

TROOP 28

February 2010

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, RALEIGH, NC

Upcoming Events

- February 1 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting
7:00 pm Committee Meeting
- February 4 - Falls District Roundtable
- February 7 - Troop 28 Ski Trip with Council
- February 7 - Scout Sunday
- February 8 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting - starting work on Camping Merit Badge
- February 15 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting
- February 22 - 7:00 pm PLC Meeting
- February 27 - Raleigh Merit Badge Univ. pg 2

January Activities

Carolina Hurricane Hockey Game - January 8, 2010 - Alex W, Penn H, Will G and Kevin R attended. There were 10 total, including family members.

Climbing Overnighter - January 16-17, 2010 - Thanks to Troop 104 for inviting our troop to join them on the climbing lock-in at the Triangle Rock Club. We had 11 scouts from our troop and everyone had a great time.

Recharter

New forms for recharter for 2010-2011 should be sent out within the next couple of days. These need to be turned in by February 23, 2010.

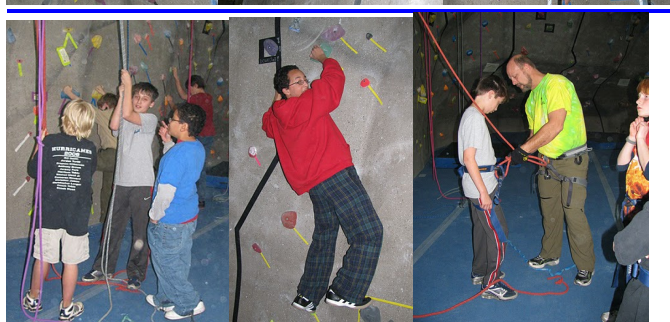
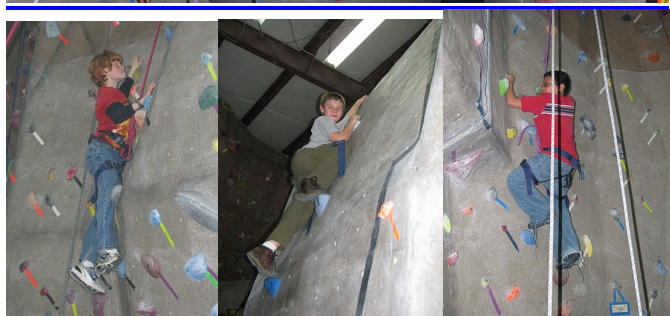
Fundraisers

Printer Cartridge - On going project - Don't forget to bring in your old phones or empty ink cartridges. Give to Lori or Dale Wilson or Patrick Williamson.

Uniform Program

The troop has a used uniform program. Kids can donate uniforms as they outgrow them, and new scouts can buy larger sizes as needed and save a lot of money. The stock is at the Ritter's house.

Check out the Falls in Focus, January 2010 Newsletter:
http://www.fallsdistrict.org//asset.php/articles/20100115_gbtze2/Falls%20District%20Jan%2010%20Newsletter.pdf





Celebrating 100 Years - A Year of Celebration

For the next five (5) months we will highlight one of the five awards in our newsletter.

http://www2.scouting.org/100years/100years/sitefiles/1000/YourSource/PlanningTools/A_Year_of_Celebration/BSA_Year_Patch_Earning.pdf

CHARACTER

Scouting is a character-building enterprise. Youth learn that personal responsibility and integrity are essential to accomplishing one's goals. They learn to do good turns without expectation of reward. They learn to be brave when challenged to do the right thing.

The Year of Celebration Character Award rewards recipients for engaging in an active conversation about living by the Scout Law. The award involves elements of citizenship, family life, and personal fitness. Scouts will reflect on their own character and values. Adults and alumni will rediscover the impact Scouting makes on their own character.

Complete three of the five requirements in each category to earn that award.

Boy Scouts

1. Participate in a flag ceremony, in uniform, for a non-Scouts organization.
2. Earn one of the Citizenship merit badges.
3. Present a written record of your daily Good Turns for a period of 30 consecutive days, verified by your parent, guardian, or Scout leader.
4. Provide two hours of assistance at an activity conducted by a Cub Scout pack, another troop or team, or other youth-serving organization approved by your Scout leader.
5. Conduct a family project (such as the examples found in the Family Life merit badge pamphlet) approved by your Scout leader.



Boy Scouts of America Night

Carolina Hurricanes vs. Phoenix Coyotes

Saturday, March 13, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. - RBC Center

Purchase your tickets thru the troop (deadline 3/3/10) and receive a new Hurricanes Patch, discounts off the gate price and group recognition on the scoreboard.

The Hurricanes are proud to present this special discount offer to Scouts and other special guests of each Unit.

