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Dear Troop 19 Family,
Well it is almost summer again. With Summer Camp and National Jamboree it is going to be a very full summer. We have a couple of committee members stepping down this year and I want to take special time to recognize these committee members for the extraordinary job they have done for us. **June Horne**, Advancement Chair and **Vickie Reid**, Board of Review Chair have served the Scouts of Troop 19 admirably. We will miss their guidance and dedication.

I would also like to welcome our new committee members. Joining the committee as Board of

Review Chair will be **Audrey Stasky** and joining the committee as Advancement Chairs are **Alicia & Jeff Pugliese**.

As our older Scouts age out and move on to college, their families role with the troop lessens. The troop needs the families of our younger Scouts to up and replace our retiring families. Please see what you can do to help the troop.

Last but certainly not least, Troop 19 wants to welcome all our rising Webelos into the troop as our newest Puppy Patrols. We



look forward to having you and your family join us in the adventure that Scouting offers.

Yours in Scouting,
Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.
Scoutmaster
Troop 19

- Upcoming Events:
- Merit Badge Weekend
April 15 - 17
 - Dixie Fellowship
April 22 - 24
 - Backpacking Trip
May 6 - 8
 - Beaver Weekend
May 20 - 22
 - Jamboree Shakedown
June 3 - 5
 - National Jamboree
July 22 - Aug 3

Eagle Courts of Honor

Troop 19 has now presented 29 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.

Celebrating their achievements this March and April are **Andrew Watkins** who received his Eagle Award on March 20 at Huntersville

Baptist. Joining Andy in this achievement is **Nicholas Reid**, who received his Eagle Award on April 3 at Huntersville Presbyterian.

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.

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.



Scouting For Food 2005

Thanks to all Troop 19 Scouts and leaders who participated in Scouting for Food on February 5. Scouts in all of Mecklenburg County participated in the project to collect food for the Loaves and Fishes Pantry. Many Scouts in the troop assisted in collecting food while SPL **Nick King** led the Senior Scouts and OA in manning the collection trailers.

Each patrol had a designated area of Highland Creek. The patrols went door to door asking for donations of non perishable canned or packaged food. Troop 19 alone handled all of Highland Creek subdivision. In all the troop collected 1,800 pounds of canned goods for the Scouting of Food program.

Troop 19 Scouts helped in the collection of cans as a troop. Troop 19 also had Scouts who assisted the OA in sorting and packaging of the cans. Scouts who assisted with collection were:

Brendon Almond
 Luke Augsperger (and OA team)
 Jake Augsperger
 Dalton Basinger
 Campbell Benfield
 Patrick Buffum
 Jonathan Cannito
 Zach Capets
 Nicholas Capets
 Billy Craig
 Troy Daniel
 Nathan Dove
 Phillip Fredricks
 Cory Gudger
 Miles Johns
 Adam Jacques
 Brian Lowe
 Bradley McDonnell
 Anthony Pugliese
 Nicholas Reid (and OA Team)
 Brendan Ruggles
 Dillon Sellie
 Lance Sellie
 Cameron Shelton
 Kyle Smith
 Scott Sokley
 Nicholas Stasky
 Joey Summers
 Ryan Tincher

Danny Tito
 Matt Vice (and OA Team)
 Ben Watkins
 Michael Westhafer
 Alex Young
 Connor Young

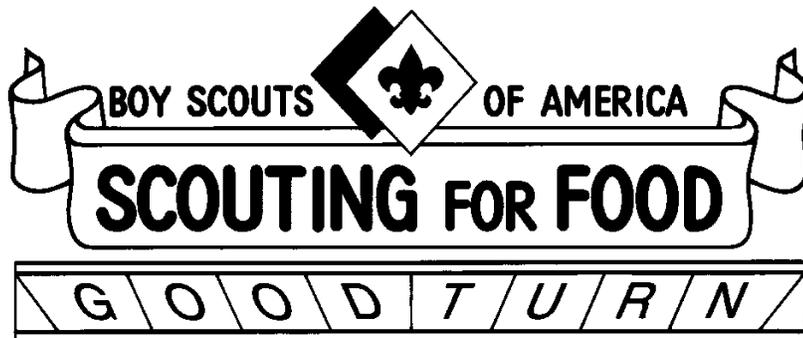
Those assisting the OA efforts in the collection trailers were:

