**April 2011** 



#### Upcoming Events

• <u>April 2</u> -	Impessa District Service Project -
	Neuse River Cleanup
• <u>April 4</u> -	6:30 pm PLC
	7:00 pm Scout Meeting
	7:00 pm Committee Meeting
• <u>April 8-10</u> -	Campout - BW Wells, Falls Lake
• <u>April 11</u> -	7:00 pm Scout Meeting
• April 18 -	No Scout Meeting - Spring Break
• Aoril 25 -	No Scout Meeting - Spring Break
• April 29-1 -	Impessa District Boy Scout Camporee

# Troop 28 March Court of Honor March 14, 2011 March 14, 2011 Image: State of Honor <

March Madness was celebrated at our Troop 28 March 14, 2011 Court of Honor. We had 3 rank advancements, 23 merit badges with 11 of those being Eagle Rank Required and 1 Special Award.

Receiving Rank Advancements: <u>Michael B</u> - Star, <u>Max M</u> - Eagle, <u>Andy P</u> - Star

Merit Badges presented: <u>Adam A</u> - Chemistry, Genealogy, Personal Management; <u>Michael B</u> - First Aid; <u>Tyler L</u> - Citizenship in the World; <u>Chris M</u> - Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Tracking; <u>Garrett M</u> - Chemistry, Citizenship in the Community, Tracking; <u>Thomas R</u> - Citizenship in the Nation; <u>Luke V</u> -Carpentry, Environmental Science, Tracking; <u>Alex W</u> -Citizenship in the Community; <u>Patrick W</u> - Carpentry, Pathfinding, Tracking; <u>Edward Y</u> - Art, Citizenship in the Nation, Personal Management.

Special Awards: Tyler L - World Conservation

## Troop 28 Photos Needed

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

## Troop 28 Website www.troop28raleigh.com

#### Jordan Lake Campout March 10, 2011

Scouts attending the Crosswinds at Jordan Lake Campout were Adam A, Thomas B, Michael B, Christopher M, Garrett M, and Alex W. Leaders attending were: Scoutmaster John Murrell, Assistant Scoutmasters Jeff Bell and Hank Stroup.

Friday night scouts went over Troop Leadership training.

Jim Trostle, Park Ranger at Jordan Lake State Park helped the Scouts to explore and learn items in the Wilderness Survival Merit Badge.

Steve McElhaney, Forester with Jordan Lake State Park led a Guided Hike of the Forest off of Big Woods Road. All scouts in attendance completed the Forestry Merit Badge.



## Troop 28 – Raleigh, NC

## Cross-over Ceremonies Pack 33 March 21, 2011

Tyler B, Dylan C, Stephen S, Nalin G former Cub Scouts from Pack 33 crossed over to Troop 28 on Monday, March 21, 2011. Attending and assisting with the ceremony and welcoming these scouts were Scoutmaster John Murrell, Assistant Scoutmasters, Tom Mense & Shawn S, and Scouts Adam A and Edward Y.

#### Pack 28 March 26, 2011

David D, Daniel C, Evan H, Munga M, Griffin S, Alex T, Brennan T, and Victor Y former Cub Scouts from Pack 28 crossed over to Troop 28 on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Attending and assisting with the ceremony and welcoming these scouts were Scoutmaster John Murrell, Assistant Scoutmasters Hank Stroup & Mark Robbins and Scouts Adam A, Christopher M, Andy P, Thomas R and Edward Y.



## Troop 28 New Leadership

Elections were held at the regular Troop 28 meeting on March 7, 2011.

