

TROOP 19



Troop 19 News

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Well, it's Summer again. Summer Camp was great. I would like to recognize **Justin Cross**, Troop 19 Senior Patrol Leader on his leadership.

Within this newsletter is the 2001-2002 Troop Calendar. We have some great trips planned this upcoming year as well as several important

fundraisers. As always, I want to thank my Assistant Scoutmasters and Troop Committee Members who give so much of their time to assist me in making this Troop a huge success. Their support makes my job easier and rewarding. Scouting is best when the

whole family participates. I hope you and your family have a great summer. As always, if I can assist you or your son with the Troop, please call me.
Larry Banks
Scoutmaster Troop 19

Graduations

Troop 19 would like to recognize our graduating Scouts. **Robert Council**, **Daniel Stepp** and **Brandon Vest** have all completed their studies at North Mecklenburg High School and received their diplomas.

Robert Council received his Eagle award in June 2000 and is planning to attend UNCC with an Undeclared Major this fall.

Danny Stepp will earn his Eagle in August 2001 and will be attending UNCC with an Undeclared Major.

Brandon Vest received his Eagle award in June 2000 and plans to attend UNC - Wilmington to study Oceanography this fall.

Congratulations to these

young men and good luck with their studies.

Also, we would like to recognize one of Troop 19's early Eagle Scouts who has graduated from college. **Leon Patillo** earned his Eagle in October 1995 and has been attending UNC Chapel Hill. On May 20, 2001, Mr. Patillo has earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from UNC in Communications and Music.

Upcoming Events:

- Jamboree July 19—August 1
- OA 2nd Ordeal Aug 17—19
- End of Summer Court of Honor August 28
- 50th Anniversary Fall Fellowship September 14—16
- Merit Badge Workshop October 13

Eagle Scout Courts of Honor

The Eagle Court of Honor is a special event to recognize the hard work and dedication of a young man who has earned Scouting's highest honors. Less than 1% of all boys who enter Scouting earn their Eagle badge. The Eagle Court of Honor takes time to pay special tribute to these young men and allow the Troop 19 family and their own families to congratulate them for their efforts.



hard to earn their awards and we as a Troop and parents of the Scouts need to be there to congratulate them on a job well done. An Eagle Court of Honor is also a chance for younger Scouts to see what they have ahead of them and to be enthusiastic about working toward their Eagle.

We announce Eagle Courts of Honor several weeks in advance at the Troop meetings. In the next few month's Troop 19 will be celebrating 4 Eagle awards. We ask that you plan to attend these ceremonies with your sons and family and help us recognize our outstanding Scouts.

Sadly, our last 3 Eagle Courts of Honor have been very poorly attended by Troop 19 Scouts and parents. These young men have worked very

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Spring Fundraiser

Troop 19 would like to send a rousing thank you to our new fund raising chairwoman, **Patty Kitchen**. Her first effort was the Troop 19 car wash in May at the Bi Lo.

the parents to help. We are also accepting any donations that families wish to offer for the troop. Any donation is tax deductible.

"TROOP 19 raised \$1,027 toward our annual requirement of \$5,000."

With Ms. Kitchen's assistance, the Troop raised \$1,027 toward our annual requirement of \$5,000. Ms. Kitchen is planning more events and will be in contact with many of

Please contact Ms. Kitchen or Scoutmaster **Larry Banks** if you wish to make a donation or if you want to help with the fund raising projects.

Senior Scout High Adventure

This summer, we offered a high adventure trip to Senior Scouts who had been to summer camp several times.

The Bud Loeb Trail covers about 30 miles across the Appalachian Mountains including Shining Rock. The Scouts on the trip had a great time enjoying the beauty on western North Carolina's mountains.

for their willingness to give of their time to be with the Scouts.

Kevin Chelko, Barry Shelton and **Tom Nasko** took the Senior Scouts on the Bud Loeb Trail on a backpacking trip during the week the Troop was at Camp Grimes.

Troop 19 would like to thank Mr. Chelko, Mr. Shelton and Mr. Nasko for planning the trip and



Junior Leader Training

Troop 19 sent two of our Senior Scouts to Camp Grimes in June for Junior Leader Training (JLT.)