Larry Zaino
 Andy Watkins
 Alex D'Amour
 Nicholas King
 Greg Ryczek
 Chad Holshouser
 Tucker Horne

Leaders and parents who participated were

Scoutmaster Banks
 ASM Sokley
 ASM Hackley
 ASM Jahns
 ASM Zaino
 ASM Young
 ASM Almond
 ASM Bryant
 ASM Augsperger
 ASM Capets
 ASM Vice

Thanks to ASMs **Bobby Gudger** and **Dave McConnell** for their assistance in organizing Troop 19's participation in Scouting for Food and for such a successful effort.





Troop 19 will be well represented at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree at Fort AP Hill, VA. Troop 19 leaders will serve in several leadership roles at the Jamboree including, Larry Banks, Scoutmaster, Tanja Hartje, Assistant Scoutmaster, Kevin King, Assistant Scoutmaster, Mike Hartje Jamboree Staff, Bobby Fortney, Assistant Scoutmaster and Lee Shelton, Assistant Scoutmaster.

Troop 19 Scouts will also be well represented at Jamboree 2005. At present, we have 26 Scouts plan-

ning to attend and 1 Scout on the wait list. Parents and Scouts of Troop 19 are welcome to visit the troop at Fort AP Hill. Visitors to the Jamboree must have a government issued ID to enter the Jamboree grounds.

The Opening Ceremony will be held at the Amphitheatre on Wednesday July 17. The closing show will also be at the Amphitheatre on July 31.

Troop 19 Scouts attending the 2005 Jamboree are:

Troop 1601
Nick Capets
Zach Capets
Tucker Horne
Kyle Smith
Scott Sokley
Matt Vice

Troop 1602
Alex D'Amour
Josh Hedrick

Nicholas King
Wesley Wesley
Brendan Ruggles
Chris Zaino
Larry Zaino

Troop 1603
Jonathan Cannito
Nathan Dove
Derek Reavis
Cameron Shelton
Nick Stasky

Troop 1604
Brendon Almond
Trent Almond
Seth Cross
Michael Dibble
Bryan Lowe
Al McCreary
Ryan Tincher
Danny Tito

Good luck to all! Have a great adventure Scouts!!

Tanya Hartje *Silver Beaver Recipient*

The Silver Beaver is the highest award from a local Scouting council to a Scouting volunteer. The award is given to those volunteers whose efforts on the council level have been extraordinary throughout years of service to Scouting. The award is for noteworthy service with exceptional character on behalf of youth to registered Scouting volunteers.

This spring, on April 27, Troop 19 and Mecklenburg County Council

proudly announces that our very own **Tanya Hartje** has been awarded the Silver Beaver for 2005.

Tanya has been active in Scouting



since 1994 serving at the unit, district and council levels, including Cub Scout Roundtable staff, Roundtable Commissioner, Pow Wow staff, Day Camp director and Camp Grimes business manager. Tanya has served on the staff of many district and council training courses including Wood Badge. Tanya has been part of Troop 19 since 2001 and will serve as a contingent leader in the 2005 Jamboree.

Congratulations Tanya for a well deserved award. Thanks, too, for your dedication and service to the youth of Mecklenburg County.



Summer Camp 2004

Summer camp is almost on us. All Scouts should have their monies in and their schedules selected. It will be a busy summer, especially if your son is attending Jamboree in August. Camp will be June 12 - 18 at Camp Grimes.

Year End Court of Honor

The 2004 Year End Court of Honor was a rousing success. The event was attended by more than 200 Scouts and family members. The Troop owes a huge debt of thanks to all who worked to make the Court of Honor a success and especially to **Sonja McCreary** for leading the effort to make this year's Court of Honor special to all the Scout and their families.

Unit Commissioners

Two Troop 19 leaders have joined the council staff as Unit Commissioners. **Pam Campbell** and **Cliff Summers** have become part of the team that helps Troops within Mecklenburg County get their programs to flourish. Their work will be instrumental in

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helping units bring the merits of Scouting to all the youth who want to participate in Scouting.

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.

