



Upcoming Events

- March 5 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
OA Elections
- March 12 7:00 pm - Committee Meeting
- March 16 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
OA PowWow
Pack 28 Blue & Gold
- March 18 6:30 Pack 33 Bridging (Greystone)
- March 19 7:00 pm-Troop Meeting
- March 23-24 Troop 28 Campout
Merchants Millpond Canoeing
- March 26 7:00-7:30 pm - Parents Meeting
on Youth Protection
7:00 pm - Troop PLC meeting

Troop 28 Uwharrie Backpacking

February 16-17, 2013

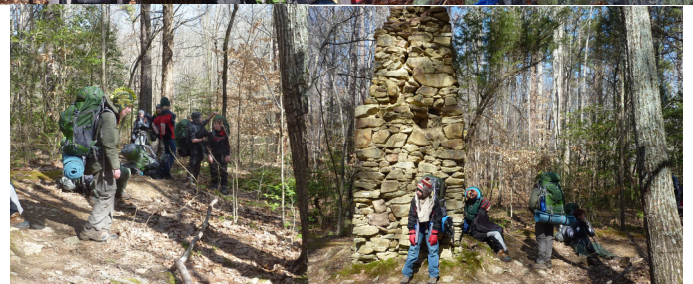
Highs in the 30's and lows in the 20's, coupled with some 'wintry-mix' precipitation, made for a COLD hike and campout, but eight scouts and four leaders persevered and had a good time. As our group hiked in this forest that grows on one of the world's oldest mountain ranges, we crossed paths with 3 other Boy Scout troops. All of them were challenging themselves to take on the elements, and enjoy nature's wilderness. Troop 28 scouts climbed on old, rounded rocks that had a unusual greenish hue. We also stopped by a campsite that had a chimney remaining from the plantation house that was built in 1780, just 4 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence!

When our Scouts reached our campsite (#5) in the early afternoon, they quickly pitched their tents while a light snow fell. During dinner that evening, we were treated to a 5-minute vigorous 'corn snowfall', where the 'flakes' were more like #7 'bird shot', and danced on our gear. On our way back home we made it a priority to have a warm meal!



"Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?"

Premieres
Monday, March 4
8 p.m. Eastern / 7 p.m. Central
That's right!
Six episodes of the reality TV show
"Are You Tougher Than a Boy Scout?"
will air on the
National Geographic Channel



Highland Merit Badge University

February 23, 2013

Troop 28 had 6 scouts, Josh K, Knox G, Victor Y, Dylan C, Nalin G, and David C attend the Merit Badge University hosted by Highland United Methodist Church and Troop 357.



Merit Badge Universities

April 6 --NCSU MB University



Contact Mrs. Munt if you are interested in attending.



Troop 28 2012-2013

Campout & Activities Dates

2013

March	18	Pack 33 Bridging Ceremony
March	23-24	Merchants Millpond Campout
March	26	Parents' Meeting Youth Protection
April	6	NCSU Merit Badge University
April	19-21	Camp Campbell Campout
May	10-11	Canoeing Campout
May	17-19	OA Spring Inductions
June 14-June 16		Grayson Highlands Backpacking
June 30-July 6		Summer Camp

Canoe Safety & Handling Course



For Scout Adults who wish to lead youth on canoeing, kayaking, and rafting trips on lakes, rivers, and whitewater.

Part 1: **Flat-water Basics**

BSA Canoe Paddle Craft Safety Certification

April 12-13, 2013

Friday Evening 6-9 pm in Cary (no overnight camping) and

Saturday 9am-5pm at Lake Crabtree

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Part 2: **Whitewater Basics ***

May 3-5, 2013

(Friday evening thru late Sunday – no overnight camping)

Sat & Sun at 2 local class I and II rivers

Cost: \$50.00 per person

(*Completion of BSA Canoe Paddle Craft Safety is required for whitewater course.)

For more information:

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Quiz Question:

What Merit Badge is depicted?



Volunteer Opportunities

April 20th Pack 28 Rocket Launch

If you are able to help with any of these activities please let one of the Scoutmasters know.



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

TROOP 28 EAGLE CORNER



Congratulations to Our Newest Eagle Scout in Troop 28!

Andy P!!!!

Andy P attended and passed his Eagle Board of Review on February 20, 2013. Four examiners reviewed Andy, going over the documents of his Scouting history, and asking him questions related to it. Andy's Eagle Service Project consisted of replacement of the aging 6" x 6" wooden borders of three of the large planter areas in the parking lot of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The final result looked great!

Andy has held multiple positions of leadership and responsibility in the Troop up to this point, and he is looking forward to being a part of more Troop 28 events.

