



## Upcoming Events

- **February 6** - **Scout Sunday**  
Occoneechee Ski Trip
- **February 7** - 6:30 pm PLC  
7:00 pm Scout Meeting
- **February 11-13** - Campout - Camp Durant -  
Camping, Cooking & Climbing
- **February 14** - **Valentine's Day**  
7:00 pm Scout Meeting  
7:00 pm Committee Meeting
- **February 21** - **No Scout Meeting - Presidents' Day**
- **February 26** - Merit Badge University  
Highland United Methodist
- **February 28** - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting
- **March 7** - 7:00 pm Troop Meeting - Troop Elections
- **March 26** - Pack 28 Cross-over Ceremony

## Scout Sunday February 6

Come help us show our appreciation to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for their support of our Boy Scout Troop. We will meet in the narthex at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 10:15 am to attend the 10:45 am worship service as a group. Please come in Field (Class A) Uniform. We will sit together.

## Merit Badge Day with Troop 344

Our troop was invited to participate in the Merit Badge Day that Troop 344 put together. The MB Day was held at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh. Scouts attending from Troop 28 were: Garrett M, Adam A - Chemistry; Christopher M, Edward Y, - Citizenship in the Nation. Dentistry was taught by our own Scoutmaster, John Murrell.



## Troop 28 Photos Needed

If you have photos from Troop 28 activities please forward to [scouter28@mindspring.com](mailto:scouter28@mindspring.com)

**Troop 28 Website**  
[www.troop28raleigh.com](http://www.troop28raleigh.com)

## Vertical Edge Lock-In

Seven Scouts, five Webelos, and eight Adults enjoyed a fun filled adventure at the Vertical Edge lock-in Overnighter. Everyone arrived Saturday evening around 10:30 pm and departed Sunday morning around 7:30 am.

Scouts tried a number of easy, medium, and challenging walls. We started the evening with a review of safety rules and knots. Adult belayers checked each scout every time before a climb.

Climbing to great heights were: Alex W, Patrick W, Christopher M, Thomas R, Michael B, Thomas B, Garrett M, Daniel C, Brennan T, Alex T, David C, and Griffin S.

FOOD GALORE: Midnight snacks were sloppy joes, hot dogs, apple wedges, cheese, cookies and juices. Before everyone left Breakfast was served bright and early of muffins, hot chocolate, orange juice, and coffee (for the adults).

Thanks to all of the adults who stayed awake and/or helped with this overnighter.

Some of our boy scouts stated that they were going to climb all night long and not rest. See their photo below:



## Pack 28 Pinewood Derby

Pack 28 held their Pinewood Derby on January 22, 2010. Alex W, Garrett M, and Christopher M volunteered and helped with judging at the judging table and with counting ballots for the Crowd's Choice Award for their favorite car. The derby was well attended by Cub Scouts and their families. Troop 28 adult leaders helping out were Chris Munt and John Murrell.



## Volunteer Thank You

Many thanks to all for your work with our WIHN guests last week. Some of you volunteered for more than one evening and I am very appreciative to all. In the future I will send out the names/ages of our children guests so you know what to expect for activities. I am also trying to gather items such as games, beads, trucks and such to help entertain the children.

Please know that your efforts are appreciated by our WIHN guests as well as myself. Thank you again.  
Blessings, Lynn Kern  
Social Host Coordinator WIHN, GSLC

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

On January 17 the group met at GSLC to interview two of the volunteer coordinators from Coffeehouse and create the last video shoot for the program.

## Upcoming Summer Opportunities

- Volunteer at Cub Scout Day Camp 6/27-7/1
- NYLT(Occoneetchee)  
7/29-31/11 Part 1 and 8/5-7/11 Part 2
- Raven Knob Camp, Troop attending 7/3-9/11

## Occoneetchee NEWS!

- Re-charter will be completed by the end of February. Adult leaders must have Youth Protection Training and Fast Start. New BSA Medical forms are required of all Scouts and Scouters.

## Troop 28 Recharter

It is that time of year again. Recharter info will be going out to all Scouts and Scouters in the next couple of days. Watch your emails for forms.