Troop Committee News

The committee chair and treasurer met in early March to review the 2005 Troop budget in the areas of Awards and Memorabilia to identify opportunities for savings. While the budget has already been approved and in place for the year, there were a couple of areas identified where savings could be applied as we move forward for the remainder of the year. This has been pointed out and discussed with Larry Banks who has committed to ensuring a focus on the areas involved where spending will be decreased for the remainder of 2005. The 2006 budget will reflect a decrease in the Awards and Memorabilia categories.

Ski Trip

Thanks to **Brian McCreary** for his efforts to make the skiing trip a success. The trip which was held at Sugar Mountain in Boone, NC was a great time. The Scouts ended up a bit wet but all reported a great time.

Troop 19 Scouts



Eagle Scout **Chris Chelko** will attend Virginia Tech in the Fall. Chris will graduate this spring from North Mecklenburg.

Chris will also participate in the first Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure (OAOA) from the Florida Sea Base this summer.



Eagle Scout **Nick Reid** has been accepted to The Citadel for the fall of 2005. Nick will join the knobs and study Biology. Nick graduates from Hopewell High this spring.



On March 12, Troop 19 welcomed the rising Webelos of Pack 19 to the troop in a cross over ceremony. The ceremony, held during the Spring Court of Honor at Hinds' Feet Farm, celebrated the completion of the new Scouts Webelos careers as they received their Arrow of Light award and were welcomed into Troop 19's Puppy Patrols. Joining the Troop as the newest members of Cobra Patrol were:

Justin Austenfeld
Jeff Derscheid
Drew Leneschmidt
Tim Nye
Cameron Summers

Joining the Troop as the newest members of the Viking Patrol were:

Rob Messick
Jalen Parson
Stephen Shenigo
Taylor Turner
Daniel Weiss

Welcome Troop 19 Puppies

Congratulations and Welcome Puppies to Troop 19!!

We also want to welcome our newest Assistant Scoutmasters rising with the Webelos. Joining the ASM corps are **Michael Turner** and **Jeff Nye**



Klondike Derby 2005

On the week end of February 25 - 27, Troop 19 participated in the annual Hornets Nest Klondike Derby. This year, Troop 19 sent four patrols. Attending for Troop 19 were Shark Patrol led by Patrol Leader **Al McCreary**, Flaming Arrow Patrol led by **Ben Watkins**, Falcon Patrol led by **Brendon Almond** and Warrior Patrol led by Patrol Leader **Nathan Dove**. With the excellent leadership of the Troop 19 patrol leaders and solid Troop 19 teamwork, Shark Patrol earned 2nd place out of 25 patrols from Hornets Nest District. Earning third place of the 25 patrols was Troop 19's Flaming Arrow Patrol.

Troop 19 patrols won two of the top scores at Klondike cities. Troop 19 won the Fairbanks Orienteering

competition and the Pioneering Competition.

Troop 19 also assisted in the presentation of the Klondike Derby. Troop 19 Senior Scouts assisted in the events aiding **ASM Bobby Gudger** and his staff in putting together challenging tasks for the competing patrols. **ASM Dave Ruggles** and crew put together an excellent dinner to celebrate the success of the derby and **ASM Ozzie Holshouser** provided assistance at the parking area.

Thanks and congratulations to all the participating Scouts and to all the leaders and Senior Scouts who helped top make the 2005 Hornets Nest Klondike Derby a rousing success.

Advancement

The Troop would like to thank **Vickie Reid** for all her great work in serving the troop as Board of Review Chair. Effective March 7, 2005, **Audrey Stasky** will assume the duties of Board of Review Chair.

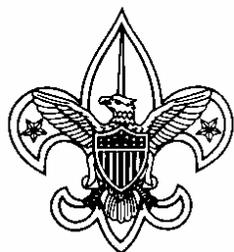
The Board of Review Chair is responsible for scheduling Boards of Review for all Scout ranks except Tenderfoot. Scouts who have completed all the requirements for a rank and have completed and passed their Scoutmaster conference must contact Ms. Stasky by phone or in person to

arrange their Board of Review. Failure to schedule with Ms. Stasky will delay the Board of Review.

Thanks again to Vickie Reid for all she has done for the troop. Welcome, too, for Audrey Stasky as our new Board of Review Chair.



