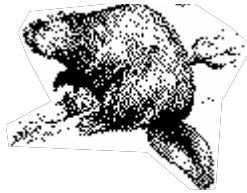


Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Banks' Bits

Dear Troop 19 Family,

The new year is almost here. With the New Year comes new opportunities. Our troop continues to grow. We have 74 active Scouts and we will have 16 rising Webelos in March. As the troop grows by leaps and bounds, we must make certain that our efforts are focused on the most important part of our Troop, the Scouts.

This year the Year End Court of Honor will be held on January 31. The event will start at 4:30 PM and we want everyone there to help celebrate the year Troop 19 has had. We want all the Troop 19 family there when we award the Scout of the Year and

Pacesetter of the Year. We also want to recognize those Scouts and Scouters who have made this year so successful.

As Christmas approaches, remember our less fortunate neighbors. A Scout pledges in the Scout oath to help other people at all times and Christmas is a time where needs are so much more. Please help where you can.

I also want to take this time to thank a few people who have made 2003 such a successful year. I want to recognize the Troop Committee, especially **Karen Reavis** and **Jennie**



Hackley, committee members **June Horne**, **Jean Buffman**, **Dan Tito** and **Sally Fredricks** and all my Assistant Scoutmasters. Have a safe and fun Holiday.

Yours in Scouting,
Lawrence W. Banks
Scoutmaster

Upcoming Events:

Eagle Ceremonies

Jacob Young

January 11

Year End Court of Honor

January 31

Scout Sunday

February 8

Klondike Derby

February 27 - 29

New Puppy Parent Orientation

March 6

A Gathering of Eagles

Troop 19 will be honoring four of our Scouts with Eagle ceremonies in January and February. Troop 19's next Eagle Scout will be **Jacob Young**. Jacob will have his Eagle Scout Court of Honor on January 11.

Also joining the ranks of Troop 19

Eagles are **Tommy Corbett**, **Trevor Hehn** and **Chris Chelko** who have not scheduled their Courts of Honor as of the deadline for this newsletter.

We ask that everyone in the troop attend these Courts of Honor to recognize these young men for their outstanding achievements.



Welcome to the Rising Webelos and Their Families

Dear Puppies,

I want to take this opportunity to say that Troop 19 is awaiting your arrival. Starting with the Webelos graduation in March, you will have the time of your life.

Why do we call you "puppies" instead of Rising Webelos? We use this term to bring special attention to those Webelos who are joining us. Just like young puppies, our "puppies" are full of energy, excitement and enthusiasm. Troop 19 welcomes that spirit and wants to make your transition from Webelos to Boy Scouts a great experience.



come in uniform.

I want to also remind parents and Puppies of important upcoming dates.

Puppy Parent Orientation
(Attendance is required)
March 6 9 - 12 PM @ HPC

Webelos Crossover
March 27 TBA

Pack Graduation
March 29 7 PM @ HPC

Merit Badge Weekend
April 2 - 4 Camp Grimes

We welcome you and look forward to many years of fun, adventure, challenges, opportunities and rewards.

Scouts and parents alike will become part of the Troop 19 family. The experience is just beginning.

On the first three Tuesdays In January, the Webelos will be joining the Troop 19 meetings. The Scouts will get a chance to see the troop in action and meet many of the Boy Scouts who will be teaching, training and helping the new Puppies become members of Troop 19. Meeting times are Tuesday night from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. **Please**

Again, we welcome you and your family to the Troop 19 family.

Larry Banks
Scoutmaster
Troop 19

First Camping Trip (Puppies Only)
April 30 - May 2

Popcorn Sales - 2003

Troop 19 had an outstanding year selling popcorn. The Troop sold \$11,100 in popcorn in 2003 versus \$8,658 last year. Top sellers for the troop were:

1st Place	Derek Reavis	\$890.75
2nd Place	Brendan Ruggles	\$613.58
3rd Place	Matt Magliocco	\$590.42

The success of this year's popcorn drive could not have been possible without the outstanding efforts of our Popcorn Chair, **Daniel Tito**.