## Troop 28 NEW BSA Medical Forms

Troop 28 needs new Medical Forms (Parts A & B) for all Scouts and Scouters in order to complete Re-Charter. These are new forms from BSA:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf)  
(Valid for 12 calendar months)

Policy on Use of the Annual Health and Medical Record  
In order to provide better care for its members and to assist them in better understanding their own physical capabilities, the Boy Scouts of America recommends that everyone who participates in a Scouting event have an annual medical evaluation by a certified and licensed health-care provider—a physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. Providing your medical information on this four-part form will help ensure you meet the minimum standards for participation in various activities. Note that unit leaders must always protect the privacy of unit participants by protecting their medical information.

Parts A and B are to be completed at least annually by participants in all Scouting events. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement is to be completed by the participant and parents/guardians.

Part C is the physical exam that is required for participants in any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, for all high-adventure base participants, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding. Service projects or work weekends may fit this description. Part C is to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider—physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. It is important to note that the height/weight limits must be strictly adhered to when the event will take the unit more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle-accessible roadway, or when the program requires it, such as backpacking trips, high-adventure activities, and conservation projects in remote areas.

Part D is required to be reviewed by all participants of a high-adventure program at one of the national high adventure bases and shared with the examining health-care provider before completing Part C.

## January Meetings' Summary

### January 3, 2011

PLC meeting led by \_ASPL. and attended by:

Followed by a regular Troop meeting with Max M, SPL, and \_ASPL leading. Scouts in attendance: SPARTANS: COBRAS:

### January 10, 2011

Meeting cancelled due to ice and snow.

### January 17, 2011

No regular meeting. Some scouts volunteered at the WIHN Program as Social Hosts at GSLC and some met for videoing for the PRAY Program. Scouts in attendance: Patrick W, Luke V, Christopher M, Alex W, Penn H, Garrett M.

### January 24, 2011

Troop 28 regular meeting. Lead by Max M, SPL and attended by: Thomas R, Thomas B, Edward Y, Penn H, Garret M, Christopher M, Andy P. Visiting were Devin G, Brennan T, and Alex T. Scouts worked on PVC pipes to make training tools for lashing practice.

### January 31, 2011

Troop 28 regular meeting. Lead by Max M, SPL and attended by:

## TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER

### Congratulations to Troop 28's newest Eagle Scout

Max Mense had his Eagle Board of Review on January 19, 2011.



### Occoneetchee Council's 2010 Eagle Banquet

The banquet was held 1/22/2011. Attending from Troop 28 were: Will Gunther and Kevin Ritter, 2010 Eagle Scouts; John Murrell, Scoutmaster; Dennis Ritter, Assistant Scoutmaster; Fred Gunther and Nancy Ritter.

Occoneetchee had 433 Scouts achieve the Eagle Rank in 2010 with about a one third attending the banquet. Photos displayed during the banquet showed the service projects completed by Eagle's in 2010.

Troop 28 had four Scouts earn their Eagle Badge in 2010: Kevin Ritter 3/9/10, Patrick Quinn 4/7/10, Ricky Hopper 8/18/10, and Will Gunther 10/5/10.

## Den Chief Training

Hosted by Falls District - February 12, 2011 8:30am - 12pm - St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
11401 Leesville Rd., Raleigh, NC 27613

This course is part of the required training for Den Chiefs to earn their strip. Complete form and send with the \$10 fee by February 4th, 2011.

<https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=1305&id=87072>

Mail completed form and check to: Occoneetchee Council, PO Box 41229, Raleigh, NC, 27629-1229

Please make checks payable to: Occoneetchee Council  
Also, please add a note in the MEMO line: FD-DenChief-2011. For more information or if you have questions, please contact the Course Director, John Bardin at [jjbardin@gmail.com](mailto:jjbardin@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Merit Badge Clinics

### February MBU at Highland Methodist Church

Registration took place in November. The following scouts from Troop 28 plan to attend. Alex W, Luke V, Patrick W, Michael B, Edward Y, Adam A, Thomas R, Andy P, Garrett M and Christopher M.

Louisburg Merit Badge University is scheduled for March 12. The Merit Badge University is designed to allow Scouts to complete one or two Merit Badges in one day of classroom, adult-lead instruction. 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, February 25th. 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 GNDMBU website

<https://sites.google.com/site/gndmbu/>.