The JLT is an intensive, week long course where the Scouts are taught leadership skills and strategies that will make them more effective as leaders in the Troop, Catawba Lodge and as

young adults.

Let's congratulate our successful candidates, **Lee Shelton** and **Scott Hunnicutt** on their hard work and dedication.



Troop 19 Trip Departures

Parents, we have been forced to make a change in the troop's transportation plan.

We have been wasting too much time at the church bus lot waiting for Scouts to show up. Too often, we have been delayed by more than 1 hour from our scheduled departure time. Loading gear and checking the Scouts in for the trip

should take no more than 30 minutes if all parents arrive at the scheduled time.

THEREFOR, AS OF THIS NEWSLETTER, THE TROOP WILL LEAVE 30 MINUTES AFTER THE SCHEDULED MEETING TIME.

If we are scheduled to meet at 5:00 PM, we will leave at 5:30 PM. We will not be waiting for late arrivals. If you are going to go on the trip, **PLEASE BE ON TIME.**

Super Trip 2001

This year Troop 19 went to Williamsburg for our Super Trip. The trip was planned and superbly executed with the gracious assistance of **Brad** and **Kim Clark** and **Stu Williams**.

The trip was awesome. The Scouts had a great experience and enjoyed an outstanding op-

portunity to experience the history of early America.

Thanks Kim, Brad and Stu for your help in making this trip memorable for so many of our Scouts.

Super Trip 2002 will be here before you know it. **Carl Hackley**

is planning next year's trip. We are looking to visit Fort Bragg, NC and participate in some of the activities that the base offers to Scouts.

More information will be provided in future newsletters.

Merit Badges

Troop 19 has a list of approved counselors for most merit badges the BSA offers.

your sons to use the merit badge counselors to earn badges. Troop 19 requires that Scouts use the Buddy System when working with counselors.

Merit Badges are specialized means for our Scouts to learn about topics that interest them. This program allows Scouts to work with adults in the troop and within the council to learn these skills and to build social interaction skills.

Unfortunately, too many of our Scouts are relying on the merit badge workshops and summer camp to earn badges. The Scouts are losing out on an important part of the merit badge program.

Parents, you need to encourage

Have your son choose a badge that interests him, get a buddy to work with him then contact **Brad Clark** for the name of a counselor approved by the Council to teach the skills.

Things to Remember !!

Parents - Remember the Uniform Closet. Send good used uniforms to the troop for the closet. Check the closet for uniform needs before you go buy!!!!

Parents - Troop 19 is planning to order more of the red Troop 19 tee shirts soon. If your son is like most, he has outgrown or worn out his last couple of shirts and is in need of a new one. New tees will cost \$10 each. Contact **Dottie Johnson** with the size and number of shirts you need for

Australia Souvenirs

Troop 19 would like to thank the King family for their wonderful gift from their recent stay in Australia.

Nick, Kevin King and family

brought back a framed neckerchief, patches and pictures from Scouts Australia and presented it to the troop for display in the Scout hut.

Next time you are at the Scout hut take time to look at this super gift.

Troop 19 Trailer

Parents, the Troop trailer is in need of some work. We need to decal the trailer with the troop numbers and logo. The cost will be about \$1,000 and we are asking for donations from the troop parents to help cover the costs.

We need donations because we do not use general Troop funds for these projects. Fundraisers that the Scouts participate in generate monies for use by the troop that directly benefit the Scouts (things like camping equipment, badges, awards, etc.).

We ask that you consider assisting us in covering the cost for this work on the trailer. Make checks payable to Troop 19 and send to **Keith Cross**.

All donations are tax deductible. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Summer Camp 2001

Summer Camp was a huge success this year. Troop 19 sent 35 Scouts to Camp Grimes for a week of fun and some hard work.

Our newest Scouts did a super job working in the Odyssey program and the older Scouts worked hard on merit badges and Scout skills. Troop 19 earned 93 merit badges while the puppies passed off several of the 2nd Class and 1st Class requirements.

On Thursday the troop participated in the Camp Wide Games. Troop 19 came in Second Place in Basketball, Soccer and Volleyball. We also had several boys earn their Polar Bear swim awards this year.

Scout of the Week was **Justin Cross** who led the troop and showed outstanding leadership and spirit. We also want to thank **Keith Cross, Trevor Nasko** and **Kevin King** for spending their time at camp with the boys.

