



Upcoming Events

- December 2 - Falls District Dinner - Leaders & 2010 Eagles invited
- December 4 - Troop Annual Movie Night
- December 6 - 6:30 pm PLC
7:00 pm Scout Meeting
- December 13 - Troop 28 Court of Honor
- December 20 - No Scouts
- December 27 - No Scouts
- January 3 - 6:30 pm PLC
7:00 pm Scout Meeting

Troop 28 Website

www.troop28raleigh.com

Occoneechee NEWS!

December will be the annual awards dinner for The Falls District. The monthly Roundtable for the Falls District met in November for the last time. Starting in January the Falls District and the Impessa District will have merged. The purpose is to join resources to ensure proper coverage for all packs/troops etc.

Camp Campbell Campout

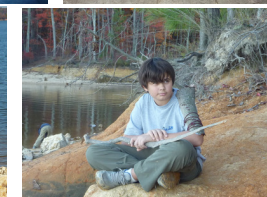
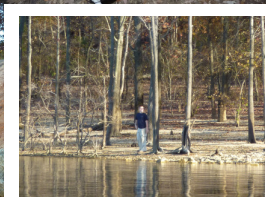
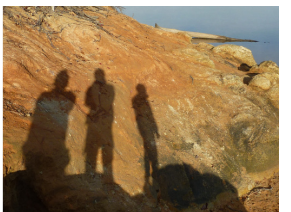
November 12-13, 2010

Scouts left bright and early Saturday morning for their 'rustic' camping trip; latrine toilets only a small hike away from the campsites and no shower facilities. With warm sleeping bags and stocking caps for warm heads at night time we weathered the temperatures and hikes. But hey, we are BOY SCOUTS.

Camp Campbell is a great location about 90 minutes drive north of Raleigh right on Kerr Lake. We had several campsites on a very picturesque peninsula, along with a covered craft pavilion, with lots of space and opportunities for lots of fun activities including rank advancements, games, hiking, astronomy/star gazing, historic merit badge (Tracking), hiked around a good portion of the lake, explored many lake side caves, threw/skipped many many rocks into the lake, and had fun with invited Webelos from Pack 28. But hey, we are BOY SCOUTS.

Visitors attending with the Troop on this campout from Pack 28 were: Victor Y (younger brother of Edward Y) and his dad LiQun Y, Munga M and his dad James M. Troop 28 Scouts attending were: Patrick W, Thomas R, Garret M, Thomas B, Grayson W, Christopher M, and Edward Y. The Pack 28 leaders were: Mark Robbins, John Murrell, Hank Stroup, and Fred Gunther.

Scouts cooked as one patrol, and included the Webelos Scouts as guests. Thomas B served as the grub master and patrol cook. The Scouts' feasted on turkey, ham, and cheese sandwiches, apples, cookies, and water for Saturday lunch. For Saturday dinner the patrol cooked hot dogs, roast ears of corn, and dutch oven cobbler for dessert. Hank Stroup brought the ingredients for the wonderful dutch oven beef stew on Saturday evening. The Scouts help to prepare and share the dutch oven beef stew for Scouters Saturday dinner. Adults provided and cooked (with Thomas B's help) the Sunday morning breakfast of pancakes, sausages, orange juice, coffee, and hot chocolate. There was food galore! But hey, we are BOY SCOUTS.



Troop 28

2011 Campout Dates

January	22 Campout
February	11-13 Campout
March	18-20 Campout
April	8-10 Campout
May	13-15 Campout
June	10-12 Campout
July	3-9 Boy Scout Camp

Troop 28 Fundraising



Troop 28 Scouts sold Christmas wreaths and Nuts for Scouting this year. These fundraising opportunities were a great way to earn Scout Bucks to help cover the costs of Troop activities. Thanks to Lori Wilson for all her help in coordinating these activities for the Troop.

Troop 28 Scouts sold Nuts for Scouting Nuts in front of the Kroger on the corner of Strickland and Falls of Neuse (right next to Cici's Pizza) on the evening of Friday November 19th, and Saturday (all day), November 20th.



Webelos Visit Troop 28

On Monday night, November 8, 2010 we had a good meeting with 6 Webelos from Pack 28 and one from 350 attending. We set up 4 'stations', each of which covered a requirement for the Naturalist Activity badge, and handed out clear plastic bottles to make bug observation containers to help them with the 5th and final requirement. Our Scouts arrived 30 minutes early to learn what they needed to teach, and we allocated 40 minutes of our meeting to helping the Webelos get through their requirements. We ended up with our Scouts doing campout planning while the Webelos watched a slide show of our past campouts. Everyone seemed to have a good time. The Webelos have also been invited to the Troop Camp Campbell Campout November 13th and to the Troop overnight stay at Vertical Edge on January 22nd.

