

# TROOP 28

January 2010

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## Upcoming Events

- January 1 - Happy New Year!
- January 4 - Committee Meeting & PLC
- January 8 - Carolina Hurricanes Game
- January 11 - 7:00 pm Troop Meeting
- January 18 - 7:00 pm Troop Meeting
- January 25 - 7:00 pm Troop Meeting
- January 30 - Louisburg Merit Badge Univ. pg 2
- February 27 - Raleigh Merit Badge Univ. pg 2

## December Court of Honor

At the December 14, 2009 Troop 28 Court of Honor we had one Scout, one Tenderfoot, five 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and one Gold Palm presented to scouts in the troop. Congratulations to:

Penn Harrison - Scout  
Patrick Williamson - Tenderfoot & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
Alex Warren - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
Michael Bell - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
Garret Murrell - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
Christopher Murrell - 2<sup>nd</sup> class  
Shawn Shadrix - Gold Palm

The evening started with a wonderful potluck dinner with delicious holiday cookies. The Scout gift exchange was a hit with lots of cool presents being received/given. Scouts brought in donations for Toys for Tots. Scoutmaster Ritter shared an inspirational story, "The Emperors Seed" reminding us all to be courageous and honest. So be careful what you plant now, It will determine what you will reap tomorrow.

## Eagle's Nest



For all 2009 Eagle Scouts Mark Your Calendars:  
Council Eagle Recognition Banquet  
January 23, 2010, 6:00-9:00 pm  
McKimmon Center, NCSU

## 2010 Rank Requirement Changes

The centennial edition of the Boy Scout Handbook has several Boy Scout rank requirement changes that will be in effect as of January 1, 2010. See page 3.

## 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.



## BSA 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Jamboree

26 July—4 August, 2010—Fort AP Hill, VA  
**There is still room for more scouts!**

Oconeechee Council is sending 9 contingent Troops to this once in a lifetime event. That's 324 Scouts and 36 Scoutmasters! Scouts across the council are now forming into Troops to begin planning and preparing for 10 days of camping at historic Army Fort A.P. Hill in Carolina County, Virginia.

This promises to be a truly dynamic and awe inspiring adventure as we celebrate 100 years of Scouting in America, as well as our last Jamboree at A.P. Hill. Some 200 plus Scouts have already reserved their spot for this adventure—a little more than 100 slots remain! You DO NOT WANT TO MISS this once in a lifetime celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary along with over 42,000 fellow Scouts. Visit the council Jamboree page for more information and application instructions: [jambo2010.ocscouts.org/](http://jambo2010.ocscouts.org/)

## TROOP 28 EAGLE SPOTLIGHT

### Shawn Hunt Shadrix

Shawn's trail to Eagle achievements included: Arrow of Light - Feb. 2003; Scout - May 2003; Tenderfoot - Aug 2003; 2<sup>nd</sup> Class - June 2004; 1<sup>st</sup> Class - Sept 2005; Star - May 2006; Life - Nov 2006 and Eagle - April 2009. He earned 41 Merit Badges along the way, was a member of the Order of the Arrow and held several leadership positions within the troop. He attended Camp Raven Knob and Philmont.

Shawn's Eagle Scout project was constructing 2(two) sixteen by twenty (16' x 20') community tent pads at Catfish Cove in Shinleaf Park at Falls Lake State Park. The park was in dire need of closing 3 to 4 group campsites due to severe erosion and therefore needed level-ground group tent pads at campsites constructed. This enabled Shinleaf Park to open Catfish Cove for a group campsite area in the Fall of 2008.

**BSA Handbook app released for iPhone, iPod Touch** - The BSA just released its first-ever app for the iPhone or iPod Touch. For \$9.99, you get a digitized, searchable edition of the handbook that fits right into your pocket. It's the perfect example of the BSA's new initiative to connect with Scouts through technologies they already use. <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2009/09/bsa-handbook-app-released-for-iphone-ipod-touch.html>

In 2010 look for lots of exciting trips, campouts, community service projects, etc.  
**BE PREPARED! to have fun!**



### 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://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/sitefiles/1000/YourSource/PlanningTools/A\\_Year\\_of\\_Celebration/BSA\\_Year\\_Patch\\_Earning.pdf](http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/sitefiles/1000/YourSource/PlanningTools/A_Year_of_Celebration/BSA_Year_Patch_Earning.pdf)

#### LEADERSHIP

Scouting has a proud tradition of producing great leaders. Self-determination, teamwork, and preparedness are synonymous with Scouts everywhere. For Scouting's 100th Anniversary, let's celebrate this tradition of developing youth leaders.

The Year of Celebration Leadership Award encourages Scouts to explore and reflect upon the qualities of a good leader. The award recipients will work on leadership skills. The Leadership Award rewards participants for reflecting upon and sharing leadership lessons and skills. Scouts earning this award will look to role models, lead groups, and participate in leadership-building activities. Adults and alumni will build their unit leadership skills by emphasizing membership growth, volunteering, and providing role models.