We also want to recognize **Dottie Johnson** and **Barry Shelton** for their work in organizing the finances of Summer Camp and signing the Scouts up for their merit badges.

We had a great time at camp. The watermelon and ice cream they served were great. The taste of these treats even brought **Scott Hunnicutt**, who was working on staff at Camp Grimes, out of the staff huts to visit and enjoy the fellowship.

Troop Uniforms



Troop 19 takes great pride in proper wearing of the Scout uniforms. Adult leaders are required to

wear the full uniform as an example for the Scouts. Parents, it is important that you and your son take time to look over his uniform and update it. Your son should make sure that he has his current rank badge displayed, the current Quality Troop patch and his correct office or position patch.

Scouts are expected to wear Scout pants, Scout socks, the red Troop

19 tee shirt and his Troop 19 hat at all meetings. If the Troop is in Class A uniform, your son is required to have his Scout shirt and nametag and the shirt tucked in to his pants. A Scout belt is required for all uniforms. The belt can be the standard BSA web belt or a BSA or OA leather belt with BSA or OA buckle.

Take pride in your uniform and wear it properly.

Scout Assistance

When the troop loads for a trip, you son is expected to assist the troop in loading gear. He is also expected to assist the troop when we return.

This means unloading gear, storing it in the Quartermaster's hut and cleaning the Troop bus. It is

important that you do not pick up your son until after these chores are completed.

Too often, these tasks fall upon a small core of Scouts who are required to spend an extra 30 – 60 minutes after the troop returns to clean up for their fellow Scouts.

Let's share this task and get all the boys to participate in the duties. If

everyone helps, the work can be done very quickly and everyone can get home.



Recognition

Wood Badge: **Ozzie Holshouser** and **James Readies** have completed their practical course work for Wood Badge SR 406. Both are now working on their ticket items to earn their Wood Badge beads recognizing them for completing the highest level of training for Scout leaders that the BSA offers. Congratulations for your efforts thus far and good luck completing your tickets.

Dixie Fellowship: Each year, Catawba Lodge participates in the gathering of the 10 OA lodges in the Southeast region. The Dixie is a chance to join in fellowship with our nearest OA lodges and a chance for our Scouts to compete against other lodges in a number of skills and events.

This past April, **Lee Shelton** was recognized for his work on the Ceremonial team for Catawba Lodge in the Dixie competition. Lee earned a 2nd place overall in the position of Allowat Sakima on the ceremonial teams. Great job, Lee!!!

Order of the Arrow: The Catawba Lodge of the Order of the Arrow has gained several new members after the May ordeal. Troop 19 sent 7 candidates to the First Ordeal in May. Completing their Ordeal and joining Catawba Lodge as our newest Ordeal members are:

- Allen Clark**
- Andy Watkins**
- Russell Williams**
- Trevor Hehn**
- Nick Reid**
- Thomas Ragland**
- Zach Hackley**

Congratulations to these Scouts for earning their Ordeal memberships. Welcome to Catawba Lodge!



Polar Bear Club

This year at Camp Grimes, Troop 19 had several Scouts decide to qualify for the 2001 Polar Bear Club. The Polar Bear Club is for those willing to take the challenge of rising each camp morning at 6:00 AM. The Polar Bears then hike down to the camp lake for a short morning swim starting at 6:30AM. After swimming, the Scouts hike back to camp and prepare for the day by reporting to assembly by 7:15 AM each morning. The Scouts who win the Polar Bear Club patch show that they are not only brave enough to embrace the chilly water of the lake and the brisk morning air on each end of their hike, they have also committed to be up and moving quickly so as not to be late to their regular camp activities.



On Sunday evening, we had 18 Scouts commit to the program. On Monday morning, 15 bright eyed Scouts made it through the test. Tuesday, there were 12 Scouts. Wednesday, our list dropped to 11 brave souls. Thursday

and Friday mornings, 10 Scouts stood fast in their commitment and braved the chill of the Polar Bear Club.

Congratulations to the brave and determined Scouts who have joined the Polar Bear Club:

- Billy Blakely**
- Justin Cross**
- Seth Cross**
- Zach Capets**
- Allen Clark**
- Joshua Hedrick**
- Chad Holshouser**
- David Remick**
- Jacob Young**

And of course the Old Papa Polar Bear **Keith Cross**.