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes in to us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands, and hopes we've learned something from yesterday."
--- John Wayne, actor

Troop 28 Leadership

The Troop Committee nominated Tom Parsons for his continued work with our Eagle Scouts for the Troop's **MOST VALUABLE SCOUTER AWARD** to Occoneechee Council. The award is a district award presented on behalf of the pack, troop, team or crew making the nomination and will be presented at the Falls District Dinner on December 2, 2010. Each unit in the district is entitled to have one scouter recognized. The unit decides the scouter it wishes to recognize. The nominee must be a registered Scouter who has rendered noteworthy service to youth, either in one single event that contributed to a large number of youth, or an extended time of service to a small group. The service should be beyond the normal expectation for the Scouter's registered position; attitude and cooperation with the district and council are considered.



2011 Winterplace Ski Trip

WHO WANTS TO GO?

Feb. 6, 2011

Ski Package Includes: \$ 54.00

Skis, Boots, Poles, Helmet (if you wish), Lift Ticket, Meal Voucher, Ski Lessons and the opportunity to work on the Snow Sports Merit Badge. The Merit Badge can NOT be issued at the ski resort - see your unit leader about fulfilling all the requirements in order to earn the merit badge.

Extra Rental Items:

Ski Bib \$ 8 - Helmet \$ 3 - Tubing 2 hr \$ 13 - Tubing Full day \$ 37 - Snowboarding \$ 40

Registration/Check-In Times:

Saturday Evening NO CHECK-IN this evening.

Sunday Morning 8 - 10 am

Remember:

- Ski lessons are given on the hour.
- Snow Sports Merit Badge Classes 10 am Noon 2 pm (Your Choice)
- Your Lift Ticket is good from 8 am - 10 pm
- You may check ski equipment on Saturday Night for Sunday use for \$1.00, but you must take your boots with you.

Just the Facts:

What: Snow Ski at Winterplace for the Super Bowl

Where: Winterplace Ski Resort, West Virginia

When: Feb. 6, 2011

Deadline: Jan. 28, 2011

Time: 8 am until 10 pm or until your Unit's departure time.

Why: Fun and earn a partial Snow Sport Merit Badge

Who: Scouts, Scouters, Family

SAT/ACT Software Available to Scouts

Information from Scouting.org

In alliance with the Boy Scouts of America, eKnowledge is offering SAT and ACT test prep programs valued at \$200, free to Boy Scout families. The eKnowledge Sponsorship Alliance is made up of educationally focused foundations, as well as a group of professional athletes from the National Football League and Major League Baseball that includes Warrick Dunn and Chipper Jones. The eKnowledge Sponsorship Alliance has provided more than 120,000 SAT/ACT prep programs to families all over the United States.

"I believe in using my gifts and public image to help the community," said Chipper Jones, six-time All-Star and future Hall of Fame baseball player.

Now in its fourth year, the eKnowledge Sponsorship Alliance has donated more than \$26 million of SAT/ACT test preparation programs. In response to the donation, eKnowledge has received more than 40,000 thank-you letters from those who have benefited from the test preparation programs. The PowerPrep™ program helps prepare students to take the exams and increases student confidence, which can result in higher test scores and thousands of dollars in scholarships.

eKnowledge recently announced the arrival of the new v6x SAT/ACT PowerPrep™ software; v6x was in development for more than two years at a cost of \$1.5 million. It includes more than 20 hours of video instruction, 3,000 files of supplemental test prep material, thousands of interactive diagnostic tools, sample questions, practice tests, and graphic teaching illustrations. The new PowerPrep™ v6x software is Mac- and PC-compatible.

Families interested in obtaining the FREE \$200 v6x SAT/ACT PowerPrep™ Programs may order online at www.eknowledge.com/bsa or by calling 951-256-4076.

There is a fee of \$13.84 (per standard program) which enables eKnowledge to provide technical and customer support, registration, licensure, processing, handling, and worldwide shipping. This nominal fee allows the sponsorship alliance to continue helping thousands of students each year.

For more information, please contact Lori Caputo, ESA Programs, LoriCaputo@eknowledge.com or 951-256-4076.

Troop Uniform Closet

Should any Troop families have uniforms (Class A & B shirts / Uniform Pants / Uniform Shorts / Hats / etc.) that they are no longer using (too small / scout has "aged out" / etc.), we would welcome donations to our closet. If you wish to check on availability please see Scoutmaster Murrell.

Volunteering

Don't forget to turn in your volunteer hours to Mrs. Munt.

Capitol Tree Lighting

Thursday, Dec. 9 - 6:30 p.m.

Bring the family to see the annual lighting of the Capitol tree and listen to seasonal music.

First Night Raleigh 2011

Friday, Dec. 31

2-6 p.m. (children's celebration)

7-11 p.m. (nighttime events)

For information, call Artsposure at 919-990-1158 or visit artsposure.org.



TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER

Eagles Mark your calendars -

- Falls District dinner on Thursday, December 2nd, at St. Francis. All Scouts who received their Eagle this year are invited and will be honored. Please let the Scoutmaster know if you can attend.
- Occoneetchee Council 2010 Eagle Banquet 1/22/2011

North Raleigh News

Check out the article in North Raleigh News about our own Eagle Scout, Patrick Q.

