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Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Banks' Bits

Dear Troop 19 Family,
The year is quickly coming to an end. The holidays are upon us and we are all busy getting ready for family and friends, vacations and shopping. 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.



Our troop continues to expand and reach more

families. As we experience our growth pains, we must remember to keep our efforts focused on the most important part of our Troop, the Scouts.

February 5 will be an important date to remember. This is the date for Scouting for Food. This is also the date of the Year End Court of Honor. We will have flyers coming soon with all the details. We want to gather the whole Troop 19 family to help celebrate the year we've had. We want everyone 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.

I also want to take this time to thank a few people who have made 2004 such a successful year. I want to recognize the Troop Committee, especially **Karen Reavis** and **Tanja Hartje**, committee members **June Horne**, **Jean Buffum**, **Dan Tito** and **Sally Fredricks** and all my Assistant Scoutmasters. Have a safe and fun Holiday.

Yours in Scouting,

Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.
Scoutmaster
Troop 19

Upcoming Events:

Year End Court of Honor
February 5

Scout Sunday
February 6

Klondike Derby
February 25 - 27

Puppy Parent Orientation
March 12

Spring Fellowship
March 18 - 20

Dixie Fellowship
April 22 - 24

Eagle Courts of Honor

Troop 19 has presented 27 Scouts their Eagle Scout awards since 2000. This is the highest award Scouting offers to the boys and signifies at least five years of dedication and hard work by the Scout, his family and the Troop. Most of our Eagle Scouts continue to remain active in the troop until they age out at 18 years.

The Eagle Court of Honor is a special event where we, the Troop 19 family, take

the opportunity to acknowledge one individual Scout for his extraordinary efforts. The families of these Eagle Scouts are rightfully proud of their sons and want to share their joy and pride with their relatives and the Troop 19 families.

Sadly, few Scouts and even fewer of the Troop 19 families come to the ceremonies to recognize these

extraordinary Scouts. It is difficult to call these Courts of Honor "celebrations" when fewer than 20 of 80+ Scouts choose to attend.

The next time you receive the Eagle Court of Honor invitation, please do not throw it away. Please plan on attending the celebration with your son.

Every one is welcome, Scouts and families that have been a part of the Eagle Scout's career and new families who need to see what their son can achieve in Scouting. We want these celebrations to be extraordinary events for extraordinary Scouts.



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.

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 come in uniform.** I want to also remind parents and Puppies of important upcoming dates.

Puppy Parent Orientation

(Attendance is required)

March 12 9 - 12 PM @ HPC

Webelos Crossover

March 12 4:00 PM

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

Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.
Scoutmaster
Troop 19

Popcorn Sales - 2004

Troop 19 had an outstanding year selling popcorn. The Troop sold \$6,241 in popcorn in 2004. Top sellers for the troop were:

1st Place	Derek Reavis	\$910.00
2nd Place	Wesley King	\$507.00
3rd Place	Michael Westhafer	\$365.00

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 Kathy Tito** and the Popcorn subcommittee for their extraordinary efforts to make this year's Popcorn Sales such a huge success. And thank you Scouts for all your sales efforts.

Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to all Troop 19 families who prepared and donated a gift box for Operation Christmas Child. It is only a small thing but the smiles it brings to those in need is beyond price-less. This year we collected 83 boxes. The troop has participated in Operation Christmas Child every year since Rev. Dr. Billy Graham started the project in 1993.

Operation Christmas Child is remarkable in its scope. A few facts...

This year, an estimated 7 million suffering children in some 95 coun-

tries on six continents will receive personal, gift-filled shoe boxes through this kids-helping-kids project. For many of these children, the shoe box gift will be the first gift they have ever received.

The shoe box gifts will be filled and donated by millions of individuals in 11 countries: United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, The Netherlands, Germany, Ireland, Austria, Switzerland, Finland, and New Zealand.