Troop 19 would like to thank Dan and his subcommittee for their extraordinary efforts to make this year's Popcorn Sales such a huge success. Thank You, Dan!! And thank you Scouts for all your sales efforts.



Super Trip 2004

Set your calendars for Super Trip 2004!! The trip is planned for July 10 - 14, 2004. The trip will be to the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, Pa to visit the historical sites and the Liberty Bell. The trip is being planned by ASM **Kevin King**. More details will be coming soon, so watch for e mails and notes sent home with your Scout.



In February, **Mike Hartje** will receive his Wood Badge Beads. Mike was a participant in SR 489 Wood Badge course as a member of the Beaver Patrol.

Wood Badge

Wood Badge is a training course for Scouters which results in their receiving a certificate, a small neckerchief, a leather slide, and two small wooden beads on a leather thong. Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, directed the first course in 1919 and gave each of the participants one of the beads which he had captured from the African chieftain Dinizulu. Thus did the course name develop, for its symbol was literally a badge of wood.

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course. Baden-Powell designed it so that Scouters could learn, in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. It is first and foremost, learning by doing. The members of the course are formed into patrols and these into a troop. The entire troop lives in the out-of-doors, camping, cooking their own meals, and practicing Scout skills.

After the out of doors course work, each candidate prepares a ticket. A

ticket is a contract between you and a member of the staff usually referred to as a Troop Guide or Counselor. This contract is your commitment to practice using the Leadership Skills taught at Wood Badge in the performance of your Scouting job. A Ticket consists of four parts:

- A list of your personal values
- A description of your Scouting role or job
- A statement of your vision of success
- A mission composed of five significant goals that can be attained within 18 months.



Mike's ticket included projects to:

Draft plans, secure funding and materials, and lead construction and successful completion of new Heritage Arts Building at Camp Grimes

Teach the skill of arrowhead making

at Powderhorn, summer camp, and off-season sessions for units at Camp Grimes

Serve on staff twice for Webelos Outdoor Leader Training

Introduce two new merit badges at summer camp (American Heritage and Woodworking) and reintroduce Nature merit badge, all offered as part of Frontier program at Camp Grimes

Deliver Youth Protection training eight times in 10-month period

With Mike's award, he becomes Troop 19's newest Wood Badge trained leader. Congratulations, Mike.



Troop 19 News and Notes

Summer Camp 2004

Summer camp is around the corner. If you have not signed up yet there is still time, but you must hurry. If you are interested in camp, sign up with **Susan Melton** as soon as possible. Summer camp will be June 20 - 26 at Camp Grimes.

Troop Re-charter

Troop 19 re-charter is coming January. Look for e mail and circulars with specific details on signing your son up for the coming year.

Year End Court of Honor

This year we will have the Year End Court of Honor on January 31 at 4:30 PM in the Family Life Center at Huntersville Presbyterian Church. This will be our largest Court of Honor ever. This is a very special night and troop pictures will be taken. Please mark your calendar and

plan to attend. More information on the Court of Honor will be coming from the Troop Committee.

District Name Change

Effective January 1, 2004, Polaris District will be combined with Tatanka District within Mecklenburg County Council. The new district will be called Hornets Nest District. The district will combine the strengths of both districts and allow the council to

improve program delivery, provide for greater access to volunteer and staff support and allow the council to service the needs of our Scouts more effectively. The new District logo appears on this page. Serving on the new district staff are several Troop 19 leaders. **Tanja Hartje** will serve as the District Commissioner for Hornets Nest District, **Bob Marum** will serve as Training Chair. **Larry Banks** and **Keith Cross** will serve as District Committee Members at Large.



Klondike Training

All Scouts under the age of 14 will be training for the Klondike in January and February. Training will occur on all Tuesdays including PLC. All boys must attend in order to prepare for this annual event. Parents please be sure to have you son at these training

Troop 19 Auction

The troop auction and Christmas Party was a huge success. Troop 19 wishes to express our thanks to **June Horne** and **Jean Buffman** for an awesome job of organizing and running the auction. Thanks, too, to **Sally Fredricks** for organizing the

food for the event. We also want to thank all the families that came, bid on items and spent their money while enjoying the auction.



