



Upcoming Events

- January 3 - 6:30 pm PLC
7:00 pm Scout Meeting
- January 10 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting
7:00 pm Committee Meeting
- January 17 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting-WIHN Volunteers
- January 22 - Occonechee Eagle Banquet
- January 22 - Vertical Edge Overnighter
- January 24 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting
- January 28 - Merit Badge Day with Troop 344
- January 31 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting
- February 6 - Scout Sunday
Occonechee Ski Trip

Troop 28 Court of Honor December 13, 2010

Awards Summary: 7 Rank Badges. 22 Merit Badges, 5 Special Awards

Adam A. - Cit In World*, World Conservation
Daniel B. - Cit In World* - Rank : Scout
Michael B. - Cit In World*. Snow Sports, World Conservation
William G. - Rank : Eagle
Penn H. - Rank : Tenderfoot
Max M. - Camping*, Hiking*
Christopher M. - Animal Science. Horsemanship, Snow Sports
Garrett M. - Carpentry, Cit In World*, Snow Sports
Thomas R. - Cit In World*
Shawn S. - Rank : 2nd Gold
Luke V. - Radio
Alex W. - Cit In World*, World Conservation - Rank : Star
Grayson W. - Cit In World*, World Conservation
Patrick W. - Animal Science, Horsemanship - Rank : Star
Edward Y. - Cit In World*, Music. Public Speaking, Scholarship, World Conservation - Rank : 1st Class

Troop 28 Website

www.troop28raleigh.com

Troop 28 Photos Needed

If you have photos from Troop 28 activities please forward to scouter28@mindspring.com

Occonechee NEWS!

- As the New Year comes in the Falls District is transitioning to the new Impeesa District. Brandon Stokes, District Executive for the Falls District, will assume the responsibilities for the newly formed district of Impeesa (formerly Baden-Powell and Falls Districts).
- Re-charter will be started in January and be completed by the end of February.

Movie Night

Troop 28 scouts enjoyed a fun filled evening at the annual 2010 Movie Night on December 4, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The traditional and troop favorite was viewed first - "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas", followed by "The Great Race". Everyone laughed, ate pizza, snacks and drinks and enjoyed the snowfall outside.

Scouts enjoying the evening were: Adam A., Christopher M., Garrett M., Andy P., Thomas R., Alex W., Grayson W., and Patrick W.

Adults present were Shawn Shadrix, Lori Wilson, Mark Robbins and John Murrell.



Vertical Edge Overnighter

January 22, 2011

Pack 28 Webelos have been invited to join us on this fun filled adventure. Scouts will arrive Saturday evening around 10:30 pm. and depart Sunday morning 7:30 am. More details to follow.

Troop 28 2011 Campout Dates

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| February | 11-13 Campout |
| 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 |

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: 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

Deadline: Jan. 28, 2011

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

Why: Fun and earn a partial Snow Sport Merit Badge

Who: Scouts, Scouters, Family

Volunteer Opportunities

Community service opportunity/requirement, upcoming WIHN week at Good Shepherd. The scouts have already worked some with the program and we collected donations for the program at our December Court of Honor.

Ms. Munt has signed up Alex and herself to serve as social hosts on Monday 1/17, Tuesday 1/18 and Friday 1/21. This is worth 6 hours of service. Our meeting on Monday 1/17 will be working with WIHN. If you would like to help the other two days please contact Ms. Munt.

If you are interested, information about WIHN and online signups can be found at:

<http://www.gslchurch.org/ministries/WIHN/index.asp>

"There is a difference between interest and commitment. When you are interested in doing something, you do it when circumstances permit. When you are committed, you accept no excuses, only results."
-- Art Turock, author

December Roundtable Falls District Dinner

Attending from Troop 28 were Tom Quinn, Dennis Ritter, Tom and Michele Parsons, Fred Gunther, Shawn Shadrix, and John Murrell. Troop 28 Scouts who received Eagle rank in 2010 attending were Pat Quinn and Will Gunther. The room was filled to capacity, with about 114 people attending the dinner. Also in attendance were many other leaders who are well known to Troop 28's leaders, including our Unit Commissioner Shay Blakemore.

Our Eagle Scouts along with other Eagles in attendance, were recognized for their service projects, and received certificates for their accomplishments.