<u>Thomas R</u> - Senior Patrol Leader <u>Christopher M</u> - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

<u>Andy P</u> - Cobras Patrol Leader <u>Adam L</u> - Cobras Assistant Patrol Leader

Luke V - Spartans Patrol Leader Patrick W - Spartans Assistant Patrol Leader

### NCSU Merit Badge University March 26, 2011

We had 5 scouts from Troop 28 attend the third NCSU Merit Badge University along with 2 adults. Thanks to John & Sheila Murrell for attending with the scouts. Adam A - Electricity Luke V - Energy Thomas B & Garrett M - Soil & Water Conservation and Forestry Christopher M - Geology

## Raleigh REI – Backpacking Basics

Date: 4/19/2011 Event Location: Raleigh REI Event Fee: Free Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (EDT) Leader: Jim Spratley

**Description:** In this show-and-tell session REI will take the mystery out of backpacking. We will cover the basics of backpacking gear, including how to choose the right pack and select the proper clothing and footwear to keep you comfortable. Come and learn how to get started in this fun activity. No experience necessary!

## Raleigh REI — Camp Cooking Basics

Date: 4/26/2011 Event Location: Raleigh REI Event Fee: Free Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (EDT) Leader: Jim Spratley Group Size: 47

**Description:** Do you want to make good meals at camp but feel unsure how to cook them? Would you like tips on what to bring and how to make the most of cooking in the outdoors? Join REI for an introductory class on campsite cooking. We have years of experience to share, and we'd like to help you learn how to boil and braise your way to tasty eating outside. No experience necessary!

http://www.rei.com/event/225/session/24782



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## January Meetings' Summary

#### <u>March 7, 2011</u>

PLC meeting led by \_ ASPL. and attended by:

Followed by a regular Troop meeting with <u>Max M</u>, SPL, and <u>Alex W</u>, ASPL leading. Scouts in attendance: SPARTANS: <u>Patrick W</u>, <u>Edward Y</u>, <u>Christopher M</u>, <u>Thomas R</u>, <u>Luke V</u>

COBRAS: Michael B, Tyler L, Garrett M, and Andy P.

Scouts held Troop elections and did Meal Planning for Jordan Lake Campout.

#### <u>March 14, 2011</u>

Court of Honor (see article page 1)

#### March 21, 2011

Troop 28 regular meeting. Lead by <u>Thomas R</u>, SPL and <u>Christopher M</u>, ASPL .

#### March 28, 2011

Troop 28 regular meeting. Lead by <u>Thomas R</u>, SPL and <u>Christopher M</u>, ASPL and attended by 23 scouts. First meeting with new scouts. Everyone watched a slideshow presentation of past Troop adventures. Afterwards while the parents met to go over Parent stuff, the scouts went to the gym and played games, tied knots, and set up tents.

#### 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
- Durham Bulls Game & Sleepover 7/22





#### TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER

Troop 28 has one scout, <u>**Tyler L</u> working on his Eagle** project. Watch for upcoming opportunities to help!</u>

## 2011 Progress Energy Scoutreach Golf Tournament

#### District Scouters,

In case you have not heard, I want to make you aware of the upcoming 2011 Progress Energy Scoutreach Golf Tournament to be held Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at North Ridge Country Club in Raleigh. This tournament directly supports the Occoneechee Council Scoutreach initiative, providing camperships, uniforms, books, training etc. for Scouts throughout our Council.

You are invited to register to play, enter a team, become a sponsor, donate a door prize. All you need to do is log on to www.boyscoutgolf.com to review tournament information and sign up under the "Registration" tab. This is one of the area's premier tournaments attended by key leaders throughout our community. What better way to spend a beautiful Spring day? Your registration is tax deductible and includes green fees, cart, lunch, putting contest, on-course games and post tournament dinner.

<u>Please share</u> with all of the parents / leaders in your unit, business associates, friends, or anyone that may have an interest in participating.

Won't you join us at this wonderful event? Log on now to www.boyscoutgolf.com to reserve your spot in our 2011 Progress Energy Scoutreach Golf Classic! In Scouting, Greg Sanders

#### NC Museum of History

<u>Think your parents make you work too much?</u> <u>Check out the exhibit at the NC Museum of</u> <u>History!</u>

The Photography of Lewis Hine: Exposing Child Labor in North Carolina, 1908-1918

Photographs documenting the plight of child workers in the state's textile mills a century ago In the early 1900s, most child workers in North Carolina textile mills labored 10 to 12 hours, six days a week. They toiled in hot, humid, lint-filled air that triggered respiratory diseases. They endured the deafening roar of textile machinery. They risked

serious injury from dangerous, exposed gears and belts

Triangle Youth Jazz Ensemble Sunday, April 17 - 3-4 p.m.