Operation Christmas Child began in

the U.S. in 1993 with 28,000 shoe box gifts. Since then, the kids-helping-kids project has collected some 31 million shoe box gifts valued at more than \$610 million, and hand-delivered them to needy children in some 120 countries.



Tanya Hartje Earns District Award of Merit Bob Marum earns District Key



At the Hornets Nest District Annual Banquet on December 3, Troop 19 ASM **Tanya Hartje** and ASM **Bob**

Marum were honored for their dedicated service to Scouting.

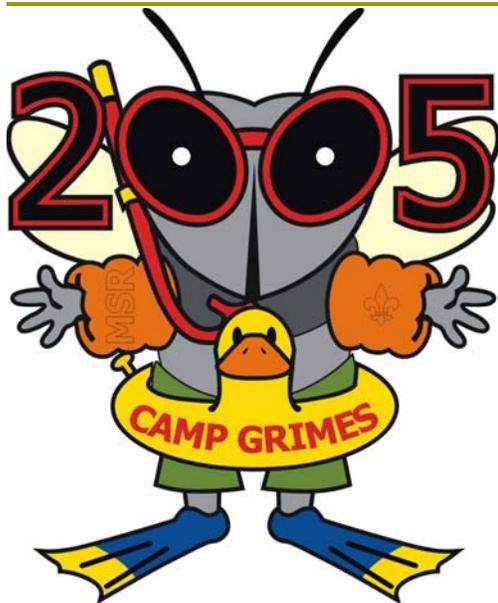
First, **Bob and Tanya** earned the District Key. The District Key is bestowed on Scouters who have served on the District level for a minimum of three years. The key recognizes the Scouters whose efforts have benefited Scouts and Scout leaders in Hornets Nest Council.



Second, **Tanya** was awarded the Distinguished Commissioners Award. Tanya has served as district commissioner for Hornets Nest and was recognized by Mecklenburg County Council for the dedicated commitment she has made to Scouting in her position as a Scouting Volunteer.

Third and most notably, **Tanya Hartje** was recognized at the banquet with the District Award of Merit. The District Award of Merit is awarded by a District to volunteer and professional adults for service to youth in the District. Normally, the award is presented for service to youth in excess of five years.





Troop 19 News and Notes

We will once again do a potluck, with every family bringing a main dish, as well as a side dish or dessert, and a 2 liter of soda! We look forward to a great Court of Honor!

Contact Sonja McCreary if you can help out on celebration of the past year.

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 your son at these training classes.

Troop Uniform Closet

The troop keeps a uniform closet of used but still serviceable uniforms at the Scout Hut. We rely on donations from parents whose sons have outgrown their uniforms. We have supplied many items to families but we have had few donations to replace them. Please consider giving to the uniform closet and help other families ensure that their sons are in the correct Troop 19 uniforms.

Service Hours

Scouts needing service hours can assist HPC in setting up luminar-

ies for Xmas services at the church on Christmas Eve. This year we need some helpers to meet at the church at 2pm on 12/24, the more help we have the quicker it will go, but we don't anticipate it will take more than an hour. No uniforms are necessary nor prior registration. Many of you will be gone over the holidays, but for those that will be around, your help would be most appreciated. Contact Dave McDonnell for more information.

Summer Camp 2004

Summer camp is around the corner. It will be a busy summer, especially if your son is attending Jamboree in August. Summer Camp sign ups are out and space is filling up. It is important for your son to attend summer camp. If you have not signed up yet there is still time, but you must hurry. Cost is \$175.00 this year. If you are interested, camp will be June 12 - 18 at Camp Grimes. See the enclosed sign up sheets for more information.

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

As we look forward to the holidays, remember our Year End Court of Honor is on February 5, 2005. Pencil it in for after the holidays!



Bike Trip 2004

With the planning and guidance of **ASM Jeff Belter**, Troop 19 again ventured forth on the bike paths of the Virginia Creeper Trail in Abingdon, VA. The trip took place November 19 - 21 and included more than 74 Scouts and leaders in a fun packed trip down the rehabili-

tated railroad right of way. Pictures of the trip are available on the Troop 19 website soon for viewing and printing.

