



Upcoming Events

- September 2 - Falls District Roundtable
- September 6 - Labor Day - **No meeting**
- September 13 - 7:00 Scout Meeting - Join Scouts Week
- September 18 - Day Outing - Whitewater Rafting
- September 20 - Court of Honor
- September 27 - 7:00 Scout Meeting

RECRUIT YOUR FRIENDS!

The best source of Scouts for our Troop are your friends. Think about school classmates or neighbors whom you enjoy spending time with, who might also like to join us on really great outings. Don't deny them the chance to have fun camping, swimming, hiking, caving, rafting, and more! Let them have the opportunity to grow personally while sharing these great experiences. Invite them to come to one of our meetings, and they could plan to join us for a campout. Boys from 11-17 years old can join. Although recruiting new Scouts is a year-round activity, a great time to invite friends to see us would be on September 13th. We will focus on campout ideas, and plan our upcoming year. We may have some slide presentations, as well as a chance to learn more about Merit Badge opportunities.

Troop 28 Leadership

Congratulations to the new Troop 28 Leaders. Troop elections were held August 30th at the regular troop meeting. Below are the new leaders of Troop 28:

Max M - Senior Patrol Leader
Alex W - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Grayson W - Patrol Leader
Michael B - Assistant Patrol Leader

Patrick W - Patrol Leader
Edward Y - Assistant Patrol Leader

RAVEN ROCK CAMPOUT

Troop 28 scouts and leaders Bell, Murrell, and Wilson had a fun learning experience at Raven Rock State Park during their campout August 21-22, 2010. They camped at Site #5, which is one of 5 Group sites located beside the Cape Fear River in what was once an old pasture. The campsite was primitive backpack camping with a campfire ring with cooking grate, a trashcan, and a vault toilet nearby. The group hiked all gear and water for 2.2 miles to reach the site, hiked 5.75 miles to and from the Visitor Center for an instructional time, and 2.2 miles back to the parking lot upon their departure.

The scouts were able to work on the Tracking Merit Badge, which is one of four retired merit badges and part of the 2010 Historical Merit Badge Program. It was first offered in 1911 and discontinued in 1952. The Historic badges can be earned in 2010, and then will be retired again. The scouts hiked to the Visitor Center and met with Paul Terry, Park Ranger and Eagle Scout, who instructed the scouts on how to track humans. Each scout brought a walking stick and three rubber bands to measure the length of the strides. Scouts learned to use low angled lighting to identify certain footprints, and then carefully measured and drew likenesses of these prints. Methods used to determine whether the prints are from a man or from a woman were discussed. These techniques are used in search and rescue.

Can you find Tarzan and the Bug Collector?



Occoneetchee University of Scouting

On Saturday, November 6th, the University will include seven periods of instruction and a lunch break. Lunch is included in your registration fee. Please wear your Scout uniform and bring paper and pencil/pen for notes along with a watch for time. Appropriate handouts and materials will be provided based on the courses selected. It is suggested that unit leaders carpool together and take a variety of courses to expand their overall unit knowledge.

Adult Participants may register for courses in any of the colleges (except Youth College). Youth participants may only register for courses in the Youth College. For example, a Cub Scout Leader may register for a Boy Scout or a General Studies course. A Venturing Leader may take a General Studies or Boy Scout course. Our goal is for Scouters to increase their knowledge by being exposed to all the different areas of the Scout program. Any questions about your selections can be sent to the Vice Chancellor of Registration, who can offer course suggestions.

Purpose: The purpose of the University is to promote learning and interaction between the different program areas, while enabling Scouters to prepare themselves to deliver a quality program in their units.

Course Catalog

<https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=382&id=81179>

Youth Registration

<https://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?Activity>

Sea Base 2010



Family Day: Colonial North Carolina

North Carolina Museum of History, September 25
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Watch craftspeople at work, meet Revolutionary War soldiers, practice writing with a quill pen, tour *Discover the Real George Washington* free of charge, and much more!