COOKING

Campfire Potato Packets

- 6 large baking potatoes
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 ounces green chiles
- 4 ounces black olives, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper
- Butter or margarine (optional)

Scrub and chop baking potatoes into pieces, but do not peel. Prepare 6 to 8 square pieces of heavy-duty aluminum foil, one piece per serving. Place equal portions of the ingredients on each foil square. If butter or margarine is available, place one teaspoonful on top of each packet. Fold the foil, sealing ends. Place on barbecue grill or in coals of campfire for about 45 to 55 minutes.

"If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk."

Robert Baden-Powell



Ideas for Everyday Kindness and Good Turns

Source: *The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation*

- Pay for the person behind you in the movie line.
- Give flowers to be delivered with meal delivery programs.
- Give toys to the children at the shelter or safe house.
- Give friends and family "kindness" coupons they can redeem for kind favors.
- Be a friend to a new student or coworker.
- Renew an old friendship by sending a letter or small gift to someone you haven't talked with in a long time.
- For one week, act on every single thought of generosity that arises spontaneously in your heart, and notice what happens as a consequence.
- Offer to return a shopping cart to the store for someone loading a car.
- Invite someone new over for dinner.
- Buy a roll of brightly colored stickers and give them to children you meet during the day.
- Write a card of thanks and leave it with your tip. Be sure to be specific in your thanks.
- Let the person behind you in the grocery store go ahead of you in line.
- When drivers try to merge into your lane, let them in. Wave and smile.
- Buy cold drinks for the people next to you at a ball game.
- Distribute kindness stickers and bookmarks, available from the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation.
- Create a craft project or build a birdhouse with a child.
- Give a bag of groceries to a homeless person.
- Laugh out loud often and share your smile generously.
- Plant a tree in your neighborhood.
- Make a list of things to do to bring more kindness into the world, and have a friend make a list. Exchange lists and do one item per day for a month.
- Use an instant camera to take people's photographs at a party or community event, and give the picture to them.
- As you go about your day, pick up trash.
- Send a letter to some former teachers, letting them know the difference they made in your life.
- Send a gift anonymously to a friend.
- Organize a clothing drive for a shelter.
- Buy books for a daycare or school.
- Slip a \$20 bill to a person who you know is having financial difficulties.
- Take an acquaintance to dinner.
- Offer to take a friend's child to ball practice.

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.

Occoneechee

Check out the Occoneechee Scout Sign newsletter.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

LOYAL

From the Scout Handbook - "A Scout is loyal. A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation."

Loyalty means to be faithful. When we say a Scout is Loyal, it means he remains steadfast in his adherence to what is right. Being loyal is a character trait that can be often tested, and often misdirected.

When a friend of a Scout steals and then asks the Scout to keep it a secret to prove his loyalty, what should the Scout do? Is he being disloyal if he lets authorities know who stole? Similar dilemmas can occur when a Scout wants to be loyal to family or leaders.

If someone lies to protect another through a sense of loyalty, he smudges his own honor and he only prolongs the time until that other person gets into worse trouble. By being truthful, he may lose a friend, may lose love, and may lose popularity, but with his honor intact, he can live the Scout Law and know that, in the long run, he has done the right thing.

A Scout, as any other boy, wants to be part of something important, something great, something that is 'the best'. As young boys might argue that "My Dad can beat up your Dad", so older boys might debate about whose school football team is better. That kind of loyalty is more of a self-promoting exercise rather than being firmly supportive of the person or organization. True loyalty happens when nothing is personally gained.

A Scout, when he hears some boys putting down a friend, should step up and defend that friend's name. He should never join in laughing at slanderous jokes and should let the jokers know when he feels they are being unfairly harsh or malicious. This can be one of the most difficult demonstrations of a loyal friend - sticking up for an absent friend against other friends or popular people.

When a Scout is asked to be loyal to his leaders, he needs to support them and their decisions. When the leaders decide to have a fishing outing and a Scout lobbied for a waterski outing, he may be tempted to undermine the plans by staying home or even inviting other scouts to a party that same weekend. A loyal Scout will support and promote the plans of the troop, even when they are not his favorite choice. He will continue to follow the lead until he earns the position of leadership that allows his plans to take fruition.

Scouts need to be loyal to the laws of our country and the people that represent those laws. Whether or not a Scout agrees with the way a mayor, governor, or president governs, he must demonstrate respect to that position. Debating the merits and effectiveness of policies put in place by the current administration is a healthy, useful way to bring about change, but degrading the person currently holding an office demonstrates a lack of respect to the country.

By being loyal to the Scout Law, and holding its points dear, a Scout is naturally loyal to those around him in a right and good manner. Blind loyalty is not loyalty at all, but loyalty founded on truth, compassion, and honor is truly loyal.

A Scout is Loyal. (from *BoyScoutTrail.com*)