Troop 19 would like to extend a hearty thank you to **ASM Jeff Belter** for planning such a great Bike Trip to the Creeper Trail.



Troop 19 had a wonderful weekend trip in October thanks to the planning and coordination efforts of **ASM Bob Gudger**.

Bobby was able to arrange a great trip to the Lost Sea Caverns south of Knoxville, TN.

All who attended had a blast and got caked with mud. The combination means the trip was a huge success. Look at the pictures on the Troop 19 website!!!

Thanks to Bobby Gudger for helping arrange for Troop 19 to have such an outstanding trip.

Lost Sea Caving

Florida Sea Base 2006

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base offers unique aquatic programs to Scouts and Scouters. Located in Islamorada, the heart of the Florida Keys, the near shore reefs offer unparalleled opportunities for long term and short term programs year round.



That being said, who wants to go in 2006???? You must be 14 by September 1, 2006 and a Star Scout prior to our departure in the summer of 2006. There are many adventures from which to choose, based on group size and what

you want to do.

Here are some examples:

- Coral Reef Sailing
- Sea Exploring
- Bahamas Adventure
- Keys Adventure
- Scuba Adventure

and much, much more!

Cost for the trip will vary based on the excursion chosen.....and we will also need a few adult leaders. Seabase is a beautiful facility. We will have a meeting in early January to discuss this opportunity but please call ASM Tanja Hartje anytime with questions.

New Eagle Scouts Reid and Watkins

Troop 19 would like to congratulate and welcome our newest Eagle Scouts, Harold Nicholas Reid and Andrew Brian Watkins.

Nick and Andy completed their Eagle projects and will complete their Eagle Boards of Review on December 28, 2004. Nick and Andy become our 50th and 51st Eagle Scouts, and 37th and 38th Eagle Scout since Larry Banks became Scoutmaster in 1988.

Nick Reid's Eagle project was to clean up the historic Barry home-site near Hopewell Presbyterian Church. The project included

clean up of the grounds and creating a walking path around the home site to visitors to use.

Andy Watkins designed a project to establish a convenient picnic area for his church, Lake Norman Baptist. With Andy's project, he created a patio area with brick pavers plus two concrete tables and benches for members of the church to use for gatherings.

Eagle Ceremonies for Nick and Andy will be held in early 2005. Please look for the invitations for times and dates.



Thank You, Pam Campbell

Pam Campbell has decided to step down as Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 19.

For more than 20 years, Pam has given her time and her love to the Scouts of Troop 19 and Scouting.

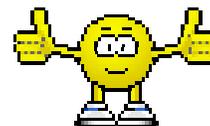
In 2003, Pam was recognized with the Silver Beaver Award for her efforts by the Council.

Happily, Pam is not leaving the troop. She has chosen to remain active on the Troop Committee.

Pam will be assisting Ted Gantt on the Eagle Boards of Review.

Thanks Pam for all you do for Troop 19.

Thank You!!!!

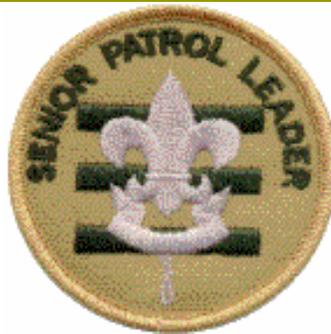


HAPPY HOLIDAYS



From Troop 19

A Word from SPL Nicholas King



Thanks for a great time as Senior Patrol Leader. I have really enjoyed my job as SPL which has given me the ability to interact with all of you and get to know all of you much better. Thanks to all the Patrol Leaders for the great job you all are doing. Everything has been working smoothly and everyone seems to be getting along very well.