Awards and Advancements

The following ranks and awards were given to Troop 19 Scouts since our last newsletter:

Advancements

Eagle Scouts

Trevor J. Nasko - May 14, 2001

Wm. Scott Hunnicutt III - June 4, 2001

Life Scout

Scott Tart - June 2001

Star Scout

Zach Hackley - May 2001

Andy Watkins - May 2001

Tenderfoot

Jerrold Sherrill - June 2001

Zach Capets - June 2001

Derek Reavis - June 2001

Mark Williams - June 2001

Billy Blakely - June 2001

Josh Hedrick - June 2001

Seth Cross - June 2001

David Beddingfield - June 2001

Alex Young - June 2001

Scout

Mark Williams - May 2001

The Following Merit Badges were awarded since the last newsletter:

Family Life

Nick King

Personal Management

Nick King

Sports

Chad Holshouser

OA Arrowman Service Award

Beginning this year, The Order of the Arrow has developed an Arrowman Service Award for members of the OA.

The award recognizes Arrowmen who have gone beyond their immediate responsibilities to help and guide others to new heights. The award focuses on three areas of service: personal,

chapter/lodge activities and general service to the community. This is a three-year award. Arrowmen can earn the original award any time during the 3-year period (2001-2003). The Arrowman can earn a silver attachment if he completes the requirements a second time during 2002 only. If the Arrowman completes the requirements a third time during 2003, he

can earn a bronze attachment.

If your son is interested in earning this award, contact, **Kevin Dills**, our Troop OA representative for a requirement form. Forms must be turned in by the Annual Banquet.



Troop Calendar—2001—2002 Scouting Year

	AUGUST	October 23	PLC—7:00 PM
August 7	First Meeting Back 7:00 PM	October 23	ASM Meeting after PLC
August 14	Parent Committee Meeting	October 27	Show & Sell Popcorn
August 14	Troop Elections	October 30	Troop Fun Night
August 15	1st Day of School		NOVEMBER
Aug 17—19	2nd Ordeal @ Clear Creek	Nov 2—5	Troop Campout—Bike Trip
August 22	TLD @ HPC—6:00 PM	November 10	Council Training Courses
Aug 24—26	Troop Campout @ Nantahala	November 13	Parent Committee Meeting
August 28	PLC @ 6:00 PM	Nov 16—18	1st Weekend Outdoor
August 28	Troop Summer Court of Honor @ HPC—7:00 PM	November 22	Training Class
August 29	Top Gun Follow Up Meeting Scout Office—7:00 PM	November 27	THANKSGIVING DAY
	SEPTEMBER		PLC
September 3	Labor Day	December 1	Salisbury Trail
September 4	Creek Walk @ 6:30 PM	December 4	Service Project @ The Oaks
Sept 7—9	Senior Camporee @ Grimes	December 5	OA Annual Banquet @ University UMC
Sept 7—9	Troop Campout @ South Mountain	December 6	Polaris District Banquet @ Paw Creek
September 11 Meeting	Parent Committee	December 8	Puppy 1st Aid Day
Sept 14—16	Catawba Lodge 50th Anniversary Fall Fellowship @ Clear Creek	December 11	Christmas Party
September 22	Car Wash Fundraiser		Last Troop Meeting until January 2002
September 25	PLC	December 18	PLC
	OCTOBER	December 25	CHRISTMAS
Oct 6—7	Father & Son Campout @ Lost Sea, TN		JANUARY 2002
October 9	Parent Committee Meeting	January 5	OA Cold Weather Training
October 13	Merit Badge Workshop	January 8	OA Elections
October 20	Show & Sell Popcorn	January 8	Klondike Training Begins
		January 12	Senior Scout Trip
		January 15	Klondike Training
		January 15	Parent Committee Meeting
		January 22	Klondike Training

