



# BSA Troop 28 Raleigh, NC



December, 2013

Check the last page for the events calendar! Parent meeting dates are included.

## WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

Committee Chair  
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Court of Honor Coordinators  
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Our scouts did a fantastic job working with the Webelos II from various packs during one of our November meetings. They talked about fire making and what it is like to be in a Boy Scout troop. Thanks to all the Boy Scouts who helped out!



Pictures provided by Troop Historian: Josh K

*"It has been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste time."*  
*Henry Ford, Ford Motor Company Founder*

*The first 3 scouts, who tell how this relates to your scouting, will get a yummy surprise at the December 10th meeting!*

What Merit Badge am I?? Can you complete me in February?



The PLC (Patrol Leaders Council), along with other Troop officers for the next 6 months are:

**SPL:** Michael B **ASPL:** Patrick W. **Scribe:** Chris A.. **Chaplain's Aide:** David C. **Quartermaster:** Adam A **.Historian:** Josh K. **Librarian:** Griffin S.

**Patrol Leaders:** Alex W., Stephen S., Alex T., C.J. M., Chris A.

**Asst. Patrol leaders:** Adam A., Alex S., Rishi D., Josh K., Will H.

**Troop Guide:** Chris M.

**Den Chiefs:** C.J. M., Russell J., Knox G.

# DO YOU NEED A BOARD OF REVIEW?



The Committee has decided to start offering a BOR night each month. This is a change from the way we have handled Boards of Review in the past. The Board of Review night will be published on the calendar for most months. If a scout needs a BOR, he should contact Jamie Gordon at [jamiegordon13@gmail.com](mailto:jamiegordon13@gmail.com) or 919-280-2594 to book a spot for that month's BOR night. As there are usually more requests for BOR's in the weeks leading up to a Court Of Honor, we will typically offer two opportunities in the weeks prior to a COH, but we will not offer one the week before the COH any longer, as it creates an unreasonably short timeline for our Awards Chair to secure rank awards for those who have earned it.

## Scoutmaster's Minute

### Positive Attitude Minute



A good positive attitude can truly change the way you approach life, and your future. Let me illustrate with a short story.

A few years ago, there was a wildlife organization out west that offered a bounty of \$5000 for wolves captured alive. Two friends, Sam and Jed, decided to make their fortune. Day and night, they scoured the mountains and forests looking for their valuable prey. Exhausted one night, they fell asleep dreaming of their potential fortune. Suddenly, Sam woke up a bit startled, and saw that they were surrounded by a huge pack of nearly 70 wolves with searing black eyes, and bared teeth. Low growls rumbling from their throats.

He slowly reached over and nudged his friend and said 'Jed, wake up! I think we're rich!'

Gentlemen, Sam had a positive attitude. I hope you do.

If you have a picture from camping, merit badge work, or a scout meeting that you would like to have published in the newsletter, please email it to [tishadaughton@hotmail.com](mailto:tishadaughton@hotmail.com).

# Scoutmasters Corner

## A SCOUT IS BRAVE

From the Scout Handbook - "A Scout is brave. A Scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him."

From a young boy screwing up the courage to look under his bed at night to an old man sharing stories of his life while on his deathbed, bravery comes in many shapes, sizes, and degrees. Bravery is certainly not the lack of fear, but the strength to overcome that fear. Without fear, there's no need for bravery.

Fear is a feeling you have based on your surroundings. If you sense danger, you feel fear. It's a natural and useful feeling. When a Scout experiences fear, he can either control it or let it control him. Courage controls fear and allows a Scout to keep a cool head, rise above the danger, and act in a brave way. When fear controls the person, he loses his sense of honor and his gut instinct of self-preservation takes over, causing acts of cowardice.

Cowardly acts are wide-ranging. Any situation in which a Scout finds himself can result in an act of courage or cowardice. Does he try to save a drowning man or stay on the safe shore? Does he stand up to a bully or walk away while a small child is harassed? Does he volunteer to lead a hike or stay in the back of the pack?