I would also like to commend and thank all the scouts for selling popcorn and for attending the Bass Pro Shop fundraiser. In reality, you all personally are benefiting from these fundraisers, but the good turnout for both is nice to see. Although Bass Pro was a little slow this year, the participation was great and everyone did a very good job.

The bike trip and caving trip both went very well this year. All the Scouts had a great time at the Lost Sea. It is a fun trip so I encourage everyone who did go and those who did not go to attend the trip in the future. This trip requires no cooking, no trouble with rain, you get to sleep in a cave, and everyone's favorite, you get to get covered in mud. I hear that the cooking was excellent on the bike trip. I want to see that level of good cooking on every camping trip from now on so that I can get a chance to taste this wonderful cooking. Thanks to all the adults who organized these two trips as well.

On a slightly negative note I have been having a little trouble with time during the scout meetings. Parents,

I'm sorry for the late meetings. We have pioneering skills being taught during those meetings and we are running a bit long. I will confidently say that every scout learned a lot and had a great time.

There are several things we can do to improve our schedule. First, scouts should arrive on time to the meetings so we can get started on

time. It is very difficult to get started when we have less than 20 scouts present and the rest straggle in 5-10 minutes late. I know how busy people's schedules can be, but please be on time, if not early, to the meetings. Second, Scouts need to switch activities quickly during the meeting. When the whistle blows to end patrol time, it is time to move, not come whenever you feel like it. We try to stick on a schedule so that our meetings don't last all night long. Furthermore, scouts, when the sign goes up the mouth goes shut. A great deal of time during the meetings has been wasted because we can't get started or give directions until everyone is quiet and attentive. It would help things run smoother and faster if you would get quiet and listen when the sign goes up. This especially applies during instruction and game time. The instructors are there to help you learn Scouting skills, they cannot begin without the attention of the Scouts. Thank you to all the instructors that have the patience and knowledge to teach the troop each month.

I look forward to working further with all of you and getting to know all of you better. Remember to keep the Scout oath and Scout law in your daily lives. Remember too, the twelfth point of the Scout law, a Scout is reverent.

Thank you to...

UNIVERSITY VOLVO, Steve Magowan, President

for sponsoring our Auction Dinner on December 4th.

Please patronize this fine dealership which is

located at 7716 NORTH TRYON in CHARLOTTE

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OA News and Notes

Sehwatu Chapter Chief **Nick King** attended Arrow Tech in Columbia, SC November 12 - 14. Arrow Tech is a training course for lodge leaders. The training gives the attendees the skills they need to serve as leaders of the lodge and the lodge chapters.

Alex D'Amour attended the Catawba Lodge Officers training in November.

If you have not paid you 2005 dues yet, **you are now past due**. Dues are \$14 for all members except Life Members and can be paid at the Scout Office or by contacting the Troop OA Representative, **Andy Watkins**.

Catawba Lodge will again offer an All Events Fee for the 2005 Lodge Events. The fees cover all ordeals as well as Spring and Fall Fellowship. The All Events fees do not cover Dixie. This year, the fees will also include the cost of the patch for these events. Check with **Andy Watkins** for the form to pay your events fees.



Dixie 2005 will be April 22 - 25 at Camp Barstow, SC. Dixie is hosted this year by Muscogee Lodge. Sign Ups are available from **Andy Watkins** or can be accessed through the link to Dixie 2005 on the Troop 19 website, www.bsa19.org.

Troop 19 Auction

Thank you to the Troop 19 and Pack 19 families for making the 3rd annual Troop fundraiser a great success. It was a great evening and I think everyone had a good time and took home some great treasures. A special thank you to our Auction committee for all their hard work and to Larry Banks, Auctioneer Extraordinaire/Morale Booster and Keith Cross, our Master of Ceremonies and the glue that held us together in the days leading up to the auction! Thanks also to the families that pitched in the days before the auction to help set-up, serve, and clean-up. We greatly appreciate the sponsorship by University Volvo for the fine dinner which was prepared by Chef Jim Myers of Smilin' Jims Restaurant in Huntersville. Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Charlotte, Inc.

donated the sodas. And finally, thanks to all of the people and businesses who made and/or donated items to be auctioned off for this event, and those who solicited for donations.