A Scout guide will be available at the Museum of History for this event at the information desk in the museum lobby.

2010 BugFest

N.C. Museum of Natural Science - Raleigh

SEPTEMBER 11, 2010 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Bug, bugs, bugs galore, and so much more. Mark your calendar and come on down to check out BugFest 2010! There will be lots of fun activities and cool learning exhibits on the plaza, on the Capitol Grounds, and on all four floors of the museum. There will be bugs to see, bugs to touch, bugs to make and for the very brave, bugs to eat! Visit the BSA table on the Capitol Grounds and get a patch (free to the first 300 Scouts)!

TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER

RICKY H

Congratulations to Ricky H, Troop 28's newest Eagle Scout! Ricky completed his Eagle Board of Review on August 18, 2010. Dennis Ritter volunteered his time to escort Ricky as the Troop 28 representing Scoutmaster.

WILL G

The final workday for Will G's Eagle project was held on August 7. Scouts and friends gathered to complete and install the benches for Green Level Homes in Cary. Will anticipates sitting for his Eagle Board of Review in the near future.



"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."
-- Thomas Edison



Volunteer Opportunities

At the recent Report to the Governor, North Carolina Scouting committed to 100,000 hours of Service in our 100th year. There is no doubt that this is a realistic and certainly attainable goal. We know you are out there in the community doing lots of good things. We simply need to let everyone else know. If you will, please turn in your service hours to Deanna Munt and she will report for Troop 28. This will let the whole state know Troop 28 is supporting the 100,000 hour effort. Currently, Occoneechee Council leads the State in reporting. Please take a moment to stretch our lead. (include work on Eagle Projects, Pinewood Derby, Medoc Mtn. clean-up, etc.)

Upcoming & Current Eagle Projects

Several other Life scouts from Troop 28 are working on their Eagle projects and may need some volunteer help. When you hear about their sign-ups, please consider helping out. It is a great way to help others at all times and give back to your community.

Walk for Cancer Survivors

September 11th - At Sanderson High School, there will be a walk to help raise cancer awareness, including ongoing support for survivors. Scouts would be able to help at the food and refreshment tables, as well as help with other activities. This would be a great way to show our Troop to the community, while doing a 'good turn'. Please mark your calendars, and watch for more information to come soon.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Here are 10 tips to improve how you relate to other people.

1. Smile at people - it takes sixty-five muscles to frown, only fifteen to smile
2. Call people by name - to do that, you need to learn their name
3. Speak to people - take a chance and approach someone new
4. Be friendly - if you would have friends, be one
5. Be cordial - speak and act as if everything that you do is a real pleasure
6. Be interested in people - find out what makes them tick
7. Be generous with praise - stingy with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others - think what impact your words will have before you speak them
9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others - there are three sides to a controversy; yours, the other person's, and the right one.
10. Be ready to serve - helping someone strengthens that bond of friendship.

2011 WORLD JAMBOREE

If you are a BoyScout or Venturer who will be between the ages of 14 and 17 on July 27, 2011, -- that is, specifically born between July 25, 1993, and July 27, 1997 -- you may be qualified for one of the coolest Scouting events you'll ever attend. The upcoming World Scout Jamboree in Rinkaby, Sweden, promises to be one of the best ever. With 40,000 Scouts expected to attend from six continents and more than 114 countries, it's going to be a world-class event, one you can be a part of if you start planning now. It's Sweden's turn at a World Scout Jamboree -- held once every four years -- and it is a special window of opportunity for you, too. It's good to start your planning early. Here's why -- approved applications are going to be highly prized. Because there is only one contingent permitted to attend from each country recognized by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), demand always exceeds the available slots and many restrictions apply.

The basic package plan is around \$3,500. The basic package includes travel from the assigned gateway city, all meals, unit and patrol equipment, accident and sickness insurance, regional and national office administrative /program support, and buses for ground transportation to/from the jamboree site. Cost does not include travel to or from the gateway city. The basic package does not cover the cost of ticketing because of early or late departure from the jamboree site due to medical emergencies, family emergencies, and/or problems based on our Code of Conduct. To register for this event or to find out about staffing availability go to www.scouting.org for more information.

