laura Hudson lvhudson2003@yahoo.com

DEFY GRAVITY



Fun was had by all- well mostly! Some adults don't bounce like they use too!! The boys had a blast staying up and bouncing all night at DEFY GRAVITY the first weekend in January. Thanks so much to the boys who sold popcorn to make this night possible!

Hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

Ba Dum Dum!

*"When people talk, listen completely.
Most people never listen."
-- Ernest Hemingway*



SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

REVERENT

From the Scout Handbook - "A Scout is reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others."

As a scout experiences the wonders of the outdoors, stormy weather and calm blue skies, pounding surf and trickling streams, bitter cold and stifling heat, towering trees and barren desert, he experiences the work of God. Appreciating life in its multitude of forms, from the smallest insects to gigantic wildlife, a scout comes to terms with his place in the world. Though humans are the dominant beings on our planet, we need to play the role of steward rather than king - tending and caring for our world instead of taking all we can for our own comfort.

As technology continues to become more and more prevalent and people visit the wild places less and less, our connection to and understanding of our natural environment lessens. We take shelter, food, comfort, and entertainment for granted rather than needing to work for it. When we never have to harvest an apple from a tree, kill a fish or animal for meat, or put on layers of clothes to stay warm, we lose the sense of awe and respect we should have for nature.

Many outdoors people claim that the wilderness is their 'church' rather than a specific structure or organization. These people revere in the awesome power of God by being in the thick of natural creation. The reverence expressed for the world and its creation is common ground that all scouts can reach when struggling to understand the last point of the Scout Law.

No matter the specific religion or denomination, being reverent toward God should include our natural environment. In nature, there is no good or evil, just survival. Animals don't have the human vices of lust, pride, envy, gluttony, greed, sloth, and anger. We can learn a lot about simplifying and enjoying life from observing the wild creatures. We can also learn how our ability to care for and serve others puts us above the simple animals.

While in the wilds, a scout may come face-to-face with God. He may feel God around him in the wind, the water, the earth, and the open, wild beauty. When the scout returns home, he needs to continue that respect and awe toward God by participating in the practices of his religion. Becoming a complete citizen includes fulfilling expectations of the church to which a person belongs. What a great opportunity to share with other youth and adults in his church, when he returns from a backpacking trek. Faithfully performing his religious duties demonstrates his reverence while in civilization.

Respecting the beliefs of others can be a challenge. It does not mean to accept and believe those other beliefs. It means to allow other people the freedom to believe what they have found to be true in their lives. In a scout troop associated with a specific church, practices of that church can be used on scouting activities with everyone having the same belief structure. But, in troops with scouts from various beliefs, we need to be careful not to promote specific practices of one group. For example, requiring scouts to remove their hats at grace may be appropriate for some religions but may be a demonstration of disrespect to God for another.

Reverence fosters joy and a cheerful heart, able to appreciate and care for the good in life.

A Scout is Reverent.