**We look forward to seeing you at the RBC Center and
Thank You for supporting your Carolina Hurricanes!**

N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences

naturalsciences.org

IT'S FREE

Reptile & Amphibian Day

Saturday, March 13 (9a.m. - 5p.m.)

Old Salem Museums & Gardens

Scout Day

"Weaving the Threads of the Past"

March 20, 2010

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Presidential Volunteer Service Award

PVSA - is available to youth and adults for their volunteer service in Scouting and in other areas. Also, **Good Turn for America** provides volunteering and recognition opportunities.

<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>

Occoneechee Council

Annual Winterplace Snow Ski Trip

February 7, 2010



New Merit Badges

Scuba Diving is the first new Boy Scout merit badge in three years.

Four other new merit badges will appear over the course of the coming year:

- Inventing (First quarter 2010)
- Geocaching (Second quarter 2010)
- Scouting Heritage (Second quarter 2010)
- Robotics (Fourth quarter 2010)

As always, www.scouting.org is your best source for the most current information on merit badges.

Raleigh Merit Badge University

The following Scouts are registered to attend the Raleigh Merit Badge University on February 27, 2010 at Highland United Methodist Church.

Adam A, Michael B, Christopher M, Garrett, M, Ryan Q, Andy P, Thomas R, Raymond S, Luke V, Alex W, Grayson W, Patrick W, Edward Y.

For those attending don't forget to get your prerequisites done!

NATIONAL OUTDOORS AWARD BADGE

The program, conceived by the volunteer-led National Camping Task Force of the BSA, includes a series of five badges designed to recognize a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who has demonstrated knowledge and experience in performing high-level outdoor activities.

The five categories are:

Camping
Hiking
Riding
Aquatics
Adventure

Boys can apply for and earn any or all of the badges during their time in the program. To earn the award or awards, a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout must complete:

Relevant merit badges, which vary for each award.

- The First Class rank.
- Leave No Trace requirements.
- Activities measured by nights of camping, miles of hiking, miles of horseback riding, hours on or in the water, and other adventure activities.

Detailed requirements and application forms will be provided via MyScouting.org in early 2010. Scouts may count activities completed in previous years to qualify for these awards. Now, if those five awards aren't enough, there's the ultimate prize: **the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement**, which will be the highest outdoor adventure award in Scouting. The requirements for that medal are:

- Complete all five National Outdoor Award badges.
- Earn four additional outdoor merit badges.
- Receive training in Wilderness First Aid.
- Finish the Boy Scout Leave No Trace Trainer certification.
- Plan and lead a unit outing or serve as a youth staff member at a Council summer camp.

2010 River Kayaking Adventure

April -September events/classes

Deadline to register: March 15, 2010

Objective - To teach fundamental river kayaking skills, safety, and group management. 14 yrs old and adults

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Assistant Writers Wanted

Scouts are encouraged to write articles about the troop's activities and submit them for publication in the next newsletter to scouter28@mindspring.com.

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

Robert Baden-Powell

Historical Merit Badge Program



BSA's new **Historical Merit Badge Program** has a set of four discontinued merit badges that today's Scouts can earn.

Boys must start and finish all requirements within the year 2010.

JAMBOREE DAY TRIP

The Occoneechee Council will lead a bus trip to Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia to visit the Jamboree on Friday, July 30, 2010. This once-in-a-lifetime experience will depart Raleigh at approximately 5:00 a.m. and return the same day at approximately 11 p.m. Visitors will have between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to observe and visit the 65,000 Scouts and Scouters who comprise the 100th Anniversary's largest and best display of Boy Scouting in the USA!

Who can attend? Registered Occoneechee Council youth, adults, and their family members; family and friends of the Occoneechee Jamboree contingent members; and Scouting alumni. Youth, ages 5 to 17, must be accompanied by an adult. Children under five years old are not permitted.

What is the cost? \$50 per person. Includes round-trip coach bus transportation fees, custom souvenir items designed only for this Day Trip group, and dinner on the way home.

What is the process to sign up? Registration paperwork and full payment must be completed in full by April 1, 2010. www.ocscouts.org/location.

Important considerations: Participants should be prepared to walk a minimum of eight to ten miles over the course of the day. All participants will be expected to complete and carry health information and a medical release form on their person (registered BSA members can use their Annual Health and Medical Record).

IOLS Being Revised

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills is being revised! The new course will be a 'One-Size-Fits-All' for Webelos Leaders, Scout Leaders and Venturing Leaders. Once a person completes the revised course, it is no longer going to be required to take it again when they change programs. BALOO will remain a required, separate training as it focuses more on Safety than Outdoor Skills.

<http://scouting.org/training/trainingupdates.aspx>