

Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Dear Troop 19 Family,

As the busy holiday season approaches. I wanted to take the time to thank all of the Troop 19 family for the time they give to the troop and the community. Around the holidays, I know we all get tied up in our own world. It is important to remember those not so fortunate and in need of our help.

The second half of the year is chock full of activities and events. Please help your son

experience all that Scouting can offer, get involved if you are not already. We have several committees in need of parents to help out. We need parents for Boards of Review, Troop Auction, the 50th Anniversary Celebration and Popcorn. Even a few hours will be greatly appreciated.

As always, feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns with the troop.



Yours in Scouting,
Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.
Scoutmaster

Upcoming Events:

A Clark Eagle Ceremony

Oct 3

T Reavis Eagle Ceremony

Oct 31

Caving Trip

Oct 8 - 10

Bike Trip

Nov 19 - 21

Bass Pro Fundraiser

Nov 26 - 28

Troop Auction

A Gathering of Eagles

Since our last newsletter, Troop 19 has welcomed two new Eagle Scouts to our ranks. Troop 19 now has 49 Eagle Scouts since our founding. Our newest Eagle Scouts are; **Allen Clark**, who will receive his award on October 3 and **Tyler Reavis**, who will receive his award on October 31.



Invitations to the Allen Clark and Tyler Reavis ceremonies will be coming out soon. We ask that everyone in the troop attend these Eagle Courts of Honor to recognize these young men for their outstanding achievements.

Eagles Leave the Nest

Troop 19 would like to correct two of the recognitions from last newsletter. Two of our Eagles were graduating Seniors and have moved on to college.



Kevin Dills - Was incorrectly reported as headed to Appalachian State in the fall, Kevin is

attending UNC Asheville

Kyle Kitchen - Graduated from North Meck HS and is attending UNC Chapel Hill this fall.



Catawba Lodge News

Troop 19 welcomes four new Arrowmen into the Catawba Lodge.

Joining the Lodge at the Fall Fellowship in September were **Chris Jackson-Jordan, Ryan Tincher, Tanya Hartje** and **Mike Hartje**. Congratulations Arrowmen!!!!

We also welcome **Jonathan Cannito** as Troop 19's

newest Life Member in Catawba Lodge. Well done, Jonathan.

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50th Anniversary News

Next summer, Troop 19 will celebrate our 50th year of continuous service. Though 50 years of service is remarkable, the troop counts its history back 66 years to its founding by Scoutmaster **E.F. "Bert" Kumm** and Troop Committee Chairman **Leggett Blythe**.

As part of our celebration, Troop 19 is working on a history of the troop. We are seeking stories, pictures and mementos of the troop from all decades of its existence. We are also trying to locate all of Troop 19's Eagle Scouts and Scoutmasters or their families to get them to share their stories and memories of the Troop when they were active.

We are in need of stories and pictures for the early years of the troop. Thanks to former **Scoutmaster Bill Webb** who has contacted us and provided many stories and memories for the history.

We are still looking to make contact with these Eagle Scouts

Kenneth Coley
William J Cochran, Jr.

Eddie Cobb
Joseph E. Cochran

We are also seeking several former Scoutmasters or their families. We are seeking information on:

G. B. Murray
Paul S. Caldwell
Roy Highberg

W. H. Cato
Hurd Bradford

Please help us gather the troop history so that we can make our story complete.



My Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch

By Tyler Reavis

This summer I was given the opportunity to go to Philmont Scout Ranch, but before we got to Philmont we stopped at Colorado Springs for touring. We went to the U.S. Olympic Training Center, Royal Gorge Bridge which was 1,053 feet high, Air Force Academy, Whitewater Rafting on the Arkansas River, Garden of Gods which is a bunch of unusual shaped rocks that you could boulder on, and lastly the coolest thing was traveling to the top of Pikes Peak where the temperature was 42 degrees with winds blowing at 35 mph.

