



April 2012

**Troop 28**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church -- Raleigh, NC

### Upcoming Events

- April 3 7:00 pm – Troop Meeting  
7:00 pm – Committee Meeting
- April 10 7:00 pm – Troop Meeting
- April 13-15 Campout – Camp Campbell
- April 17 7:00 pm – Troop Meeting  
Not at GSLC
- April 24 7:00 pm PLC

## Troop 28 WELCOMES NEW SCOUTS

March 3, 2012

On March 3, 2012 Assistant Scoutmaster Hank Stroup and several Troop 28 scouts attended the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Pack 28 Cub Scout Crossover Ceremony and welcomed 2 scouts to Troop 28.

On March 19, 2012 Scoutmaster John Murrell and several Troop 28 scouts attended the Greystone Baptist Pack 33 Cub Scout Crossover Ceremony and welcomed 3 scouts to Troop 28.

**Brandon B, Drew G, Joshua H, Henry S, Charlie W**

### TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER Eagle Recognition - Court of Honor

March 13, 2012



### Snowshoe Ski Trip

March 16-18, 2012





## Troop 28 2012 Campout & Activities Dates

April	3	Troop 28 Elections
April	13-15	Campout
May	18-20	Campout
June	24-30	Boy Scout summer camp
August	25	Day Trip to USNWC Charlotte
September	21-23	Campout
October	5-7	Occoneechee BSA Camporee
November	16-17	Umstead Park Campout
December	5	Troop Activities



## Volunteer - Our Troop Depends on It

Troop 28 is a "boy led" ("adult supervised") troop. As the Scouts progress through their ranks they are given more and more responsibility in leading various activities in the troop. As they advance from simple to more complex duties more is expected of them. As parents we have a responsibility to help the boys learn by being good examples and guides.

Boy Scout troops require lots of participation and work in order to be a well run working group. Troop all over the country each year fail because of lack of adult participation. Troop 28 is very fortunate to have Scouts and Parents who want a well run troop. Your help is always appreciated by your son, his fellow Scouts and the leaders. You will find that you benefit as well by being able to spend dedicated time with your sons. Watching your children grow and learn is one of the best parts of being a parent.

Troop 28 assumes that at least one parent of each Scout will serve as a volunteer for the troop. There are many ways that you can volunteer. You may serve as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Member, lead a fundraiser, oversee a campout, etc. (the list just goes on and on). Whatever you decide to do, know that your help is always appreciated by your son, his fellow scouts and you are truly making for a better Scouting experience for everyone.

To volunteer, contact the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chairperson, or any committee member, or ask any uniformed adult leader at the next Troop meeting.

## Troop 28 Website

[www.troop28raleigh.com](http://www.troop28raleigh.com)

Almost certainly, you have visited the Troop website at some point. Scouts and parents alike often use the site to learn about merit badges, rank advancement, high adventure, or to access the troop newsletter.

**Check it out!**

## Scoutmaster John Murrell receives his Woodbadge

March 13, 2012



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*"No matter how much success you're having, you can't continue working together if you can't communicate."*  
-- Matt Cameron, Musician

## 2013 BSA JAMBOREE

July 15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2013. <http://www.ocscouts.org>



Summie Bechtel Reserve

[www.BSAJamboree.org](http://www.BSAJamboree.org)

July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The 2013 National Scout Jamboree will be the first at the Bechtel Summit, and will offer unique opportunities focusing on the adventure of Scouting.

## March Meetings' Summary

March 6, 2012

Regular Meeting

March 13, 2012

Court of Honor

March 20, 2012

Regular Meeting - New patrol alignments & Elections

March 27, 2012

PLC



## Merit Badges

### What is a merit badge?

A merit badge shows that a Scout has successfully completed a unit of study in a specific area according to the requirements set by Boy Scouts of America. There are over 100 badges available. Of these, 15 badges are designated as "Eagle-required" and are highlighted in the list of merit badges below.

### Why are merit badges important?

In order to earn rank advancements, merit badges need to be completed. For Star rank, 4 Eagle and 2 non-Eagle required badges must be earned. For Life rank, 3 more Eagle badges and 2 additional non-Eagle required badges must be earned. Finally, before earning Eagle rank, Scouts must have earned a total of at least 21 merit badges, 12 of which must be Eagle required. Earning merit badges beyond the minimum of 21 can be recognized by achievement of Eagle Palms awards. In addition to being requirements for rank advancement, merit badges enhance the fun and learning experience of Scouting.

### How do I earn a merit badge?

There are 4 main ways to work on and earn a merit badge.

1. **Summer Camp** – Summer Camp is an indispensable Scouting experience. A Scout typically earns 3-5 merit badges during the one week of camp. It is best to balance the work and fun during the week, so that Scouts have a great time while coming home with a feeling of accomplishment. Badges that require more hands-on activities are best to work on at summer camp. Examples of these are: Woodworking, Leatherwork, First Aid and Emergency Preparedness. It is also best to complete **Swimming** at camp.
2. **Merit Badge University (MBU)** – Merit Badge University, sometimes called Merit Badge College or Merit Badge Clinic, is another great way to earn a merit badge. This is a one day event, sponsored by a Troop or Council, where a Scout can complete an entire merit badge in one day. This is the best way to earn some of the more academic merit badges such as Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation or Citizenship in the World. There are usually pre-requisites that must be completed before attending the event.
3. **Troop Meetings or Campouts** – Occasionally, the Troop will work on a merit badge together at a meeting or at an outing. For example, Forestry was recently completed while on a campout by spending part of the day with the Park Ranger at a National Forest.
4. **Individual Study** – Scouts may work on a merit badge individually.

## Merit Badges (Contd)

### What is a pre-requisite?

Pre-requisites are requirements that must be completed by a Scout before taking a merit badge class at camp or an MBU. These are usually field trips or experiments that would take time or travel that would be difficult to complete during the class.

### What is the process for getting the merit badge?

1. Apply to begin work on the merit badge. If the work is to be done as part of camp or MBU, simply register for the event through the Troop. If the work will be done independently, contact the Merit Badge Coordinator for an application.
2. Coordinator for an application.
3. Read the merit badge pamphlet. These are available either for loan from the Troop library or for purchase either on-line or from the Scout store.
4. Do the requirements as required by the pamphlet.
5. Meet with a Merit Badge Counselor to show your work.

When the work has been completed and the Counselor has signed off on all requirements on either the Merit Badge Application or Blue Card, make a copy of the signed paperwork. The copy is turned in to the Merit Badge Coordinator for recording. Scouts should keep original copies of all merit badge work completed and signed paperwork. It is very important to retain all signed originals as these may be needed when sitting for an Eagle Board of Review

## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

### **Bound Through Scouting**

If I bound 20 wooden matches in a bundle with a rubber band you would notice that they stand easily when they're all bound together.

But, when remove the rubber band and I try to stand them you would see that they fall in all different directions.

Our troop is like a bunch of matches. As long as we work together as a team, bound together by the ties of Scouting, we will stand together as a strong troop. But if we remove those ideas of Scouting, and each man thinks only of himself, we'll be like that bunch of matches when the rubber band was taken off.

As we all live up to the ideals of the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan, we will be wrapping ourselves with the band that will strengthen our troop and make sure that it stands for the things that make Scouting great.

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