



Upcoming Events

- June 4 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
- June 7-9 7:00 pm - Committee Meeting
Troop 28 Campout
Grayson Highlands
- June 11 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
- June 18 6:30 pm-Troop COH
- June 25 7:00 pm - Troop PLC meeting
- June 30 Troop leaves for Summer Camp



Troop 28

Leadership Position Description
SENIOR PATROL LEADER

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type: Elected by the members of the troop

Term: 6 months

Reports to: Scoutmaster

Description: The Senior Patrol Leader is elected by the Scouts to represent them as the top junior leader in the troop.

Comments: The Senior Patrol Leader is the focal point of the troop. He needs to attend as close to all troop functions as possible. One of the major parts of the SPL's job is to appoint other troop leaders. He must choose leaders who are able, not just his friends or other popular Scouts.

QUALIFICATIONS

Age: none

Rank: 1st Class or higher

Experience: Previous service as SPL, ASPL, PL, or APL

Attendance: 75% over previous 6 months

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

Training: You must attend the troop Junior Leader Training even if you have attended in the past.

Attendance: You are expected to attend 85% of all troop meetings, Patrol Leaders' Council meetings, outings, and service projects. If your attendance is low, or if you have three (3) unexcused absences in a row, you can be removed from office.

Effort: You are expected to give this job your best effort.

GENERAL LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

Uniform: Set the example by wearing your uniform correctly. This means that you will wear all of the parts of the troop uniform, shirttail tucked in, with all required badges in their correct locations.

Behavior: Set the example by living the Scout Oath and Law in your everyday life. Show Scout Spirit in everything you say and do.

Attendance: Set the example by being an active Scout. Be on-time for meetings and activities. You must call the Scoutmaster if you are not going to be at a meeting or if you suddenly have to miss an outing. You also need to make sure that the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is ready to assume your responsibilities.

SPECIFIC LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Runs all troop meetings, events, activities, and the annual program planning conference. 2. Runs the Patrol Leader's Council meeting. Appoints other troop junior leaders with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster. 3. Assigns duties and responsibilities to junior leaders. 4. Assists the Scoutmaster with Junior Leader Training.

Nuclear Science Merit Badge

By Stephen Schmidt



The Nuclear Science MB is a very interesting merit badge in which you learn all about the atom. In it, you learn about the parts of the atom, along with several other particles smaller than an atom. You can build two devices that can detect these particles, an electroscope and a cloud chamber. However, most of the merit badge is research, where you have to learn about subjects relating to the topic, like the history of the science and learning about major contributors to the field, like particle accelerators and some important people.

One of the best ways to get this merit badge is to visit a nuclear power plant. As they work with this stuff on a day-to-day basis, it's a good place to get information on the subject. One of our assistant scoutmasters, Mr. Hank Stroup, works at a nuclear power plant, and is a great person to be a merit badge counselor for the merit badge. You can ask him for more information about the subject.

Overall, this is a really good merit badge to earn. It was actually the first one I wanted to earn, but it ended up being my 19th. Its full requirements can be found at meritbadge.org, along with many other ones, too. It's a really good choice for your next merit badge!

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.

Troop 28

2013 Campout & Activities Dates

June 8-9

June 30-July 6

August 23-25

September 20-22

October 19-20

November 15-16

December 6-7

Grayson Highlands Backpacking

Summer Camp

Pisgah Forest Campout

Mount Mitchell Campout??

Beach Campout

Local Campout

Camp Durant Campout

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KUDOS TO TROOP MEMBERS!

Troop 28 has four Scouts who were recognized at the Duke Talent Identification Program's (TIP) state wide recognition ceremony on May 6, 2013. The ceremony held at Campbell University was to recognize 7th graders who scored in the top 10% in the nation on the ACT and SAT scores taken this past year. The Troop 28 members are Stephen S, Dylan C, Nalin G and Victor Y. In addition Stephen S and Victor Y were also recognized on May 20th at Duke University for Duke TIP's Grand Recognition Ceremony. This ceremony recognized the top 3% of all 7th graders that participated in the Duke TIP talent search. There were over 64,000 students who participated and only 1600 qualified for Grand Recognition. 22 of those were from N.C. It is an amazing achievement for these boys and we congratulate them all!



