



# BSA Troop 28 Raleigh, NC



January 2014

## Greens or Jeans?

**Definitely Greens! Unless otherwise specified, Class "A" uniforms are to be worn to scout meetings. This includes, uniform shirt tucked into scout pants/shorts, belt, socks, and neckerchief. Parents please encourage your scout that they should BE PREPARED for their meetings wearing proper attire.**

**Parents, please mark your calendar to attend the troop meeting on Jan. 14, 2014.** We will be discussing a number of items including introducing our new form of troop communication. The meeting will begin at 7:00 and will be about an hour. Our troop has grown and there are many new families to meet and more opportunities for parents to volunteer.

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*

Troop Dues of \$35.00 will be due by February 11<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1-14-14 Parent/Scout Meeting 7:00**
  - 1-21-14 Scout Meeting/BOR available 7:00
  - 1-25-14 Eagle Banquet 6:00
  - 1-24-14 PLC
  - 2-22/23-14 Highland MBU/Climbing Campout at Camp Durant
  - 3-14/16-14 Snowshoe Snow Sports Weekend, families invited
  - 4-12/13-14 Cycling Trip (Virginia Creeper Trail)
  - 5-16/18-14 Raven Knob Hiking/backpacking trip
- The PLC and ASM's are working on completing the entire year of scouting calendar to make it easier for long term planning for the scouts and their families.

## Volunteer Hours

Remember to get your volunteer hours for rank advancement preapproved by Mr. Murrell or Mr. King if they are for hours not done with the troop.



## Troop 28 Website

[www.troop28raleigh.org](http://www.troop28raleigh.org)

Please visit the Troop website..

Scouts and parents alike often use the site to learn about merit badges, rank advancement, high adventure, or to access the troop newsletter.

**SUMMER CAMP:** July 13-19 Camp Powhatan  
Options may be available for another week of scout camp. Currently being researched, by Mrs. Jarvis, additional availability and choices of other camps and dates may be announced once that information has been gathered.

Ski trip information is at the end of this newsletter. The first deadline is approaching.

## Board of Review

The Boy Scouts of America Guide for Advancements details that the purpose of a Board of Review is to determine the quality of the scout's experience and decide whether he has fulfilled the requirements for the rank. It is not a retest of the information the badge requires but is, instead, an assessment of the learning experience, journey, and personal growth of the scout along the Scout trail. A board consists of three to six committee members, and the decision to award a rank or palm to a scout must be unanimous.

It is important for the scout to prepare himself for a Board of Review, in order to make the best possible impression. The scout is required to present himself in uniform and be clean and neat in appearance. The scout needs to demonstrate that he is living the Scout Oath and Law in his life. For all levels of rank, a scout needs to be able to recite the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, Scout Slogan, and the Scout Outdoor Code from memory. In order to advance, a scout needs to be a regular attendee of scout events, including meetings.

Troop 28 will have a monthly date on the calendar for Boards of Review. The scout should contact our Committee Chair, currently Jamie Gordon, in order to be put on the schedule. In the weeks leading up to a Court of Honor, the committee will hold more than one Board of Review night, if needed.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SCOUTS WHO WERE AWARDED RANK ADVANCEMENT IN DECEMBER!

2<sup>nd</sup> Class – Joe M & CJ M

1<sup>st</sup> Class – Dylan C

Star – Knox G

Life – Patrick W

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

## SCOUTING OPPORTUNITIES

: Raleigh Reptile Expo - FREE ADMISSION for Scout and Leaders; Discounts for Families

Since its inception in 2003, Repticon Reptile and Exotic Animal Expos has welcomed Scouts and their leaders to join our shows with discount tickets for family members and FREE ADMISSION for any Scout or leader wearing his/her Uniform **Repticon** returns to Raleigh on January 18 & 19, 2014, for another fun-filled and highly educational event.

As always, we invite all of our Scout troops and their families to join us for a great celebration of all things reptilian and amphibian. We also have invertebrates, spiders, furry critters and more! . Each can print as many tickets as they need so the entire family can come out to enjoy this great event. For more information about the show, please click [HERE](#) Our webpage will tell you all about the show time, place, activities, and ticket prices.

## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

### A SCOUT IS CLEAN

From the Scout Handbook - "A Scout is clean. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean."

There's no way to camp, hike, and play in the outdoors and not get dirty. Getting dirty is half the fun, whether it's tramping down a muddy trail or wiping dust off a sweaty brow. Many honorable jobs also result in a dirty body - farmers, mechanics, miners, and so on. This natural kind of dirt is not the heart of this point of the Scout Law, but it still needs to be managed.