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

#### Boy Scouts

1. Identify someone from your Scouting experience you think is a good leader. Ask them what makes them an effective leader and then talk to your parent or Scoutmaster about what makes a good leader. Write 200 words on the leader you chose and share with your troop leader.
2. Teach a Scout a rank requirement and help them to a successful completion.
3. Serve in a troop or team leadership position for three months.
4. Serve as a youth staff member for a unit, district, or council event or camp.
5. Serve as a den chief for a Cub Scout or Webelos den for three months.



### Let's Say Thanks to Our Overseas Troops

#### XEROX IS DOING SOMETHING COOL

If you go to this web site, [www.LetsSayThanks.com](http://www.LetsSayThanks.com) you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving overseas. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services.

How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! It is FREE and it only takes a second.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our soldiers over there need to know we are behind them.

This takes just 10 seconds and it's a wonderful way to say thank you. Please take the time and please take the time to pass it on for others to do. We can never say enough thank you's.

Thanks for taking to time to support our military!



### December Movie Night

By: Christopher Murrell

Scouts met at GSLC for fun, food, fellowship and a movie on December 4 for the annual movie night. Movie night was a HUGE hit. We watched the short-movie mix of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" followed by "Up". There was lot of chips, soda, and even cheesecake. Movie night was lots of fun and lasted until 10:00 pm. I am definitely looking forward to next year's Movie Night.



### Junior Writers Needed

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

### Merit Badges Awarded

At our December Court of Honor we had 6 Scouts who were presented 7 Merit Badges. Congratulations to:

Adam Alhorani - Fishing  
Chris Murrell - Bird Study & First Aid  
Garrett Murrell - Reptile & Amphibian  
Andy Paff - Citizenship in the Nation  
Alex Warren - Fishing  
Grayson Wilkerson - Fishing

### 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 Alhorani, Michael Bell, Christopher Murrell, Garrett, Murrell, Ryan Quinn, Andy Patt, Thomas Robbins, Raymond Strickling, Luke Vacek, Alex Warren, Grayson Wilkerson, Patrick Williamson, Edward Yang.

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

## 2010 Rank Requirement Changes

The centennial edition of the Boy Scout Handbook has several rank requirement changes that are now in effect.

### **Tenderfoot**

- A Scout must teach another person how to tie a square knot using the EDGE model (explain, demonstrate, guide, and enable). He must also be able to discuss four specific examples of how he lived the points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

### **Second Class**

- A Scout must discuss the principles of Leave No Trace and explain the factors to consider when choosing a patrol site and where to pitch a tent.
- He must explain what respect is due the flag of the United States.
- He must again discuss four examples of how he lived four different points of the Scout Law in his daily life.
- He must earn an amount of money agreed upon by the Scout and his parents and save at least 50 percent of it.

### **First Class**

- An additional requirement to the 10 separate troop/patrol activities states he must demonstrate the principles of Leave No Trace on these outings.
- He must discuss four more examples of how he lived the remaining four points of the Scout Law in his daily life.

### **Life**

- A Scout must use the EDGE model to teach a younger Scout a specified skill.

### **Star, Life, and Eagle**

- Troop Webmaster and Leave No Trace trainer are two new leadership positions.



## Wilderness First Aid Basics

This course meets WFA requirement to attend Philmont. You will learn basic instruction on emergency action steps, delayed-help situations, patient assessment & record, treatment of injuries, preventing disease transmission, wilderness and disaster first aid, etc. Cost is \$105.00. Course is 16 hours.

March 6th & 7th - (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Course is held at the Triangle Area Chapter, American Red Cross, 100 N. Peartree Lane, Raleigh, NC (just off New Bern Avenue) Questions? Call 919-231-1602 ext. 2802 or [www.trianglearc.org](http://www.trianglearc.org) to register.

Flyer:

<http://doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=69052>

"Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns;  
I am thankful that thorns have roses." Alphonse Karr



## Occoneetchee Council

Annual Winterplace Snow Ski Trip

February 7, 2010

Watch the Council web site for details

## Adult Training:

Looking to get some basic training under your belt? Then check out BSA's online training at <http://olc.scouting.org/>. You can complete Youth Protection Training and the appropriate Leader Fast Start.

Raleigh MBU 2/27/09 will offer the following Adult Training: Youth Protection, Safe Swim Defense, Climb on Safely, Safety Afloat Training, Health and Safety. See Deanna Munt to register.

## Louisburg Merit Badge University

Great Northern District January 30, 2010

Louisburg Merit Badge University is designed to allow Scouts to complete one or two Merit Badges in one day of classroom, adult-lead instruction and testing. Scouts must complete all prerequisites assigned by their instructor prior to registration. If all prerequisites are not met, then scouts will be reassigned to a merit badge with no prerequisites. Sign up forms and payment must be turned in to the council office no later than Friday, January 15th. There will be no exceptions or late registrations. For more information including a list of merit badges, prerequisites and sign up forms, please refer to the event documents located in the Documents section of the Great Northern District web site at [www.district.greatnorthernnc.com](http://www.district.greatnorthernnc.com) [http://www.kiakimadistrict.org/Forms/Louisburg\\_MBU\\_documents.pdf](http://www.kiakimadistrict.org/Forms/Louisburg_MBU_documents.pdf)