<http://www.northraleighnews.com/2010/11/10/5217/notables.html>

John W Pope Family Eagle Scout Scholarship Occoneetchee Council, Boy Scouts of America

2011 Scholarship Application

ATTENTION EAGLE SCOUTS: Scouts who have been granted the Eagle Scout rank, or have verified that their applications for Eagle Scout rank have been received at the national office by December 31, 2010 are eligible. Applicants must reside in or have received the Eagle Scout Award in a Troop within the Occoneetchee Council territory. Be a graduating high school senior entering college within twelve months of graduating high school

Submit your postmarked applications after November 15, 2010 but no later than midnight January 14, 2011, they must be received by the Occoneetchee Council by the January 17, 2011 deadline.

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=86243>

Troop information to be included in the next newsletter should be submitted to
scouter28@mindspring.com

P.R.A.Y. program

Mark Paff and Heather Vacek are continuing to lead a PRAY program for several of the boys in Troop 28. The program explores aspects of Christianity and helps to develop a greater religious understanding.

The boys working on the Pray Program were busy in November and have a couple of things scheduled for December. In their search to find out about the jobs at the church they interviewed several people. Monday 11/15 8:15 pm they interviewed Pastor Lauren and Ms. Brenda Dozer (Sunday School Director). On Wednesday 11/17 5:45 pm they interviewed Pam Montgomery (Music Director). And on Friday 12/10/10 6:00-7:30 pm they will attend the Coffee House at Good Shepherd and talk with some of the church members.

On Sunday, December 5 the scouts will be greeters at the 8:15 am service.

Scouts participating are Patrick W, Luke V, and Christopher M.



SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

My Box of Stuff sits on my workbench. When I do a project, if there's a few screws left over, I dump them in here. If I have an extra nut or bolt or piece of wire or hinge, it goes in here. Some of the things have been in there, never used, for almost 20 years. But, I know they are here. I know that because I will occasionally need a screw or bolt and I rummage through here until I find one. Every time I do that, I see what else is still here, ready to be used when needed.

How does this have anything to do with scouting? Well, everything you're learning in Scouts goes into your Box of Stuff in your brain. It's ready for that one day when it's needed. You learned how to fuse the end of a rope. Do you do that every day? No. But, some day when you have a frayed rope, you'll reach into your Box of Stuff and know how to fuse that rope. You know how to identify poisonous plants. Do you do that every day? No. But, on your next hike, you'll recognize and avoid those plants.

When you use something from your Box of Stuff, you should also check out all the other things you have in there. Take some time and refresh your skills so you remember you have them.

Like some of these pieces of hardware, some skills may sit there unused for years until you find yourself in an emergency when you need to dump out your whole Box and put all of it to use. That's when you'll be glad you have your Box of Stuff full to the brim.



November Meetings' Summary

November 1, 2010

At the PLC meeting it was decided that Troop 28 would invite Webelos II to the Camp Campbell Campout and to the Overnighter at Vertical Edge.

At the regular Troop meeting Scouts finished Vagabond stoves and did campout planning for Camp Campbell Campout.

November 8, 2010

A regular Troop meeting was held with Max M, SPL & Alex W, ASPL leading. Scouts in attendance: SPARTANS: Patrick W, Edward Y, Christopher M, Patrick Q, Thomas R, Luke V. COBRAS: Grayson W, Michael B, Adam A, Thomas B, Tyler L, Garrett M. Webelos from Pack 28 were invited guests to our troop meeting with our troop planning and leading the Naturalist Activity Badge for Cub Scouts. Patrol campfire skits, stories and songs were submitted to SPL. Started working on Flag retirement program.

November 15, 2010

A regular Troop meeting was held with Max M, SPL & Alex W, ASPL leading. Scouts in attendance: SPARTANS: Patrick W, Edward Y, Penn H, Christopher M, Thomas R, Luke V. COBRAS: Michael B, Thomas B, Tyler L, Garrett M, Andy P. Reviewed options for Spring campouts. Started working on Climbing merit badge which will be completed at the January 22 overnighter at Vertical Edge.

November 22, 2010

No Scouts - Thanksgiving Week.

November 29, 2010

A regular Troop meeting was held with Alex W, ASPL leading. Scouts in attendance: SPARTANS: Edward Y, Christopher M, Luke V COBRAS: Grayson W, Michael B, Adam A, Thomas B, Garrett M, Andy P. Scouts tried out their vagabond stoves by preparing/cooking Spam sandwiches.

Upcoming Merit Badge Clinics

Registration for the February MBU at Highland Methodist Church took place in November. Several scouts from Troop 28 plan to attend.

Mark your calendars - Merit Badge Day with Troop 344 - January 29, 2011 - registration information will be available soon.

Thanks to Deanna Munt for coordinating our Troop Merit Badge program.