Scouts can also make a huge impact on the cleanliness of their environment. Our care for the natural world needs to be improved. Bad habits of consuming more than we need and having no concern for the next generation need to be broken. Performing service and conservation projects are great ways to build the sense of servitude toward the community that each of us need to nurture.

Scouts that fail to keep their gear clean and dry discover it wears out faster or becomes ruined. Washing and sanitizing hands before cooking ensures a safe meal for everyone. Bathing each day helps remove harmful germs, dirt, and odors from a scout's body. The discipline of daily cleaning demonstrates maturity and responsibility as well as a commitment to the Scout Oath of keeping *physically fit*.

If it's not dirt, earth, and grime that makes a Scout dirty, what does? It's a simple chore to scrub dirt off skin, but a much more difficult task to clean up filthy thoughts, habits, and behaviors that accumulate in our lives. First a feeling of jealousy or mistrust towards someone, then a derogatory comment about them, and soon a person is a fountain of malice spewing forth filth, vulgarity, and hate. Cleaning up such a mess is nearly impossible, but fortunately takes a long time to develop. By keeping the mind and heart clean and not allowing the emotional grime to settle in, the problem is kept at bay.

Associating with other people that demonstrate clean minds and hearts is the best way to keep clean. Adult leaders that encourage, praise, and support others are like strong detergent. Scouting with other scouts that cheerfully provide service to the community, help others at all times, and accept responsibility helps keep a scout sparkling clean. Outside of scouting, the choice of friends plays the same role. Hanging out with people that use foul language, have malicious fun, or care only for themselves will engrain those habits in the scout.

The term *filthy liar* is spot on correct. Lying, cheating, and stealing are all habits formed from an unclean soul. Resolving to speak the truth and resist temptation to lie is the basis of being Trustworthy. It is manifest as clean, honest words and actions. A clean scout tempers his tongue and only speaks the truth in a kind manner. This is based on a sense of caring for others. Self-centered people have no care for others or how actions may effect them. An unselfish scout caring for the needs of others out of compassion is an industrial-strength vacuum on the dirt of his soul.

Dirty jokes, vulgar comments, racial slurs, ridicule, and swearing are often heard in many situations. They have no place in scouting and no place in a scout's life. Besides choosing to not say those kinds of things, a scout should also make it known that he will not tolerate those things. A single scout will most likely not change the behaviors of a group, but he can make his feelings known and then remove himself from the crowd. He can also support someone he finds as the butt of these comments and demonstrate compassion to those unclean louts, possibly helping them recognize their ways.

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From [www.boyscouttrail.com](http://www.boyscouttrail.com)

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 28  
SNOWSHOE WINTER SPORTS TRIP  
March 14 – 16, 2014**

**What:** Snowsports Winter Trip  
**Where:** Snowshoe Mountain Resort @ Snowshoe, WV  
**Departure:** **March 14, 2014 (Friday) @ TBD from GSLC**  
**Return:** **March 16, 2014 (Sunday) @ TBD**  
**Cost:**

- Lodging/Lift/Rental/: **\$160 per Skier/Rider (\$100 for Lodging only)**
- Lesson: **TBD**
- Food and Transportation : **TBD**

**Lodging**

- **Expedition Station:** Studio/4 individuals
- **Powder Monkey #11:** 3 Bedrooms/10-12 individuals
- At least one adult leader/family in each condo
- Other accommodations are available but will impact costs.

**Payment Schedule**

- First Payment - **\$100/participant – January 21, 2014**
- Second Payment - **\$60/participant – February 25, 2014**

**Additional Information:**

Please fill out and return the coupons below with required payment by the associated date. **Retain the remainder of the form for your information.** Make checks payable to **Boy Scout Troop 28.**

If you have any questions contact Hank Stroup (848-8766 or 362-2637 or 605-6201) or any of the other troop leaders.

**After January 21 Payment #1 is NOT refundable!!!!!!!**

**After February 25, Payment #2 is NOT refundable!!!!!!!**

<b>Coupon #2</b>	<b>Due February 25, 2014</b> Cost: <b>\$60</b> per Participants (Skiing) Number of Participants = _____ Total Payment = \$ _____
<b>Coupon #1</b>	<b>Due January 21, 2014</b> Cost: <b>\$100</b> per Participants (Lodging) Number of Participants = _____ Total Payment = \$ _____ Participant Name: _____ Participant Name: _____ Participant Name: _____ Participant Name: _____ Participant Name: _____ Participant Name: _____