Without your assistance the auction could not have been



NOAC sign ups are still available to Arrowmen interested in NOAC 2004. NOAC will be held July 31 to Aug 5 at Iowa State University. Interested Scouts should contact Troop OA Representative Eric Melton for details.

OA News

Arrowmen who have attained the Brotherhood level of the Order of the Arrow are eligible to become Life Members. The cost is a one time fee of \$150. If you are interested in becoming a Life Member or want to give a Life Membership to your son, please contact Mr. Banks for details.



If you have not paid you 2004 dues yet, **you are now past due**. Dues are \$10 for all members except Life Members and can be paid at the Scout Office or by contacting the Troop OA Representative, Eric Melton.



Bike Trip 2003 With the planning and guidance of Mr. Brad Clark, Troop

19 again ventured forth on the bike paths of the Virginia Creeper Trail in Abingdon, VA. The trip took place November 21 - 23 and included more than 74 Scouts and leaders in a fun packed trip down the rehabilitated railroad right of way. Pictures of the trip are available on the Troop 19 website for viewing and printing.

Troop 19 would like to extend a hearty thank you to **Brad Clark** for planning such a great Bike Trip to the Creeper Trail. Check out the pictures of our Scouts in action!!!

Dixie Fellowship 2004

In 2004 Catawba Lodge will be hosting the Dixie Fellowship for 1,200+ arrowmen.

In preparation for this the Catawba Lodge Web team has unveiled a website dedicated to the 2004 Dixie Fellowship. This website will have news and information about Dixie, Staff Registration and other pertinent information. This website will not only be a resource for our lodge but for all lodges in our section.

Catawba Lodge will host the 2004 Dixie Fellowship April 23-25, 2004 at Clear Creek Scout Camp. A very large staff is required to make this Conclave happen. It will take the involvement of every Arrowman in our Lodge to support his event.

We ask that Arrowmen do not wait to sign up. Early sign-ers will have a choice of committees to work with. At some point in the distant future, the lodge will have to call people that have not signed up and assign them to a committee.



If you are a member of Catawba Lodge, we want to remind you of your obligation of service. A staff of about 350 Arrowmen, will allow the lodge to perform all the tasks needed before the Dixie with a moderate amount of service from each individ-

ual and minimal impact on the Troop program and daily lives. With fewer than 350, each person must pick up more of the share of the load.

We ask that everyone do your part so the lodge can successfully perform this important function for the Scouts that are counting on us. If you have any questions please e-mail John Mickey, Dixie Chair and the Dixie Committee at: dixie@catawbalodge.org.

Staff Registration and Memorabilia Preorder forms have been posted online. All staff members are asked to register by March 12th at a cost of \$50.00. Catawba Lodge web address is www.catawbalodge.org/dixie/

Please reserve your spot now by filling out and mailing in your registration form, forms can be found at the staff area of the website

Troop Calendar 2003

January

January 6	First Meeting Back OA Elections CPR Certification Klondike Training Begins Webelos Visit
January 8	Roundtable
January 10	OA Cold Weather Training
January 13	Klondike Training CPR Certification Troop Committee Webelos Visit
January 20	Chili Fundraiser Klondike Training CPR Certification Boards of Review Webelos Visit
Jan 24 - 25	Cold Weather Campout
January 27	Klondike Training PLC ASM Meeting
January 31	Year End Court of Honor @ HPC

February

February 3	Klondike Training Sr. Scout Event
February 5	Polaris District Committee
February 7	Scouting for Food
February 8	Scout Sunday
February 10	Klondike Training Troop Committee
February 12	Roundtable
February 14	Dixie Workday @ CCSC
February 17	Klondike Training Boards of Review
Feb 20 - 22	Sr. Scout Camping Trip
February 24	Klondike Training PLC
February 26	2003 Eagle Banquet
Feb 27 - 29	Klondike Derby @ Camp Grimes

March

March 2	Troop Elections
March 6	TLD Puppy Parent Orientation 9 - 12 PM
March 6	Basic Leader Training
March 6	Dixie Workday @ CCSC