Happy Holidays!
Jean Buffum, Chairperson

As a token of thanks, a \$500.00 gift was given to Huntersville Presbyterian Church for their support of our Troop.



2004 AUCTION COMMITTEE

June Horne
Melissa Cannito
Joanne Craig
Kelly Cross
Pam D'Amour
Janet Dove
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Beth Jackson-Jordan
Lisa Josephthal
Sharon King
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Alicia Pugliese
Tina Ragland
Vickie Reid
Kathy Remick
Judy Watkins
Ellen Weiss

Troop Calendar 2005

January

Jan 4	OA Elections
Jan 4	Klondike Practice
Jan 4	CPR Training
Jan 5	OA Executive Board
Jan 8	OA Cold Weather Training
Jan 11	Troop Committee
Jan 11	Klondike Practice
Jan 11	CPR Training
Jan 13	Roundtable
Jan 18	Klondike Practice
Jan 18	CPR Training
Jan 21 - 23	Troop Ski Trip
Jan 25	Klondike Practice
Jan 25	CPR Training
Jan 25	PLC

February

Feb 1	Klondike Practice
Feb 1	Sr. Scout Activity
Feb 5	Year End Court of Honor
Feb 5	Scouting for Food
Feb 6	Scout Sunday
Feb 8	Troop Committee
Feb 8	Klondike Practice
Feb 8	Sr. Scout Activity
Feb 15	Klondike Practice
Feb 15	Sr. Scout Activity
Feb 18 - 20	Senior Scout Trip
Feb 22	PLC
Feb 22	Klondike Practice
Feb 22	Sr. Scout Activity
Feb 22	Asst. Scoutmaster Mtg
Feb 25 - 27	Klondike Derby

March

Mar 1	Troop Elections
Mar 2	OA Executive Board
Mar 4	New Leader Essentials
Mar 4 - 6	Bass Pro Fundraiser
Mar 5 - 6	Jamboree Shakedown
Mar 8	Troop Committee
Mar 10	Roundtable
Mar 12	Puppy Orientation
Mar 12	TLD
Mar 12	Spring Court of Honor
Mar 12	Webelos Crossover
Mar 13	Hike @ Hornets Nest
Mar 18 - 20	Spring Fellowship
Mar 21	Pack 19 Graduation
Mar 22	PLC
Mar 22	Fun Night

April

Apr 6	OA Executive Board
Apr 8 - 10	Wood Badge # 1
Apr 12	Troop Committee
Apr 14	Roundtable
Apr 15 - 17	Troop Merit Badge Weekend
Apr 15 - 17	Webelos I Trip
Apr 22 - 24	DIXIE
Apr 26	PLC
Apr 26	Asst Scoutmaster Meeting
Apr 29 - May 1	Wood Badge # 2

Scoutmaster Conferences

A few helpful reminders about Scoutmaster Conferences...

1. Call or speak to the ASM at least 1 week in advance of your conference.
2. Call back to confirm the schedule
3. Wear Class A uniforms and have your handbook signed and ready for the ASM.
4. After you pass the Scoutmaster Conference, you can schedule a Board of Review with the BOR Chair, Ms. Vickie Reid.
5. Star and Life Conferences may take two or more meetings to complete.
6. Scouts are responsible for scheduling the conferences, not parents.
7. Scouts must also take responsibility to confirm the conference date.

Remember, the ASMs are very busy with their duties. If you want to have a conference, schedule and confirm with the ASM. Call in advance so that ASM is ready for your conference.

Where Are They Now?

Eagle Charles Council Dudley

Eagle Date January 15, 1948

Council Dudley's scouting activities influenced his entire life. He would often show results of merit badges, tanned animal skins, carved totem poles, arrow heads collected, etc. More important were the values learned from some caring, wonderful leaders. He was not only an Eagle Scout; but, also earned the bronze, silver and gold palms.

