



### Upcoming Events

- May 7 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
- May 10-12 7:00 pm - Committee Meeting
- May 14 Troop 28 Campout
- May 17-19 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
- May 28 Friends of Scouting Presentation
- May 28 OA Spring Inductions
- May 28 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
- May 28 7:00 pm - Troop PLC meeting

## Court of Honor

### Merit Badges

Ben B - Citizenship in the Nation  
Dylan C - Environmental Science & Personal Fitness  
Nalin G - Environmental Science  
Josh K - Citizenship in the Community  
Thomas R - Communication  
Stephen S - Personal Management & Nuclear Science  
Griffin S - Emergency Preparedness & Snow Sports  
Alex W - Personal Management  
Patrick W - Citizenship in the Nation & Communications

### Rank Advancements

Josh K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class  
Andy P - Eagle

## WELCOME NEW SCOUTS

Cub Scout Bridging ceremonies were held in February and Troop 28 is proud to welcome Ali A, Christopher A, Will H, and Drew H as new Boy Scouts in Troop 28. With the addition of these four new scouts we now have 34 scouts ready and willing to share outdoor adventures together.



### Troop 28

Merchant Millpond Campout  
 March 22-24, 2013



## Raleigh Youth Council

*(Contributed by Ruth Ann Struble: My son and daughter were both involved while in high school. Very good program which I highly recommend!)*

### Designed for teens and run by teens

The Raleigh Youth Council is sponsored by Raleigh Parks & Recreation. They focus their involvement on civic engagement, leadership opportunities, community service, recreation, and fundraising as well as special events such as: Youth Legislative Assembly, State Youth Council Conferences, and other events that develop leadership qualities and help members realize their full potential. The Raleigh Youth Council creates a forum where teens can freely express their ideas and opinions and serve as advocates for teens in Raleigh and Wake County. The Raleigh Youth Council is a charter member of the Youth Councils of North Carolina. If you are interested in participating in different types of community service projects or need hours to fill a requirement for your school or organization, check out one of our meetings or call to find out about upcoming opportunities!

Meetings take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month during the school year. All meetings are held at 7:00 pm at Laurel Hills Community Center.

Program Details: No membership fee (may be additional fees for activities or conferences); pre-registration is not required; you must be in high school to participate.

Remaining meetings this school year Mar 25 | Apr 8 | Apr 22 | May 13

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/arts/content/PRecRecreation/Articles/TeenYouthCouncil.html>

## Game Design Merit Badge

Game Design merit badge was released March 6, 2013 and teaches Scouts how to create, test, and refine a game from one of four categories.

It's the BSA's 131st current merit badge and it's likely a one-size-fits-all badge—appropriate for super-athletic Scouts as well as those who are less so. And perfect for the right-brainers and the left-brainers.

As for requirements, I've got a full list below. But most of the work revolves around creating an actual game in one of these four categories:

- **Electronic** (games for computers, game systems, or mobile devices)
- **Outdoor/Athletic** (sports or games like capture the flag)
- **Tabletop** (dice-based games, board games, card games)
- **Pen and Paper or Role-Playing Games**

## Merit Badge Universities

April 6 --NCSU MB University

The NCSU Merit Badge University was full within a couple of hours of opening registration. We were fortunate with Mrs. Munt's persistence to get 4 of our Troop 28 scouts signed up. Tyler B and Stephen S attended and earned Forestry. Dylan C and Nalin G attended and earned Weather. Congratulations Scouts!



**This space**  
**is waiting for articles**  
**from Troop 28 Scouts**  
**and Parents!**



## Quiz Question:

What Merit Badge is depicted?



## Volunteer Hours

Remember to get your volunteer hours approved by Mr. Murrell or Mrs. Munt.



## Occoneechee Council National Youth Leadership Training

Friday, June 14 - Sunday, June 16, 2013 and  
Friday, June 28 - Sunday, June 30, 2013

**What is NYLT?** - The National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course was developed by the Boy Scouts of America to provide local councils with a standardized training course for the youth or "junior" leaders of Boy Scout troops, Varsity teams, and Venturing crews (male and female). This two extended-weekend course is designed to parallel and complement the training that their adult leaders receive in Wood Badge. Experience shows that NYLT makes a positive difference in the lives of its graduates and in the operation of their units.

**Prerequisite Requirements** - NYLT is not designed to be the initial training for youth leaders. All participants will need considerable experience in outdoor living skills and the maturity to relate to the in-depth concepts presented in the Leadership Skills area. Although the course is a lot of fun, it is physically and mentally demanding. For these reasons, participants will need to meet the following requirements:

- Minimum age of 13. Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must be 13 years of age and fall within the maximum age allowance for their program registration with outstanding Scouting spirit and team-player attitude.
- Be First-Class rank or higher with considerable experience in outdoor living (including at least one year of summer camp) and have completed Troop Leadership Training (TLT).
- Other youth participants must be at least 14 and fall within the maximum age allowance for their program. They must have completed Crew Officer Orientation, the Venturing Leadership Skills Course, or the new Crew Leadership Training. They must have an outstanding Scouting spirit, a team-player attitude and considerable experience in outdoor living.
- Good physical condition (must submit a completed copy of the Annual Health and Medical Record at beginning of course)
- Scoutmaster/Crew Leader's recommendation (must submit Scoutmaster/Crew Leader Nomination Form)

<http://ocscouts.doubleknot.com/document/2013-nylt-participant-application/120554>

## TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER



Troop 28 has several Life Scouts so be on the look out for opportunities to help on upcoming Eagle Projects.

