



Upcoming Events

- March 7 - 6:30 pm PLC
7:00 pm Scout Meeting - Troop Elections
7:00 pm Committee Meeting
- March 12 - Louisburg Merit Badge University
- March 14 - Court of Honor
- March 18-20 - Campout - Jordan Lake -
Leadership skills, Park Ranger speaking
and Forester leading a guided hike.
- March 21 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting
- March 26 - NCSU Merit Badge University
Pack 28 Cross-over Ceremony
- March 28 - 7:00 pm Scout Meeting

Scout Sunday February 6

Ten Scouts, 2 Eagle Scouts and 14 parents attended the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church worship service on Boy Scouts of America Scout Sunday on February 6, 2011. The Scouts served at greeters at the 10:45 am service, sat together during the service and were recognized by the minister as being the troop that meets at GSLC. Attending were: Alex W, Patrick W, Penn H, Christopher M, Patrick Q, Michael B, Thomas B, Garrett M, and Andy P. Parents and leaders attending were: John & Sheila Murrell, Deanna & Chris Munt, Dennis Ritter, Hank Stroup, Tom & Chris Quinn, Jeff Bell, Tom Mense, Mark Paff, Lori Wilson, Dan Barker. Eagle Scouts from Troop 28 attending: Kevin Ritter, and Max Mense.

Merit Badge Day

February MBU at Highland Methodist Church

The following scouts from Troop 28 attended. Alex W - Citizenship in the Community, Luke V - Environmental Science, Michael B - First Aid, Edward Y - Art & Personal Management, Adam A - Genealogy & Personal Management, Thomas R - Citizenship in the Nation, Andy P, Garrett M - Citizenship in the Community and Christopher M - Citizenship in the Community.

"If you have no confidence in self, you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won even before you have started."

Marcus Tullius Cicero, Roman Philosopher

Troop 28 Website

www.troop28raleigh.com

Camp Durant Campout

February 11-13, 2011

It was cold (mid-20's at night), but it is pleasing to note that the Scouts were well-prepared with warm gear, and all had fun. We had 12 and 20-gauge shotgun practice for several hours in the morning, and 3+ hours at the climbing tower in the afternoon. Troop 28 Scouts camping were Adam A, Thomas B, Penn H, Chris M, Garrett M, Andy P, Patrick W, and Edward Y.



MERIT BADGE SPOTLIGHT

FORESTRY

1. Prepare a field notebook, make a collection, and identify 15 species of trees, wild shrubs, or vines in a local forested area. Write a description in which you identify and discuss the following:
 - a. The characteristics of leaf, twig, cone, or fruiting bodies
 - b. The habitat in which these trees, shrubs or vines are found.
 - c. The important ways each tree, shrub, or vine is used by humans or wildlife and whether the species is native or was introduced to the area. If it is not native, explain whether it is considered invasive or potentially invasive.
2. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Collect and identify wood samples of 10 species of trees. List several ways the wood of each species can be used.
 - b. Find and examine three stumps, logs, or core samples that show variations in the growth rate of their ring patterns. In the field notebook you prepared for requirement 1, describe the location or origin of each example (including elevation, aspect, slope, and the position on the slope), and discuss possible reasons for the variations in growth rate. Photograph or sketch each example.
 - c. Find and examine two types of animal, insect, or damage on trees. In the field notebook you prepared for requirement 1, identify the damage, explain how the damage was caused, and describe the effects of the damage on the trees. Photograph or sketch each example.
3. Do the following:
 - a. Describe contributions forests make to:
 1. Our economy in the form of products.
 2. Our social well-being, including recreation
 3. Soil protection and increased fertility.
 4. Clean water.
 5. Clean air. (carbon cycling, sequestration)
 6. Wildlife habitat
 7. Fisheries habitat
 8. Threatened and endangered species of plants and animals
 - b. Tell which watershed or other source your community relies on for its water supply.
4. Describe what forest management means, including the following:
 - a. Multiple-use management
 - b. Sustainable forest management
 - c. Even-aged and uneven-aged management and silvicultural systems associated with each type.
 - d. Intermediate cuttings.
 - e. The role of prescribed burning and related forest management practices.
5. With your parent's and counselor's approval, do ONE of the following:
 - a. Visit a managed public or private forest area with its manager or a forester familiar with it. Write a brief report describing the type of forest, the management objectives, and the forestry techniques used to achieve the objectives.
 - b. Take a trip to a logging operation or wood-using industrial plant and write a brief report describing:
 1. The species and size of trees being harvested or used and the location of the harvest area or manufacturer.
 2. The origin of the forest or stands of trees being utilized (e.g., planted or natural)
 3. The forest's successional stage. What is its future?
 4. Where the trees are coming from (land ownership) or where they are going (type of mill or processing plant)
 5. The products that are made from the trees
 6. How the products are made and used.
 7. How waste materials from the logging operation or manufacturing plant are disposed of or utilized.
 - c. Take part in a forest-fire prevention campaign in cooperation with your local fire warden, state wildfire agency, forester, or counselor. Write a brief report describing the campaign, how it will help prevent wildfires, and your part in it.
6. Do the following:
 - a. Describe the consequences to forests that result from FIVE of the following elements: wildfire, absence of fire, insects, tree diseases, air pollution, overgrazing, deer or other wildlife overpopulation, improper harvest, and urbanization.
 - b. Explain what can be done to reduce the consequences you discussed in 6a.
 - c. Describe what you should do if you discover a forest fire and how a professional firefighting crew might control it. Name your state or local wildfire control agency.
7. Visit one or more local foresters and write a brief report about the person (or persons). Or, write about a forester's occupation including the education, qualifications, career opportunities, and duties related to forestry.

February Meetings' Summary

February 7, 2011

PLC meeting led by Max M ASP Alex W.

Followed by a regular Troop meeting with Max M, SPL, and Alex W, ASPL leading. Scouts in attendance: Adam A, Thomas B, Penn H, Tyler L, Max M, Chris M, Garrett M, Andy P, Luke V, Alex W, Patrick W, and Edward Y. Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation.

February 14, 2011

Regular Troop meeting. Webelos visiting Troop meeting. Games, review of campout, and Dutch oven blueberry cobbler prepared and served.

February 21, 2011

No regular meeting. President's Day Observed

February 28, 2011

Regular Troop meeting

Volunteer Opportunity

April 2, 2011 - Impessa District Service Project - Neuse River Cleanup. More Info to follow.

Troop 28 - 2011 Campout Dates

April	8-10 Campout, Backpacking
April 29-May1	District Camporee
May	13-15 Campout, New River
June	10-12 Campout, Shinleaf
July	3-9 Boy Scout Camp
July	22-23 Durham Bulls Campout
August	12-14 Campout, Spelunking
September	23-25 Campout, Virginia Creeper
October	14-16 Campout, Beach
November	11-13 Campout, Canoeing
December	3-4 Troop event

Upcoming Summer Opportunities

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

TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER

Tyler L had his Eagle Scout project approved. Look for work dates and times to come.



Upcoming Merit Badge Clinics

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.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Somebody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.