After all this exciting touring we took a 6 hour bus ride to Philmont. Once we arrived there we met our ranger Tim Cole of Louisiana. He only stayed with us 2 days so that we could get acquainted to the environment and give us some safety tips. During the trip it rained mostly in the afternoon, and on one special afternoon my tent buddy and I were cooking dinner in the rain when a lightning bolt hit a tree 30 feet away from us. The tree began to catch on fire but the rain put it out. There was a distinctive line on the tree and a two foot deep hole where it hit the ground.

While hiking I met Mr. Webb who was the Scoutmaster of Troop 19 during the 1950's and 1960's. Mr. Webb moved from Huntersville to Dallas, Texas many years ago and he is planning on attaining the 50 year anniversary of Troop 19. We also met Lilly the Scoutmaster from the T.V. show Survivor; she had many fun stories to tell about the whole experience. We also took an 11 hour side hike to Baldy Mountain, which was 12,140 feet tall, the view was incredible.

In the mornings we would wake-up at 3:30, 4, or 4:30 A.M. to get a head start before the heat arrived.

The last day we did a 12-14 mile hike into base camp, hiking over the Tooth of Time. Seeing base camp was so exciting, because you knew that you had almost made it and it pushed you 10 times harder to get there. We hiked a total of 86 miles. This experience was so incredible that I would recommend it to ANYONE!!!



Troop 19 News and Notes

Troop 19 and Sehwatu District would like to extend a huge thank you to ASMs **Tanya Hartje** and **Bob Marum** for their work with the district. Tanya is stepping down as commissioner of Sehwatu (formerly Polaris) district after two years of extraordinary service. Bob has served as Training Chairman of our district the past two years as well.

Tanya will be taking over the duties as the District Training Chair beginning October 1. Bob will take over duties as Council Chair in Charge of Scoutmaster Training. Thanks to both Tanya and Bob for your dedication to Scouting beyond Troop 19.

Thanks, too to ASM **Greg Augspurger** for his efforts in making the troop rafting trip such a success. The trip to the New River in West Virginia and Virginia was a blast and a true experience. Thanks Greg!!!

Eagle Scout **Kevin Dills** attended the 2004 NOAC at Iowa State University this summer. Kevin participated as a member of Catawba Lodge's ceremonial team. The Catawba Lodge team earned **Honored Team** for their Ceremony presentation. This is the highest designation available at

NOAC for a ceremonial team. Well done Kevin and team!!!!

Fall Fellowship

The Catawba Lodge Fall Fellowship was held the last weekend of September. The Fellowship was great. From the visit by the SWAT team to Snoopy the Police Helicopter to Drum Stick Making to the Quest for the Green Arrow, the fellowship rocked. Sehwatu Chapter won the Quest this year!!!

We took time to thank our outgoing chapter officers, **Kevin Dills**, Lodge Secretary, **Allen Clark**, Vice Chief of Inductions. Thanks men for a great job.

Elected as new officers were **Nicholas King**, Chapter Chief and **Alex D'Amour** elected as Chapter Secretary.

Chapter meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday each month. Come to the meetings to see our new Service Award. Contact our Troop OA Representative. Andy Watkins, for more information on Chapter and Lodge events.



Bass Pro Fundraiser

Troop 19 will be participating in a second fundraiser at Bass Pro on the weekend of November 26, 27 and 28. The Troop has elected to make 100% of the proceeds available directly to the Scout for Scout bucks. There is great potential to make a lot of money (pay is per person/per hour) so every scout and a parent is needed in order to make this a success.

Sally Fredricks is coordinating this event and we still have a lot of slots that need to be filled. The work is not hard, we will be bagging items for the cashiers and moving shopping carts in the parking lot.

We have been e-mailing out the schedules for those who have signed up. Some time slots we have too many and others we still need to fill. It would be helpful if any families would be willing and able to switch their slots.

Please contact Sally @ (sallycc35@yahoo.com) to schedule time at the fundraiser or if you have questions.



Senior Camporee 2004



Great success for Troop 19 Senior Scouts at the 2004 Senior Camporee.

Troop 19's Peanut Patrol lead by Patrol Leader **Zach**

Hackley finished in 2nd Place at the Camporee this September.

Troop 19 also sent the Oscar Mayer patrol and they finished in 6th Place.