Philmont 2011

Explore elevations between 6600 at 12,400 feet on the largest Scouting base in the world. This backpacking treks can include shooting, rock climbing, blacksmithing, gold panning, burro packing, horse back riding, archeology, mountain biking, and much more. Each of the 5 crews sets its own trail at Philmont. Excellent physical conditioning is required. The trip will start *about* June 20th with a plane trip to the western part of the country to spend several days on activities and sightseeing. (The group will have input into this decision). We will be at Philmont from June 25th to July 7th and return to Raleigh the next day. The approximate cost of the trip is \$1,400 with monthly payments starting with the initial deposit of \$200.00 in October. All fees must be paid to the council office by March 2011. After March 2011 only refunds can be made if someone takes your place in the trip.

If you have any questions please contact Johnny Glover at the Council office at 919-872-4884.

Introduction to Philmont:

<http://doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=80295>

LEADER AWARDS

Dennis Ritter, our previous Scoutmaster, should soon be receiving his Scoutmaster's Knot award. This knot recognizes his leadership of the Troop for a minimum of 3 years, as well as helping the Troop to achieve certain accomplishments. Mr. Ritter continues to serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster, as well as a Venture Crew Advisor. Thank you, Dennis Ritter!

John Murrell, current Scoutmaster of Troop 28, was awarded the Cub Scouter Award at the Falls District Roundtable on August 5, 2010, for his work with Pack 33. The award was given to recognize two years of work as a leader in various capacities, in addition to the two years served as Cubmaster. Congratulations, Scoutmaster Murrell!

Leader Training

2010 Northern Service Area Mega Training

Get Your Leader Specific Training!

Saturday, September 18, 2010, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Edenton Street UMC, Raleigh

<https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1305&id=81993>

Southern Service Area M.O.S.T. (Mega Outdoor Skills Training)

Great Outdoors Training!

IOLS Session 1: Sep: Sept 24-26, 2010

<https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1305&id=80590>

P.R.A.Y. program

Thanks to the efforts of Shawn S., and helped by volunteer leaders Mark Paff and Heather Vacek, a PRAY program has been started. The program is geared for young persons in grades 6-8, and explores aspects of Christianity and helps to develop greater religious understanding. Although not an official part of Boy Scouts, accomplishments achieved within this program can also receive Scouting recognition. This program will take place immediately following the Scout meetings, and had its initial meeting on August 30th. There will be 11 sessions, each one lasting about 45 minutes, from 8:15 -9:00 pm. Any Scout that would like to participate is welcome to contact either Wendy Shadrix or Mark Paff for further information.

Troop 28 Fundraising

An important part of a Scout's development is the ability to learn how to work with others and to be responsible for his own needs. One important way to develop these skills is to participate in the various fundraising events that the Troop will organize. By 'paying their way' Scouts learn to be more effective and make better decisions on how they use their available resources. Ultimately, it helps to make Scouts more successful in Life.

Look for more information on fundraising opportunities coming soon!



August Meetings' Summary

August 9, 2010

Patrol planning for the Raven Rock campout.

August 16, 2010

General Skills, Activity/Game night.

August 23, 2010

While WIHN used the Church facilities, the troop met at Cici's Pizza to discuss various ideas for fun outings to be developed for 2011.

August 30, 2010

Troop Elections, info on upcoming outings, and discussion of fundraising activities.

Troop 28 2010 / 2011 Campout Dates

September	18 U.S. National Whitewater Center
October	8-10 Occoneechee Camporee - Camp Reeves 22-24 Virginia Creeper Bike Ride
November	12-14 Pilot Mountain Campout
December	4 Movie Night
January	21-23 Campout
February	11-3 Campout
March	18-20 Campout
April	8-10 Campout
May	13-15 Campout
June	10-12 Campout
July	3-9 Boy Scout Camp

Troop information to be included in the next newsletter should be submitted to
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