



Upcoming Events

- May 1 7:00 pm – Troop Meeting
7:00 pm – Committee Meeting
- May 4 6:30 pm – JLT Session
- May 8 7:00 pm – Troop Meeting
Not in Fellowship Hall
- May 15 7:00 pm – Troop Meeting
- May 18-20 Campout – Lake Norman/USNWC
- May 22 7:00 pm – Troop Meeting
- May 29 7:00 pm – PLC Meeting

Optimist Pool Swim Test

April 24, 2012

Most of the Scouts, and many adult leaders, were able to come to the swim test. The test consists of swimming 75 yards using any stroke desired, followed by 25 yards of resting or regular backstroke, and then 5-10 seconds of floating. This is designed to determine basic minimal swimming abilities, and is helpful to identify those persons who might have difficulties in water-related activities encountered on campouts. With this information, we can assist those individuals who need help with their swimming skills. The test is taken by all Scouts and leaders who wish to participate in water-related activities.

In addition to the practical test in the water, Chris M., in his role as Troop Guide, gave instruction to all Scouts who were present on what items are needed to have a safe swimming area. He used the 'PADBALLS' acronym, which stands for Physical fitness, Ability groups, Discipline, Buddy system, safe Area, Lifeguards, Lookout, and qualified Supervision.

Lastly, the Scouts used their extra time well in the free swimming area of the pool, relaxing, playing games, and generally having a good time. It also provided a good opportunity for the newer Scouts and older Scouts to get to know each other a little better.

TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER



Several Troop 28 Life Scouts have started searching/looking/preparing for their Eagle projects. Mr. Long and Mr. Ritter are the Troop's current Eagle advisors, and are happy to help our older Scouts progress on achieving the rank. Look for more details to come.

Camp Campbell Campout

April 13-15, 2012

This campout was the first overnight campout that many of our 2012 new Scouts had with the Troop, and it seemed that everyone had a good time. We overcame the challenge of freakishly good weather, catching some of our more experienced Scouts 'off guard' by not having to use rain jackets. Staying at campsite #25 gave us access to the small beach and lookout point, which became an occasional gathering area throughout the weekend. Friday night after dinner offered some great star gazing opportunities, helped with the Astronomical expertise of Mr. Robbins, and others. Lots of time was dedicated to progressing through rank or merit badge requirements. On Saturday morning, new Scouts worked on Tenderfoot #'s 2,3,4a,4b,6, and 11 requirements, helped by various mid-age and older Scouts. Alex W., Patrick W., Chris M., Garrett M., and Michael B. helped new Scouts learn and practice proper flag-raising ceremonies, and Stephen S. and Nalin G. helped teach the taut-line and two half hitch knots, as well as fusing of synthetic rope or cord in the fireplace by the shelter. Griffin S. and Chris M. helped teach identification of local poisonous plants after lunch. Meanwhile, the other older Scouts took time to work on Camping Merit Badge with Mr.'s Stroup and Munt, and adults new to the Troop got to know each other better while gathering in the shelter.

On Saturday afternoon we stopped our work on the requirements, and had several good games of 'Capture the Flag' in the activity field with Troop 613 from Cary. Scouts from both troops definitely worked off lots of calories trying to free fellow Scouts who were in 'jail', or trying to find and retrieve the Troop flags. Adults from each Troop lined the perimeter of the activity field to help referee the game. A good time was had by all, and we are grateful to have new-found friends in Troop 613. In the evening, Scouts made dinner, refining their cooking and cleaning skills; their eating skills appeared to be in fine order! We look forward to more fun in our future campouts.



Troop 28 2012 Campout & Activities Dates

May	18-20	Lake Norman, USNWC Campout
June	24-30	Boy Scout summer camp
July	27-29	Sliding Rock Campout
August	24-26	Beach (?) Campout
September	21-23	Grandfather Mtn. Campout
October	5-7	Grayson Highlands backpacking
November	16-17	Umstead Park Campout
December	5	Troop Activities

"When nothing seems to help, I go and look at a stonecutter hammering away at his rock perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred and first blow it will split in two, and I know it was not that blow that did it - but all that had gone before."

-- Jacob Riis, Photographer and Journalist

How to Cook A Meal Over An Open Fire as a Boy Scout

Watch the video at Wonder How To:
<http://www.wonderhowto.com/how-to-cook-meal-over-open-fire-as-boy-scout-266113/>

"Second Class Boy Scouts work on building their outdoor survival and camping skills. Compass work, nature observation, camp tools, and swimming are areas where new skills are mastered and demonstrated. A second class scout, having completed all the requirements, should be able to lead a hike, care for his own equipment, set up a campsite, and perform basic first aid."