Enjoy Jazz Appreciation Month with some cool tunes. Under the direction of Dr. Gregg Gelb, this group of talented young musicians from local high schools will perform a variety of jazz standards.

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# Troop 28 - Raleigh, NC

## Troop 28 2011 Campout Dates

April	8-10 Campout, BW Wells, Falls Lake
May	13-15 Campout, New River
June	10-12 Campout, Camp Campbell
July	3-9 Boy Scout Camp
July	22 Durham Bulls Game & Camping

#### Presidential Volunteer Service Award

PVSA – is available to youth and adults for their volunteer service in Scouting and in other areas. Also, Good Turn for America provides volunteering and recognition opportunities. Our troop has been approved to issue/monitor these awards.

If you have volunteer hours please turn them in to Ms. Munt.

## The Value of Leadership

The heart and soul of what we do in the Boy Scouts of America is produce leaders for tomorrow. One of our strengths is shaping leaders who have a strong foundation of values and who know how to serve others, and we have had 100 years of practice. Now, as we begin to celebrate that rich century of leadership development, we introduce the National Youth Leadership Society. Its purpose is to recognize youth members of the BSA who have learned and practiced outstanding leadership skills-the elite of our program. We want these youths, who have worked so hard at learning and leading, to enjoy a form of recognition that other organizations, such as schools, colleges, employers, and the military, can understand and value. Youths inducted into this National Youth Leadership Society may now receive the recognition they deserve in a more tangible way.

As a national honor society, the National Youth Leadership Society calls upon local councils to nominate those individuals who meet certain criteria. Upon acceptance, the National Court of Honor will offer the individual the honor of membership into the Society. The council will be sent the appropriate honors and will perform a formal induction. (See the nomination process steps

# http://www.kiakimadistrict.org/Forms/Natl\_Youth\_Lea dership\_Society\_512-354.pdf)

The National Court of Honor will maintain a national honor roll of inducted Society members as a class each calendar year. Individuals will be able to say they are a member of a particular class, for instance, the class of 2010 for members inducted in 2010. The class is based on when the individual was approved, not when the induction took place.

## **Downtown Festival of Hope**

This is a call to Scouting Units to support the May 7 event. It is called the Downtown Raleigh Festival of Hope and is held from 10 -2. We would like to have a Scouting presence at the event. There will be a space for a tent and the unit will need to bring table and chairs. Bring scouting info and be ready to talk to the public about Scouting, Scouts should wear their uniforms, have a display and show basic skills, (guys tying knots, etc.) We have badges to give to them for participating at the event. If you are interested in participating contact Karen Hoffman 828-9014 x 132. We look forward to seeing the scouts at the event. Thanks

Richard Fitzgerald, Dir of Fundraising and Agency Relations, Raleigh Rescue Mission

## **SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER**

How does a football team score? The kicker can kick a field goal. Or, a receiver can catch a touchdown pass. Or, a running back can run the ball across the goal line.

OK, that's just 3 people. Why don't we just get rid of the other 8 players and get things done?

Of course, it isn't those 3 individuals that actually score - it is good blocking and teamwork that makes it possible to move the ball across the line. Sure, there are outstanding players, but no matter how good they are, they need their teammates.

Patrols are the same way. If you win one of our interpatrol contests, or if you have the best campsite at a camporee, it's not just because one guy is such a great Scout. It's patrol teamwork.

The secret of a patrol is to have every member do his job, whatever it is. If one Scout slacks off, the patrol suffers. If every Scout does his part, the patrol is bound to be a winner. And, each of you know at all times if you are slacking or winning.

A winning attitude is what we call patrol spirit. Is your patrol a winner? I'm not asking whether you win every contest. I'm asking if your patrol is doing the best that it can? If so, then you should be proud regardless if another patrol seems to be better - they aren't better, just more experienced. And, as you keep trying, you gain experience.

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