March 9	Troop Committee
March 11	Roundtable
Mar 12 - 14	Troop Camping—Mock Disaster
Mar 12 - 14	Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills
March 16	Boards of Review
Mar 19 - 21	OA Spring Fellowship @ CCSC
March 23	PLC ASM Meeting
March 27	Puppy Graduation & Court of Honor
March 29	Pack Cross Over
March 30	Troop 19 Creek Walk

April

April 2 - 4	Merit Badge Weekend @ Camp Grimes
	Pre Puppy Campout
April 6	Troop Committee
April 10	Roundtable
April 11 - 18	Easter/CMS Spring Break <u>NO SCOUTING EVENTS</u>
Apr 16 - 18	Mandatory Dixie Set Up @ CCSC
April 20	Boards of Review
April 22	Council Recognition Dinner
April 23 - 25	Dixie Fellowship @ Clear Creek
April 27	PLC
April 28	OA Chapter Callout
Apr 30 - May 2	Puppy Backpacking

May

May 4	Service Project Hot Dog Dinner 6 PM
May 8 - 9	Spring Leadership Training
May 11	Troop Committee
May 13	Roundtable
May 14 - 16	1 st Ordeal @ Camp Grimes
May 18	Boards of Review
May 25	PLC ASM Meeting

June

June 1	Troop 19 Creek Walk
Jun 4 - 6	OA 2 nd Ordeal @ CCSC
June 8	Last Troop Meeting
June 10	Roundtable
June 12	Planning Calendar Meeting
June 15	Last Troop Meeting for Summer
Jun 20 - 26	Summer Camp
Jun 20 - 26	JLT

The Folding of the Flag

We have all seen the ceremony for raising and lowering the American flag. All Scouts are required to be part of the ceremony including the folding of the flag as we retire the colors. Did you know that the flag folding ceremony is filled with symbolism. Each fold and the final shape of the flag has meaning.

The flag folding ceremony described by the Uniformed Services is a dramatic and uplifting way to honor the flag. Here is the sequence of events...

PRELUDE:

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded. The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing the states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

In the Armed Forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The **first fold** of our flag is a symbol of life.

The **second fold** is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The **third fold** is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

The **fourth fold** represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The **fifth fold** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The **sixth fold** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our



heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The **seventh fold** is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The **eighth fold** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The **ninth fold** is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The **tenth fold** is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The **eleventh fold**, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

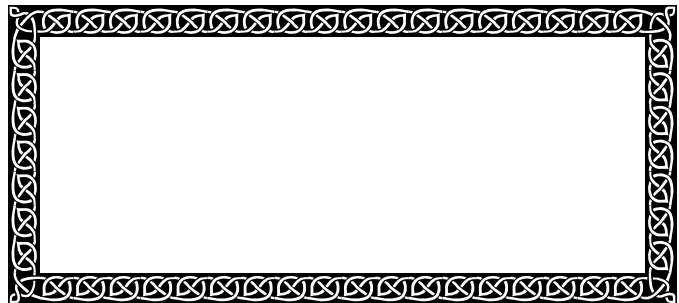
The **twelfth fold**, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

POSTLUDE:

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

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Huntersville Presbyterian Church
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Troop 19 Award Winners

In early December, the Polaris District and the Catawba Lodge held their annual awards banquets. At the banquets, several Troop 19 Scouts and Scouters were recognized for their contributions to Scouting.

At the district banquet on December 4th,
Kevin Dills - was awarded the Polaris District Youth Scouter of the Year.

Audrey Stasky - was recognized with the Polaris District Award of Merit. This award is given to adult leaders whose efforts and ethics have best exemplified the ideals of Scouting. The award recognizes outstanding Leadership on the district level.

At the Catawba Lodge banquet on December 5th
Tyler Reavis - was awarded the Jack Jolly Chapter Member of the Year

Lee Shelton - was awarded the Founder's Award. The Founder's Award was created to honor and recognize those Arrowmen who have given outstanding service to the lodge. The award is reserved for an Arrowmen who demonstrates to fellow Arrowmen that he or she memorializes in his or her everyday life the spirit of achievement as described by founder E. Uner Goodman and cofounder Carroll A. Edson.

Congratulations one and all. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Scouting and Scouts.