## COOKING

### Campfire Dutch Oven Potatoes

- 30 to 35 golf-ball size new red potatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 package dry ranch dip mix

Spray Dutch Oven with Pam. Wash potatoes, but do not peel. Cut potatoes in half and place in bottom of Dutch oven. Chop onion and place on top of potatoes. Place chunks of butter on top of potatoes and onions. Sprinkle Ranch dip mix over all.

Bake on hot coals for 30 to 45 minutes.

### Blonde Brownies Recipe

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| 2 C flour           | 2 C brown sugar       |
| 1 tsp baking powder | 2 eggs                |
| 1/4 tsp baking soda | 2 tsp vanilla         |
| 3/4 tsp salt        | 3/4 C chocolate chips |
| 1 1/4 sticks butter | 3/4 C chopped pecans  |

Start heating dutch oven to 350 degrees, most coals on top.

Mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a zip-loc. In a pot, melt the butter. Mix the sugar into the butter. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Slowly add flour mixture, stirring well. When the batter is smooth but thick, pour into dutch oven. Sprinkle chocolate chips and pecans on top.

Cover and bake, checking at about 20 minutes to see if center is cooked.

*"We must change boys from a 'what can I get' to a 'what can I give' attitude."*

*Robert Baden-Powell*



**Troop information to be included in the next newsletter should be submitted to**  
**scouter28@mindspring.com**

## Troop 28 2013 Campout & Activities Dates

May	10-11	Canoeing Campout
May	17-19	OA Spring Inductions
May 30-June 2		Grayson Highlands Backpacking
June 14-June 16		Occoneetchee NYLT Weekend #1
June 28-June 30		Occoneetchee NYLT Weekend #2
June 30-July 6		Summer Camp

## Occoneetchee

Check out the Occoneetchee Scout Sign newsletter.  
<http://www.doubleknot.com/document/scout-sign-edition-05-2013/126100>

## Troop 28 Website

[www.troop28raleigh.org](http://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.

## SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER HELPFUL

From the Scout Handbook - "A Scout is helpful. A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward."

From a baby's first cry of hunger, he continually looks out for himself with a self-centered view of things. Human nature is to preserve oneself. A Scout is challenged to put others first, possibly at odds with his own needs. This being helpful is an outward demonstration of the inner honor being developed in a Scout. Doing a Daily Good Turn takes real effort to search for need and then commitment to fulfill that need. A Scout that has not learned to care about other people and be willing to sacrifice some of his time can not live this part of the Scout Law. Guidance, explanation, continual modeling, and planned service opportunities in the troop give a Scout the learning moments to understand the importance of this law.

In order to be helpful, a Scout must be ready, able, and willing to help. Many things can be done to aid others, such as mowing a neighbor's yard, shoveling a sidewalk, or cleaning windows, by untrained boys. But, in order to help in many ways, a Scout needs special knowledge, skills, and abilities. To walk a dog, he needs to understand animals. To drive an elderly neighbor to the store, he needs a license. To prepare a meal for a family in grief, he needs cooking skills.

Many a Scout might use the excuse of "I don't know how" when faced with an opportunity to provide aid. He must be trained and confident so his attitude changes to "I'll give it a try". Without First Aid skills, how can he properly bandage a serious cut? Without Swimming and Lifesaving skills, how can he rescue a drowning swimmer? How can a Scout prevent panic? How can he direct traffic, extinguish fire, carry an unconscious person, or any of the dozens of tasks that may be required in an emergency? By participating in Scouting activities, that's how. Advancement through the ranks shows a Scout is participating and building skills. Merit badges give him reason to learn more skills. Leadership roles allow him to practice taking control in different situations.

Having skill and confidence is necessary for specific aid, but at least as important is the skill of being observant. In our society, making eye contact, especially in larger cities, can be dangerous. We are more and more becoming indrawn with minimal contact with strangers and that causes more and more people to become strangers. But, a Scout needs to be constantly observing what occurs around him so he is Ready and Prepared to act if needed. Knowing where fire exits, alarms, and phones are in school and other buildings he enters will make it easier for him to help in case of trouble. A person walking down the street having difficulty carrying groceries, or some kids worried to cross the busy street, or a person sitting on a park bench having problems breathing can only be recognized by an open-eyed, observant person. If a Scout walks down the street, head down, eyes ahead, like so many of the people around him, he misses life and misses opportunities to lend a hand.

To broaden the scope of being Helpful, a Scout is also helpful when he supports the leaders of his troop. It is a difficult position to be in when leading a group of peers. By obeying directions and supporting decisions, a Scout helps his Senior Patrol Leader or Patrol Leader. Being respectful of and caring for those leaders, a Scout strives to help them at all times.

I believe that Scouts today have a huge responsibility to emphasize being Helpful in their communities. Ask the average person what they envision when you say "Boy Scout" and they will still say something along the lines of a boy in uniform helping a little old lady. But, that is not what they actually see in their mind when they see a real, physical Scout at their door. They see someone wanting to sell them something - popcorn, wreaths, spaghetti dinner tickets, mulch, nuts, flower bulbs, or some such thing. That is not the image of Scouts that I want people to have.

A patrol of 8 scouts in our troop just spent a couple hours this weekend clearing snow from fire hydrants in the neighborhood. They knocked on the door of the house on whose property the hydrant sat and asked if it would be alright for them to clear the snow so the fire department could access it in case of an emergency. Of the 20 houses, every single one asked about giving a donation - every one! No one thought, "Oh, the scouts are being helpful again." They all figured the Scouts were trying to raise funds in a new way. Now, after the next snow, when they do it again, these people will hopefully not expect to give a donation - they will just think, "Oh, the scouts are being helpful again", and that's how it should be.

A Scout is Helpful.

(from BoyScoutTrail.com)