Troop 19 Spring Election Results



The first week of March Troop 19 ran the troop elections. Winning election to Senior Leadership

positions were:

- Alex Young** - Sr Patrol Leader
- Al McCreary** - Asst. SPL
- Seth Cross** - Asst SPL
- Dan Tito** - Asst SPL

- Jake Augsperger** - Asst SPL
- Larry Zaino** - Asst SPL

Congratulations Scouts and good luck.

Thanks also to outgoing SPL, **Nick King**. Nick and his staff provided Troop 19 with a great 6 months of leadership.

The elections also chose new patrol leaders for Troop 19 patrols. Our new patrol leaders are:

- Brendan Ruggles** - Cobra Patrol
- Nick Stasky** - Falcon Patrol
- Troy Daniel** - FI Arrow Patrol
- Michael Dibble** - Owl Patrol
- Nathan Dove** - Shark Patrol
- Miles Jahn** - Viking Patrol
- Patrick Buffum** - Warrior Patrol.

Good luck to you, Patrol Leaders.



World Jamboree 2007

Believe it or not, 2007 is nearly on us. Why is 2007 so important?

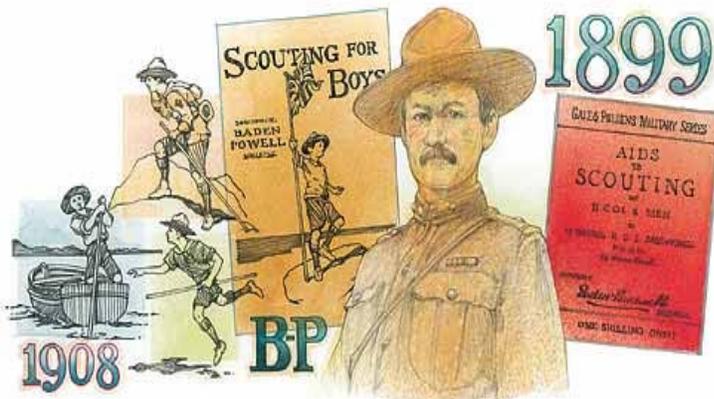
Why, the 2007 World Jamboree!!

The World Jamboree for 2007 will be extra special. The festivities will be held in England, site of the 1st World Jamboree in 1920. In addition, the 2007 Jamboree will be

the start of the centennial celebrations of the founding of Scouting.

The Worldwide Scouting movement began in 1907

with the efforts of one man, Lord Robert Baden Powell, hero of the Boer Wars and writer of the first handbook for the movement, **Scouting for Boys**.



If you are interested in the 2007 Jamboree, see Mr. Banks for details on how you can attend.





Yeah, but where is North??



Hey, cooking for 25 patrols is not for wimps!!

Sharks on the move!!



Sharks Take Second Place



Falcon



Third Place To Flaming Arrow



Warrior



A Word from SPL Alex Young

Dear Troop 19,

First of all, thank you for electing me as Senior Patrol Leader for this term and I hope to do the best job that I can. I'm looking forward to serving my time as SPL and fulfilling the duties that come with this position. I will try to keep Mr. Banks happy and keep all of the meetings and trips running smoothly.

Parents, I'm going to try to keep the meetings on schedule and have them over at the set time, but I hope you understand that if there is

an important instruction topic, it might run over a little so we can finish up the activity.

I would like to congratulate the new patrol leaders that were elected, and all the other scouts who were elected to leadership positions. I would also like to welcome the new puppies who have just joined our troop, and hope they all have a great time and can all come to summer camp this year. Speaking of summer camp, I'm looking forward to it and the other great trips we have lined up for this year.

Once again, thanks for this opportunity and I hope we have a great year!



A Word from outgoing SPL Nick King

Dear Troop,

I have really enjoyed my last six months as your SPL and I am looking forward to working with all of you as a JASM. I want to congratulate all scouts who participated in the Klondike Derby for a good job, especially those scouts that came in second place. I encourage all of you to persevere and bring home a clean sweep of first, second, and third next year.