The Peanut Patrol was also the first Troop 19 Patrol to earn the Spirit Award for the Camporee.

Troop 19 leaders, **Carl Hackley, Bobby Gudger, Mike Hartje** and **Keith Cross** provided excellent leadership at the Spirit of the Cave Village that Troop 19 ran.

Great job Peanut and Oscar Mayer patrols and great job to all the Senior Scouts.

Troop 19 Auction & Spaghetti Dinner

Don't miss this year's spaghetti dinner and live auction on Saturday, December 4th at 5:00. The menu will include spaghetti, salad, bread, desert and beverage.

Like last year, there will be a silent and live auction. Unlike last year, it will be held on Saturday and will feature "Sally's Speedy Check-Out."

We plan to have sports memora-

bia items, toys, "Gift Baskets by June," and many more exciting items (especially if you participate by sending in items with your Scouts which we will request in November).

Remember, the auction is as good as you make it, so keep the date open and be ready to bid.

Contact Jean Buffum to help out with auction and to donate items.



Summer Camp Staff

Troop 19 had three members who served this summer on Summer Camp Staff. Serving Mecklenburg County on staff were

Mike Hartje - Director of Long Hunter Program

Bobby Forney - Camp Commissioner

Tanya Hartje - Office and trading Post Director

Thanks for helping make summer camp such a success for all the Scouts in Mecklenburg County.



Troop Calendar 2004

October

Oct 6	OA Executive Board
Oct 8	New Leader Essentials
Oct 9	Scoutmaster Specific Training
Oct 8 - 10	Troop Caving Trip
Oct 12	Troop Committee
Oct 14	Roundtable
Oct 15	Catawba Lodge Officer Training
Oct 16 - 17	Popcorn Sales
Oct 22 - 24	Leader Outdoor Training
Oct 23 - 24	Popcorn Sales
Oct 26	PLC
Oct 26	Fun Night
Oct 30 - 31	Popcorn Sales

November

Nov 5	New Leader Essentials
Nov 6	First Aid Merit Badge Training
Nov 6	Scoutmaster Specific Training
Nov 9	Troop Committee
Nov 11	Roundtable
Nov 13	Scoutmaster Specific Training
Nov 19 - 21	Troop Bike Trip/Camping
Nov 26 - 28	Bass Pro Fundraiser
Nov 30	Fun Night

December

Dec 2	Hornets Nest Banquet
Dec 3	O A Banquet
Dec 4	Scoutmaster Specific Training
Dec 4	Merit Badge Workshop
Dec 7	Oaks Service Project
Dec 11	Troop Auction

January 2005

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

Popcorn 2004!!!

The 2004 Popcorn sales start October 9th!!

Well it is time again to sell popcorn. This year, all proceeds will go to the boys to be used for most Scouting related expenses (except Jamboree). Also this year, the Show & Sell money will also be divided among the boys based on the total dollars earned and number of hours worked.

The Popcorn Sell is being coordinated again this year by **Dan Tito**. Parents are needed to help out at the distribution point (the Tito family garage). Contact Dan for more information. Dan is looking for help picking up popcorn on Oct 8th from 12 - 5 at Charlotte Van & Storage. He will need three parents with vans or pickup trucks to meet me

there at 12:00 to pick up 50 cases of popcorn and deliver it to his house in Cedarfield.

Show and Sell dates are Saturday, Oct 9th and Sunday October 10th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Harris Teeter in the Rosedale shopping center. Thursday, October 14th and Friday October 15th are teacher work days and we have the Bank of America plaza downtown from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday, Oct 16th. We will be using a new selling technique called Show and Take in Highland Creek @ 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Saturday, Oct 23rd and Sunday October 24th are at Lowes Hardware from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Saturday, Oct 30th and Sunday October 31st are at Bi-Lo at Rosedale shopping center from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM



2004 Vigil Honors

We welcome **Chris Chelko**, as the newest recipient of the Vigil Honor from Troop 19. Chris was given the honor for outstanding service to the Lodge at the Fall Fellowship. Chris was recognized with the name, **Achewiecheu Pemsit Tekenink** which means *Strong One*

Who Walks in the Forest.