Campfire Apples

This tastes just like apple pie!

Apples
Squeeze butter
Cinnamon/sugar mix
Heavy-duty foil

Core an apple leaving the bottom intact. Cut the center of the core apart from the top of the core, creating a "lid" that fits on your apple. Fill the apple half to three quarters full of squeeze butter. Fill the rest of the apple with a cinnamon/sugar mix. Put the "lid" back on the apple. Wrap in foil. Throw it into the coals for an hour or so.



Merit Badge NEWS

Highland Merit Badge University

At the Highland MBU on February 25, the following Scouts attended and took (some have partials remaining):

Thomas B - Reading, Law

Michael B - Citizenship in the Community

David C - Citizenship in the Community

Dylan C - Citizenship in the Community

Nalin G - Citizenship in the Community

Griffin S - Citizenship in the Community

Andy P - Architecture, Music

Luke V - Citizenship in the Nation

Edward Y - Communication

Victor Y - Personal Management, Law

In upcoming news:

During May and June many of the older Scouts will be working on the Camping Merit Badge while the first year Scouts are concentrating on their Tenderfoot rank requirements.

Got To Be NC Festival

Join your friends and family for three great days of down-home celebration North Carolina-style at the 2012 Got to Be NC Festival. Coming to the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh May 18th - 20th.

<http://www.gottobenccfestival.com/GenInfo.htm>

Troop 28 Website

www.troop28raleigh.org

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!

Red Cross Disaster Services Training Orange District Merit Badge Pow Wow

June 12-15th, 2012

Our summer session for the Oconeechee Council Orange District Merit Badge Pow Wow will be sponsored by the American Red Cross and will be held at 4737 University Drive, Durham, NC 27707, (919)489-6541 from Tuesday, June 12th thru Friday, June 15th.

The Pow Wow will offer Scouts four (4) Merit Badges during a 4-day long extended session: **First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Safety and Public Health**. Any Scout that attends the the Pow Wow, brings the required pre-reqs and successfully completes all the requirements with the Merit Badge Counselors during the 4-day Pow Wow, will earn all four (4) Merit Badges.

This Merit Badge Pow Wow is comprised of four (4) Merit Badge sessions over four (4) days, Tuesday, June 12th through Friday, June 15th from 9am till 3pm each day with a 30-minute lunch break from 12pm – 12:30pm. The Scout MUST attend all four (4) days to complete the Pow Wow – do not send application if you are not able to commit attendance ALL FOUR days. The cost per Scout is \$60 to cover lunch (which will be supplied by the Red Cross) and supplies. All proceeds from this event will go to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund. Any registered Boy Scout may attend the Orange District Merit Badge Pow Wow, this session will be limited to twenty (20) Scouts and will be filled on a first come first serve basis with session priority given to Orange and Mawat District Boy Scouts who send in application to Council by June 1st.

Not only will attending Scouts earn their First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Safety and Public Health Merit Badges, they will become certified Boy Scouts in Disaster Services for the Central North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross. Scouts will learn American Red Cross First Aid, Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Sheltering, Disaster Feeding, Safe & Well and “Ready When the Time Comes”. For more information visit: **Ready When the Time Comes**.

Info from the Orange District Website: <http://bsaorange.org/>

2013 BSA JAMBOREE

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



Summit Bechtel Reserve
www.BSAJamboree.org
July 15th through July 24th, 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

April 3, 2012

Regular Meeting

April 10, 2012

Regular Meeting

April 17, 2012

PLC

April 24, 2012

Optimist Pool Swim Test

April 30, 2012

Regular Meeting

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Life's Choices

Life isn't about keeping score.

It's not about how many friends you have or how accepted you are.

It's not about if you have plans this weekend or not.

It isn't about who your family is or how much money they have or what kind of car you drive or where you go to school.

It's not about how handsome or ugly you are, the clothes you wear, the shoes you wear, or what kind of music you listen to.

It's not about if your hair is blonde, red, black, or brown or if your skin is too light or too dark.

It's not about how smart you are, or how smart everybody else thinks you are.

It's not about what clubs you're in or how good you are at "your" sport.

Life just isn't about those things.

Life is about choices.

It's about who you make happy. It's about kindness and generosity.

It's about holding and sharing trust. It's about friendship.

It's about faith, integrity, and character.

Most of all, it's about using your life to touch other people's hearts in such a way that could have never occurred alone.

Only you can choose the way those hearts are affected, and those choices make up what your life is all about.

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