Mr. Parsons was our unit's choice this year as our 'Most Valuable Scouter', in recognition of his gift of over 12 years of service in helping 34 of Troop 28's Scouts to achieve their Eagle award. He has done this by managing the 'Trail to Eagle' advisor role, serving as a counselor and helping them to refine and focus their energies in fulfilling the requirements of this rank award. Mr. Parsons seemed to be both surprised and humbly grateful for receiving this award. Mr. Parsons also contributes in other capacities by helping some of the older Scouts in their 'God and Life' program, where they can explore and expand their Faith commitments.

Troop 28 Medical Forms

Troop 28 needs new Medical Forms (Part A & C) for all scouts and scouters by the end of January to complete Re-charter. Medical forms are due once a year and we are trying to get everyone on the same schedule and will in the future be requesting them each year with re-charter. Part B is required for 72 hours or more and will be completed on an as needed basis.



TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER

- **Falls District** dinner was held on Thursday, December 2nd, at St. Francis. Pat Q and Will G attended and were recognized.
- **Occoneechee Council** 2010 Eagle Banquet 1/22/2011

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

2011 Scholarship Application

Submit your postmarked applications no later than midnight January 14, 2011, they must be received by the Occoneechee Council by the January 17, 2011 deadline.

See the December 2010 Newsletter for more info.

Upcoming Merit Badge Clinics

Mark your calendars - Merit Badge Day with Troop 344 - January 29, 2011 (to be held at Edenton St. Methodist - registration information will be available soon.

The following merit badges are being offered, a couple are still being planned so details are not complete.

1. Chemistry - There is no pre-work for this badge, and it will be completed during the day.
2. Citizenship in the Nation - Requirement #2, and #3 need to be completed outside of the class. If Scout brings them, they will complete the rest in class, otherwise they will receive a partial.
3. Citizenship in the World - details are being worked out, will email out additional info as soon as I receive it.
4. Dentistry - There will be some pre-work, and the merit badge can be completed during the day if pre-work is complete (pre-req list is being finalized).
5. First aid - Details are being worked out, original counselor had to back out as they will be on-call this day for Wake County EMS. Details will be emailed out as soon as I have them.
6. Personal Management - Scouts will need to do their 13 week budget outside of class, if completed they can bring with them. In most cases, Scouts will receive a partial. Requirements #1, #2, #8, and #10 should be completed and brought to class. This class is reserved for Scouts 14 + years old, and 1st class, or above.
7. Photography - details are being worked out for this badge, class will be reserved for older Scouts.

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

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

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Start the New Year with some new Resolutions

Become a Yes Man!

The words 'No, you can't because ...' are heard way too often in life.

How pleasant it would be if the phrase were simply turned around to 'Yes, you can when ...' 'Yes, you can if ...' or 'Yes, you can as soon as ...'

Instead of 'No, we can't start the game without the umpire', it would be 'Yes, we can start as soon as the umpire gets here. And if he's not here in 5 minutes Mr. Smith will stand in for him.'

Using positive words shows a positive attitude and a positive attitude makes the world a bit better.

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.

The boys working on the Pray Program were busy in November and December.

On Sunday, December 5 the PRAY program scouts along with Garrett M, Troop 28 Chaplain's Aide, were greeters at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 8:15 am service.



On Friday 12/10/10 6:00-7:30 pm they attended the Coffee House at Good Shepherd and talked with some of the church members.

December Meetings' Summary

December 6, 2010

PLC meeting led by Alex W, ASPL. and attended by: Patrick W, Edward Y, Grayson W, Michael B.

Followed by a regular Troop meeting with Max M, SPL, and Alex W, ASPL leading. Scouts in attendance: SPARTANS: Patrick W, Edward Y, Christopher M, Thomas R, Luke V, COBRAS: Grayson W, Michael B, Adam A, Thomas B, Garrett M, Andy Paff. Scouts focused on refining the 2011 Campout schedule.

December 13, 2010

Troop 28 Court of Honor was held with Max M, SPL & Alex M, ASPL leading. Scouts in attendance: SPARTANS: Patrick W, Edward Y, Christopher M, Patrick Q, Luke V, COBRAS: Grayson W, Michael B, Adam A, Thomas B, Tyler L, Garrett M.

December 20th & 27th

No meetings

NORMAN ROCKWELL EXHIBIT

What: American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell. The exhibit features 40 original paintings and 300 Saturday Evening Post covers and more.

Where: NC Museum of Art

When: Now until January 30, 2011

Tuesday - Thursday 10 am to 5 pm

Friday 10 am to 9 pm

Saturday - Sunday 10 am to 5 pm

Cost: \$15 - Adults; \$12 - Students, seniors, military and groups of ten or more; \$7.50 - Ages 7 to 12;

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