As a Scout matures, he must understand the tense feeling that comes up in his body when he experiences fear. He needs to train himself to respond to that feeling with a courageous rather than cowardly response. The specific situation does not matter. What is fearful for one person with little experience may be of no concern for someone else that has been through it before. Shooting a rifle, swimming underwater, climbing a tree, giving a speech, hiking at night are all examples of tasks that may be quite comfortable to one person but terrifying to another. Bravery is not needed for the one, but necessary for the other. A Scout needs to defend the weak, defend the truth, and defend his honor. Opportunities abound in daily life to demonstrate his commitment to these defenses. The brave Scout has a generous and kind heart, willing to put the needs of others ahead of his own. A person that is self-centered and brave may do courageous acts, but they will be based on the guide of self-preservation, much like the cowardly response to fear. When bravery is demonstrated in an act to aid others, which is admirable because the Scout has done his duty to others.

Since fear is a base human emotion, it is not a bad thing as is often thought. Fear gives strength and focus and, as long as it is

controlled, is a powerful force to perform great feats. Scouts should be encouraged to approach fearful situations, whatever they are for that Scout, head-on and with purpose. Taking on small challenges that are fearful to a young boy but have no real danger, such as looking under a bed or opening a closet door, helps him understand that *fear of the unknown* is most common. As he realizes with his mind that there is no real danger, his fear disappears. He also comes to accept that unknown or unseen possibilities should not be feared, but anticipated with relish to expand his experiences in the world. This is a big leap to take and a great step in maturity.

Most boys want to be strong and brave, much like movie heroes, able to overcome any obstacle. To prove themselves, they may do foolish things that are actually dangerous, such as walking a fence, jumping a creek, or fighting a bigger boy. These reckless challenges have consequences but have always and most probably will always be a part of a boy's life in some form or another. When a boy does such a task to prove his courage to himself, it can strengthen his resolve in other situations. But, if he is prompted to the task to win approval from other boys, he is actually being cowardly in bowing to their pressure.

This easily demonstrated physical bravery is obvious - the boy attempts the task or chickens out. A more subtle, internal bravery is that which compels a Scout to uphold his moral ideals. When he is tempted to lie, cheat, steal, or cover for someone else doing those things, he must be brave to decline and even more brave to tell authorities if necessary. By not going with the crowd, he may be ridiculed, outcast, or harassed. When the group is heading down a course that goes against the Scout's beliefs, the Scout Oath and Law, he is brave to stand and offer a different course. If he is overruled, then he must make the brave choice of leaving the group.

A Scout's moral ideals also help him to be brave when faced with challenges whose outcomes may only ever be known by him. Whether walking past a crying child without stopping or glancing at a classmate's test, fear can make us take the easiest, safest path. Fear of failure, fear of the unknown, fear of looking foolish, fear takes many forms and may cause bad habits. Making excuses and blaming others for mistakes rather than accepting the blame for actions and apologizing for mistakes are habits formed of fear. The Scout brave enough to accept consequences for his decisions is brave indeed.

A Scout is Brave.

EVENTS CALENDAR: Please note parent dates: Visit the Troop 28 website to click on date for additional details.

Parents meeting December 10, 2013: Youth Protections Video viewing: upstairs over gym; Additional Parent Meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> during the Scout Meeting

Permission slips for Defy gravity on December 17<sup>th</sup>

Court of Honor on December 17<sup>th</sup>: Chili cook off & sides- look SIGN UP GENIUS email end of the week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		7pm Troop meeting 7pm Troop 28 Comm		6:30pm Impeesa Dist		(7:00am) Troop 28
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Troop 28 campou		7pm Troop meeting: 7pm Parent Review				Open COPE
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Permission slips for 6:30pm Troop COH, C				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		No meeting (Christ	Christmas Day			
29	30	31	Jan 1	2	3	4
		New Year's Eve				1pm Troop 28 Adult 11pm Defy Gravity L
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		7pm Troop 28 Meeti 7pm Troop 28 Comm				9am Open COPE
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		7pm Troop 28 Meeti			(4:30pm) Possible Troop campout	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		7pm Board of Review 7pm Troop 28 Meeti				6pm Eagle Banquet
26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
		7pm PLC Meeting				