Knox G placed first in state for the middle school Tar Heel Junior Historian Essay contest at this year's THJH state convention. The category required an essay addressing the topic of how humans have interacted with and changed the land and/or how the land has influenced human development in a region or area of North Carolina. Knox's essay titled "From Sandhills to Greens" discussed how the land and people influenced each other in the history of the Sandhills and, more specifically, the creation of the Village of Pinehurst. His essay will appear in the next edition of the Tar Heel Junior Historian magazine. Congratulations Knox! THJHA website <http://www.ncdcr.gov/ncmoh/Education/TarHeelJuniorHistorianAssociation.aspx>



Individual Trophy



State Trophy

David C was on the Leesville Road Middle School Chess Team this year. Their team placed 2nd in the Wake County Division and 5th in the State Division.

At the Raleigh Individual Chess Tournament on May 19, 2013 David C tied for 2nd place in Section 5. Congratulations David!

Garrett M participated in the North Raleigh Christian Schools Science Fair and received "Honorable Mention" with his project on "Which Wood Burns the Fastest". His project then advanced to the ACSI Regional Science Fair and got "Superior".

Chris M was chosen as one of two boys in 9th grade at North Raleigh Christian School to attend the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) High School Leadership Conference held at Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC on Oct 31-Nov 2, 2012.



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 Spaghetti

- 2 1/2 cups water
- Dash of salt
- 1 cup spaghetti pasta
- 2 envelopes tomato soup mix
- 1 envelope spaghetti sauce mix

Bring water to a boil. Add pasta, and cook until almost done. Stir occasionally. Add soup and seasoning mixes.

Stir well to break up lumps. Simmer for 5 minutes or until pasta is done and sauce is well mixed. Stir often to prevent sticking. Canned meat may be added for variety.

Serves 6 or 8.

Campfire Cones

- Sugar Ice Cream Cones
- Peanut Butter
- Mini Marshmallows
- Chocolate Chips
- Bananas
- Aluminum Foil

Chop up bananas. Spread PB inside cones. Put Marshmallow, Chips and bananas inside cones. Wrap the whole cone in aluminum foil. Place on grill or coals for 5-10 minutes, turning every so often. Unwrap your cone, check to see that everything's ooey, gooey, and melted... then dig in and enjoy!

*"Scouting is a man's job
cut down to a boy's size."*

Robert Baden-Powell



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

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

FRIENDLY

From the Scout Handbook - "A Scout is friendly. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own."

Friendship is a strong relationship between two people. Sometimes it grows over years while other times it springs up in a short time. In my life, I've had few close friends, though I've had many acquaintances and been friendly to many more people. Friends are people you cherish and care for and enjoy being around. You know them and they know you.

A Scout should be friendly to everyone he meets, giving them the benefit of the doubt and believing them to be worthy of friendship first until their character becomes known. If a Scout pre-judges someone on their skin color, language, clothes, looks, family name, or other superficial aspect, then he is not following the Scout Law. Offering his friendship to be taken, rejected, or lost to all people is expected of a Scout. It is going out on a limb and knowing that some people will reject you.

Being friendly is demonstrated in many ways, depending on the situation in which a new person is met. Being friendly to a new boy in school struggling to find his next class might require escorting him there. If he were seen sitting alone at lunch, it might just mean asking to join him. If a gang of boys were laughing at his strange accent, a Scout might step in and deflect the abuse.

It is easier to relate to people of our own race, beliefs, and social standing. It can be more of a challenge to befriend someone poorer or wealthier, either because of our snobbery or jealousy. Looking past social standing to see the value of the person is required of a Scout. Scouts come from all ranks of life and they accept others based on their character and actions.

Finding common ground with those people having beliefs and customs that vary from our own is more challenging, but also more interesting. Imagine how your knowledge and understanding expands as more is learned from a friend from a foreign land. We also learn that we have far more in common than we have differences. We can ask for explanation of behaviors that seem odd due to no understanding of the norms of a foreign society, but make sense when explained. If we ignore the possibility of friendships like these, we remain ignorant and close-minded.

Once a Scout shows his friendliness, it is up to the other person to follow through. A person's actions and behaviors will demonstrate his character and we can determine if it is wise to continue building on the relationship or discontinue it. Observing how the person works, plays, treats others, talks about others, and generally behaves, shows us what sort of friend he is. When someone is clearly of poor character, a Scout should continue to be friendly to him in the hope of turning him around. But, a Scout should not have a friendship with such a person, since doing so would associate him with the same character.

The law says that a Scout is friend to all. Sometimes the best way to be a friend is to demonstrate high values and refuse to join in those activities and behaviors that are of low character. A friendship will not grow in such a relationship, but the low character may rise when faced with the choice of continuing inappropriate actions or relating with a Scout of high character. And, later on, a real friendship may slowly grow.

A Scout is Friendly.