I also want to say a special thank you to all those scouts that helped me out with Order of the Arrow events. With my current position as Sehwtu Chapter Chief I relied on a lot of youth from the troop to help me out with jobs I needed to get done within the Order. All of you scouts that were elected into the OA, I encourage you to stick with it and get involved in events and meetings as soon as possible. I ran into a little bit of trouble because I was not very involved in the OA and was a little unsure of what my job actually was when I started as Chapter Chief. It is very important to know what is going on in the Chapter so I encourage all OA members to attend at least one chapter meeting to see how things run. To all those that did not get into the OA this year, don't get discouraged because I am confident that you will be inducted next year.

Scouts is a wonderful program that I have got-



ten a lot out of. One of the biggest things I will walk away with is memories of all of my exciting memories. The memories that you are creating for yourselves in scouts will be with you forever, so make the best of them. One of the big skills that I will take away from the scouting program, besides how to survive in the wilderness or use char cloth to start a fire or use a compass to find my way in the wilderness, is leadership. I encourage every scout to take advantage

of the program to its fullest by learning all that you can. I also want to encourage every scout to serve in a leadership position in the troop. Leadership is a good skill to take with you that can be used in every aspect of life. In school, you will be ready to step up and take charge in group situations. When you grow up and get a job you will be able to apply the leadership skills you learned in scouts to direct employees under you, mediate disagreements, and step up to any challenge that comes your way.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you stay in the troop and become even more involved in the troop leadership. Step up to the challenge of being senior patrol leader, patrol leader, or even scribe. Go on every camping trip you can. Learn every skill that is offered. Just, do your best in every aspect of scouts and your day to day life.

OA News and Notes

Troop 19 congratulates our newest Brotherhood members in Catawba Lodge. Brotherhood membership in the lodge signifies a commitment to lodge ideals of service and dedication to Scouting and camping. To seal a membership in the lodge and earn the Brotherhood sash, a scout must be active in the lodge for 10 months beyond their ordeal membership, memorize the oath and membership items for the lodge and complete the broth-



erhood requirements of service.

Sealing their memberships in Catawba lodge at Spring Fellowship were:

Ben Watkins

Matt Vice

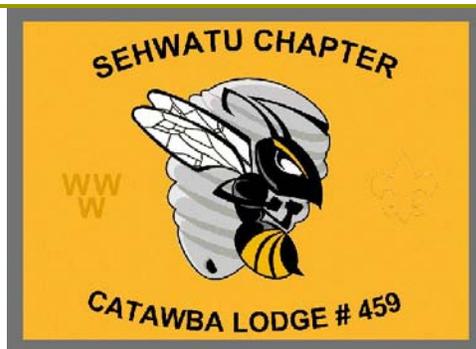
Jake Augsperger

Dalton Basinger

Corey Gudger

Alex D'Amour

Having sealed their membership



in the lodge, these new Brotherhood members are also eligible to purchase a Life Membership in Catawba Lodge. A Life Membership costs \$150 and insures the member full rights & privileges in the lodge so long as they are in Catawba Lodge. If you are interested in a Life Membership see Mr. Banks or Troop OA Representative **Jonathan Cannito**.

Wood Badge SR 702

Troop 19 will have several leaders attending Wood Badge beginning this spring. Beginning in April, ASM **David Ruggles**, ASM **Dave McDonnell**, ASM **Cliff Summers**, ASM **Jeff Nye** and Cub Master **Craig Orr** will attend Wood Badge.

Wood Badge is a training course for Scouters which results as part of their award 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.

Troop Calendar 2005

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 # 12

JUNE

June 10 - 12	Jamboree Shakedown
June 7	Swim Check
June 12 - 18	Summer Camp

MAY

Apr 29 - May 1	Wood Badge # 2
May 3	Service Project
May 3	Hot Dog Dinner
May 4	OA Executive Board
May 6 - 8	Puppy Trip
May 6 - 8	Backpacking Trip
May 10	Troop Committee
May 12	Roundtable
May 14	Spring Training
May 20 - 22	Beaver Weekend
May 20 - 22	1st Ordeal
May 31	PLC
May 31	Fun Night

JULY

July 22 - Aug 3	National Jamboree
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Attention: Life Scouts!!