January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Apr 19—21	Merit Badge Weekend @ Camp Grimes
Jan 25 - 27	Cold Weather Camp Out	Apr 19—21	Puppies/Webelos Campout
January 29	PLC—7:00 PM	April 26 - 28	DIXIE FELLOWSHIP @ Camp Bert Adams
January 29	ASM Meeting after PLC	April 30	PLC
January 29	Klondike Training		MAY
	FEBRUARY		Woodbadge Weekend II
February 2	Scouting for Food	May 3 - 5	New Scouts Camp Out @ South Mountain
February 5	Klondike Training	May 3 - 5	Parent Committee Meeting
February 9	Year End Court of Honor	May 14	Beaver Weekend @ Grimes
February 10	Scout Sunday @ HPC	May 17—19	PLC—7:00 PM
February 12	Klondike Training	May 28	ASM Meeting after PLC
February 12	Parent Committee Meeting	May 28	JUNE
February 18	PRESIDENTS DAY		Creek Walk—6:30 PM
February 19	Klondike Training	June 4	Last Day of School—CMS
Feb 22 - 24	Klondike Derby @ Grimes	June 4	JLT
Feb 22—24	Sr. Scout Backpacking Trip	Jun 9—15	SUMMER CAMP
February 26	PLC	Jun 16—22	JULY
	MARCH		NO JULY MEETINGS
March 5	Troop Elections		Jul 27 - Aug 2 NOAC—Indiana University
March 9	Puppy Orientation Meeting @ HPC		
March 9	Car Wash Fundraiser		
March 12	Parent Committee Meeting		
Mar 15—17	Spring Fellowship @ Grimes		
March 23	Spring Court of Honor & Webelos Graduation		
March 23	Troop TLD		
March 26	PLC—7:00 PM		
March 26	ASM Meeting after PLC		
Mar 28—Apr 8	CMS Spring Break		
March 31	EASTER		
	APRIL		
Apr 1—5	Super Trip @ Fort Bragg		
April 9	Parent Committee Meeting		
Apr 12—14	Woodbadge Weekend I		

Catawba Lodge Calendar 2001-2002

February

February 6 Executive Committee Meeting

August

Aug 17—19 2nd Ordeal @ Clear Creek

September

September 5 Executive Committee Meeting

Sept 14—16 Catawba Lodge 50th Anniversary
Fall Fellowship/Invitational

October

October 3 Executive Committee Meeting

November

November 7 Executive Committee Meeting

December

December 5 Annual Banquet

January 2002

January 2 Executive Committee Meeting

January 5 OA Cold Weather Training

January 8 Troop 19 OA Elections

Jan 25—27 OA Cold Weather Campout

March

March 6 Executive Committee Meeting

Mar 15-17 OA Spring Fellowship

April

April 3 Executive Committee Meeting

Apr 26—28 OA Dixie Fellowship -
Camp Bert Adams

May

May 1 Executive Committee Meeting

May 17 - 19 Beaver Days/1st Ordeal

June

June 5 Executive Committee Meeting

July

July 3 Executive Committee Meeting

Jul 27—Aug 2 NOAC @ Indiana
University, Bloomington



**We are proud of our
Eagles and it shows**

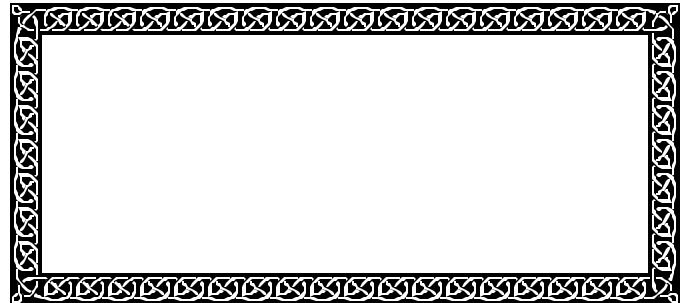
Congratulations New Eagle Scouts

Trevor J. Nasko—May 14, 2001

Wm. Scott Hunnicutt III June 4, 2001

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Troop Activities via E Mail

Do you want to get information on upcoming Troop 19 activities via e mail? Are you never certain that your son has given you the latest details on upcoming trips? Solve both issues with an email from the troop on activities that have been planned for the coming weeks.

Jan Vest is building a data base of Troop 19 e mail addresses in order to send regular updates on troop activities to subscribers. If you are interested in receiving an e mail notice of upcoming events, send an e mail to Jan Vest at vest@infi.net and subscribe to her update service. Service will begin as soon as Jan builds the data base and logs all the e mail addresses.