The Vigil Honor is the highest honor that a lodge can give to an Arrow-

man. By nomination only, the honor is given by the Lodge to those Arrowmen who have shown outstanding and unselfish service to the lodge. To be nominated, an Arrowman must have at least 2 years as a Brotherhood member.

Please join us in congratulating Chris for his recognition and his outstanding service to Scouting through the Catawba Lodge.



Where are They Now?!

As a prelude to the 2005 anniversary year, where Troop 19 will celebrate 50 years of continuous service and 67 years since our founding, we have added a new column. The new column will have short segments on notable Troop 19 members of the past including past Scoutmasters, Troop Committee members and Eagle Scouts.

This column we cover two special Troop 19 alumni, founding Scoutmaster E G "Bert" Kumm and our first Eagle Scout, William Brevard "Bill" Blythe, II.

Bert Kumm was a Canadian and a naturalized US Citizen. In 1926, Egbert Frederick Kumm came South from Eganville, Ontario, Canada to take a position with N & P Bakery Company in Charlotte. In 1938, with the assistance of Legette Blythe, Troop 19's first Troop Committee Chairman, Mr. Kumm established Troop 19.

Bert Kumm served as Scoutmaster of Troop 19 on three separate oc-

casions. Starting with the founding of the Troop in 1938, Bert served from 1938 - 1948, 1950 - 52 and lastly, 1956 - 1960. During those years, his great love was his Boy Scouts, and proudly he saw six of them, all members of Huntersville Presbyterian Church, attain the highest rank in Scouting, Eagle Scout: Bill Blythe (1943), Tom Craven (1944), Council Dudley (1948), Bob Blythe (1952), Henry Miller Pigg (1952) and his son, Joe Frederick Kumm (1952). Bert Kumm was Troop 19's first Silver Beaver recipient, receiving the recognition in 1964. Mr. Kumm died in 1970 and is buried in the Huntersville Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

William Brevard Blythe II devoted more than half a century of his life to the University of North Carolina as a doctor, teacher and mentor.

His legacy is that he became a leader of a very strong division of nephrology (kidney disease) through his effectiveness as a

teacher and mentor. The secret of his success was that he inspired the people around him -- and he especially inspired young people."

A native of Huntersville, he graduated from high school at the age of 15. After one year at Oak Ridge Military Academy, he entered the University and graduated in 1948 at the age of 19.

He attended the two-year program at UNC Medical Schools, then completed his M.D. at Washington University in St. Louis in 1953.

He returned to the University as a member of the medical school faculty in 1961.

He died Dec. 21, 2001 following a heart attack. He was 72.



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Eagle Scout Scholarships

Eagle Scouts who are graduating high school seniors or who will be attending an accredited college or university awarding at least a bachelor's degree may qualify for a scholarship through the National Eagle Scout Association.

Applicants for all scholarships must (1) have received the Eagle Scout Award prior to application submission, (2) have demonstrated leadership in Scouting, and (3) have a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting. Applicants must have a SAT and/or ACT score acceptable to the standards set by the review committee.

Available Scholarships include:

Cooke Scholarships - One Scholarship of \$48,000 (\$12,000 per year) and four \$20,000 (\$5,000 per year). Applicants must demonstrate financial need and have the endorsement of a volunteer or professional Scout leader who knows them personally.

Elks Foundation Scholarship - four scholarships of \$8000 (\$2,000 per year) and four \$4,000 (\$1,000 per year).

National Eagle Scout Scholarship Fund - 12 scholarships of \$3,000 (lump sum).

Hall - McElwain Scholarships - 80 Scholarships of \$1,500 annually (20 in each of BSA 4 regions). They are based on merit and are open to high school seniors through the undergraduate junior year in college.

Applications are available on the BSA website (www.scouting.org/nesa/scholar/appform.pdf) at local council service centers or from NESA.

Applications must be postmarked after Oct. 1 but no later than midnight on Jan 31 2005 and received NESA no later than Feb 5, 2005.