Scouting values learned early dictated his approach to life as an adult. After completing all the

courses he could take at Huntersville High School, he went to Oak Ridge Military Academy for his last two years. He went on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he finished undergraduate school in three years, earning Phi Beta Kappa honors. He graduated from Carolina Medical School in 1955 and did a year's internship at Duke University in pediatrics followed by two years in the Army.

He lived in Augusta, Georgia where he was head of pediatrics at Fort Gordon Army Hospital. He later chose to specialize in pathology. Between the end of his prac-

tice and starting pathology training, he volunteered to go to Vietnam as a physician. It was one of the highlights of his life.

After completing his pathology training, he served as the head of the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital Lab and was their pathologist for fifteen years. Unfortunately, he developed early onset Alzheimer's Disease from which he suffered for eight years until his death in 1994.



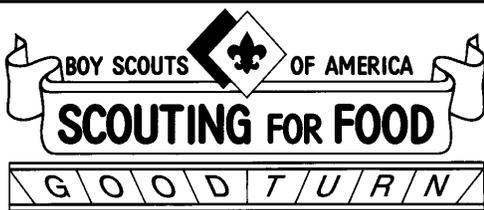
Eagle's Aerie

Eagle Scout **Eric Massa** has been accepted as a fireman in the Town of Mooresville. Eric begins his career in January 2005. Eric will remain a volunteer for

Huntersville as part of the Gilead VFD. Good luck, Eric!!

Eagle Scout **Daniel Williams** will graduate from North Carolina State Agricultural Institute on December 15. Dan will receive his Associates Degree and will live in Raleigh

where he has established a landscaping business. Good luck, Daniel!



A Boy Scout promises "to help other people". What better way is there to show our Scouting spirit than by participating in the annual Scouting for Food Drive?

Across the country, on February 5, Scouts and Scouters will collect bags of food for their local community food banks. Being one of the largest troops in Mecklenburg

County Council, just imagine the dramatic impact we can make on and for the local community. We had great participation last year. This year is the time to re-dedicate ourselves to the service of our community.

Each patrol will have a designated area of Highland Creek. The patrols will go door to door between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM asking for donations of non perishable canned or packaged food. Each patrol will take food back to the collection point at the back pool on Highland Creek Parkway. We will have a base camp

set up to coordinate food collection, extra bags & trucks to transport food to the collection trailers.

Troop 19 alone will be handling all of Highland Creek subdivision. With over 2,500 homes, we are setting a goal of 3,000 cans.

We will meet at 8:00 AM in the HPC church parking lot and ride the bus over to Highland Creek. Bring a bag lunch. Remember, we are selling the Scouting spirit, so put on your Class A uniform and a smile.

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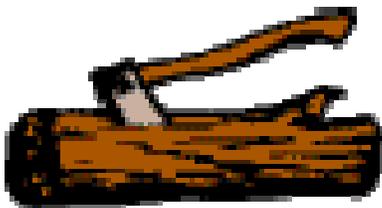
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Wood Badge 2005



The Mecklenburg County Council will offer Wood Badge for the 21st Century in April, 2005. This is the most advanced training an adult leader can complete in Scouting. Letters of invitation have already been sent to all Scoutmasters in the council and are currently being mailed to all Assistant Scoutmasters. You must be trained to position in order to be considered for this terrific opportunity. For Assistant Scoutmasters, you must complete the following courses prior to the start of Wood Badge:

New Leader Essentials
Boy Scout Fast Start
Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Position
- Specific Training
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

All of these courses will be offered at least one more time before the start of the Wood Badge course in early April, 2005. If you have any questions, please ask Mr. "Beaver" Banks, Mr. "Bobwhite" Cross, or that Foxy Lady, Mrs. Hartje. We look forward to seeing you at Gilwell!