Please encourage your son to keep climbing the trail to Eagle. It will change his future. That trail takes your son through an Eagle Leadership Service Project in addition to earning merit badges, the troop positions of responsibilities, and his many camping trips. The troop has an Eagle Mentor, **Mr. Rich Hehn**, to assist your son in completing the preparations for his Eagle Project.

Mr. Hehn volunteers his evenings during the week while he is at work in West Virginia and weekends as needed to communicate with the Eagle Candidates about their Eagle Project applications. When each Eagle Candidate has his application nearly completed, Mr. Hehn arranges for a committee of troop parents to meet and have the Eagle Candidate present his project.

The purpose is to have more parents than just Mr. Hehn review the

Eagle Candidate's application as well as to allow the Eagle Candidate to gain experience talking about his project to a group of adults, which is what he will have to do in his Eagle Board of Review.

The application must be approved by Council before the Eagle Candidate can proceed with his project. Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month, with no exceptions, to review the applications in hand. This can sometimes create a crunch for the troop project review committee when it necessary to hold a review before the third Tuesday so the application can be edited, if necessary, completed and signed for submission to Council.

When it is time to assemble a project review committee, the call goes out to adults in the troop. Mr. Hehn typically seeks voluntary help from

among the current group of Life Scout parents. This is to give the parents a preview of what their Eagle Candidate will be required to do and to encourage them to assist their Life Scout in every way they can. **When the call comes to you, please make every effort to volunteer.** There is no special training required. All it takes is being a parent. The reviews take from an hour to less than two hours and are usually done on a weekend day, although some Thursday and Friday nights work best for all involved.



Where Are They Now?

Eagle Scout Vernon C Smith Jr.
Eagle Date March 14, 1970

Dr. V.C. Smith, serves as chief of surgery at Valley Hospital, chief of cardiovascular surgery at Mountain View Hospital and currently holds the position of chief of cardiology at St. Rose Dominican Hospital in Henderson. He is also a practicing partner of the cardiovascular surgery of Southern Nevada Group. Dr. Smith is the 2001 recipient of the Heart of Gold award. The award is the most prestigious award presented by the American Heart Association to individuals and organizations recognized for their outstanding contribution in the fight against heart disease and stroke in the fields of medicine, business and communications.

Eagle Scout C Scott Tart
Eagle Date Feb 3, 2003

Scott is attending Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, VA. He has completed Officers Candidate School as of last summer and was selected as Company Commander of Bravo Company, responsible for 65 cadets in the company. While at Hargrave, Captain Tart has earned Cadet of the Month honors and was elected to serve as Chairman of the Honor Council. Scott was also a 2005 Hargrave Military Academy nominee for the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense Intelligence and Diplomacy, held in Washington, DC.

The Honor Council is responsible for the adjudication of violations against the Academy's honor code



and is one of the most respected positions for Academy cadets.

Scott is planning to attend The Citadel in the Fall of 2005 and plans to pursue a career in the military.



Troop 19, Sponsored by the Huntersville Presbyterian Church in Huntersville, NC will soon be marking its 50th Anniversary of continuous service. A celebration is planned for the Fall of 2005 uniting the Scouts from the past generations of Troop 19 with the Scouts of today. The troop is trying to contact all members of the troop throughout

Troop 19 To Celebrate Its 50th Anniversary

history (the troop was originally chartered in 1938). All members and friends of the troop are invited to visit the troop's website, www.bsa19.org, to provide contact information and to learn more about the plans. Additionally, they may e mail Connie Blakely at secretary@bsa19.org, or they may call Jan Smith at (704) 947-9412.

Target date for the celebration is August 22, 2005. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our 50th anniversary celebration.



Troop 19
Huntersville Presbyterian Church
Huntersville, NC 28078

WE'RE ON THE WEB!!

WWW.BSA19.ORG



**BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA**

North Mecklenburg State Champions

North Mecklenburg High School won its first State Championship in Basketball in this past months' NC State 4A playoffs. North Meck defeated Fayetteville Westover, 68 - 65 to win its first 4A state title with a 31 - 1 record.

Troop 19's own **Zach Hackley** is a member of the championship team. Zach is a reserve center on the Viking squad and is currently a Life Scout with the troop. Congratulations North Mecklenburg Vikings and Troop 19's Zach Hackley.