NCSU Merit Badge University is scheduled for March 26, 2011. and is sponsored by the NCSU Department of Chemistry and NCSU College of Natural Resources. Merit badges will be taught by leading experts in their field! Just a few of the offerings: Chemistry, Composite Materials, Electricity, Energy, Engineering, Forestry, Geology, Nuclear Science, Pulp and Paper, Space Exploration, Soil and Water Conservation, Environmental Science and Fish and Wildlife Management.

<https://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?orgkey=382&id=89423>

If you have not already registered and wish to attend please contact Ms. Munt.

"No one can pass through life, any more than he can pass through a bit of country, without leaving tracks behind, and those tracks may often be helpful to those coming after him in finding their way."

Sir Robert Baden-Powell

## Troop 28 - Raleigh, NC

### The American Spirit Award from Boy Scouts of America

Eagle Scout Jacob Netzel, Troop 40 Fayetteville (Occoneechee Council) has completed an impressive Eagle Scout project and is one of four Eagle Scouts in the United States nominated for the American Spirit Award. He and his parents will be flown to Washington, DC at which time the winner will be announced. The winner will be determined, at least in part, by the vote of the public. Attached below is the Boys Life Spirit Award link with details on Jacob's project and an opportunity to vote for him.

Please visit the site and vote and pass this along to your district (packs, troops, crews, etc...) so that they can vote for this young man. Voting runs through February 11, 2011. [boyslife.org/americanspiritaward](http://boyslife.org/americanspiritaward)

Thank you.  
Ed Miller, Chairman  
Occoneechee Council Advancement Committee

### National Outdoor Badges

Do you enjoy camping under the stars, rafting a whitewater river, or hitting the trail afoot, on a bike, or even on a horse? Can you pitch a tent, find your way, and bandage an ankle using only materials in your pack? Are you prepared to do any of these in rain, snow, sleet, or heat? If so, the National Outdoor Awards are for you. There is nothing virtual about these awards—you can earn them only by demonstrating both knowledge and experience in the outdoors. So, if you are a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout and think you are tough and disciplined enough to hike or ride the miles, camp the nights, and run the rivers or lakes, then read on and see if the National Outdoor badges or possibly the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement could be for you!

#### **National Outdoor Badges for Camping, Hiking, Aquatics, Riding, and Adventure**

The five National Outdoor Badges recognize a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout who demonstrates both knowledge and experience in camping, hiking, aquatics, riding, or adventure. Scouts earning the National Outdoor badges have demonstrated that they are knowledgeable, safe, and comfortable in the outdoor activity covered by the badge.

### **Troop 28 2011 Campout Dates**

March	18-20 Campout, Backpacking
April	8-10 Campout, Backpacking
May	13-15 Campout, New River
June	10-12 Campout, Shinleaf
July	3-9 Boy Scout Camp

### Animal Grossology

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences

February, 2011, call for dates & times

\$8 for adults; \$5 for students and seniors

Ever wonder why dogs sniff each other's rear ends, why cows need four stomachs to digest their food or why cats spit up hair balls? Here's your chance to find out! Animal Grossology, a new special exhibit at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences in downtown Raleigh, takes a unique and scientific look at nature's slime-making, vomit-munching and dookie-loving creatures.

### SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

What You See Is What You Get Minute

There once were two brothers that decided to leave their small town to see what life was like in the great world. They each set off on their own and soon one brother came to a big city. Outside the city, the first brother met an old man.

"How are the people here?" asked the first brother.

"Well, how were the people in your hometown?" asked the old man in return.

"Aw, they were always grumpy and dissatisfied," answered the first brother. "There wasn't a single one among them worth bothering about."

"Oh no," the old man said, "I'm afraid you'll find that the people here are exactly the same!"

Later the other brother who had taken a different route came to the big city and met the same old man.

"How are the people in this city?" he asked.

"How were the people in your hometown?" the old man asked as before.

"Just fine!" said the other brother. "Always cheerful, always kind and understanding!"

"I believe you will find that the people here are exactly the same!" said the old man again, for he was a wise old man who knew that the attitude of the people you meet depends upon your own state of mind.

If you are a cheerful, friendly scout, you'll find others the same.

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