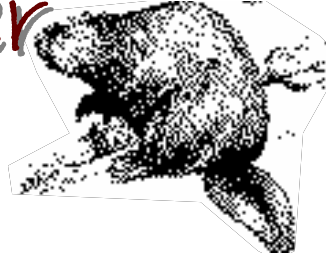


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Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Banks' Bits

Dear Troop 19 Family:

It has been an action packed and fun summer. The troop has been all over this nation and has seen so many things. I look forward to a great fall Scouting season.

Summer camp was a blast, the Scouts were outstanding as usual and earned Troop of the Week and the Commissioner's Award for Troop 19.

I'd like to thank **Michael Turner** for his planning help and the other leaders for helping make camp run so smooth.

Seth Cross was outstanding in his role as camp SPL with the help of his Patrol Leaders Council.

Please remember our fight men and women in Iraq. Troop 19's **Trevor Hehn** is serving in Iraq now and we have other former Scouts who are now in the military. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Finally, I want to recognize the **D'Amour family, Alex, Ross, Pam & Pete**. They will be moving to Indiana at the end of the summer and leaving Troop 19. We want to wish them well in their new home and extend our thanks



for all they have contributed to the Troop 19 family. We will miss you. Good luck in your new home.

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

Eagle Update

Troop 19 welcomes our newest Eagle Scout to the Eagle Aerie. **Gregory Tedford Ryczek** earned his Eagle award on completion of his Eagle Board of Review on July 24, 2006. Greg has been active in the troop

since joining in 1999 and becomes Troop 19's 56th Eagle Scout and the 43rd Eagle for Scoutmaster Banks. Gregory's Eagle project was to build a jogging track around the athletic field at South Christian Academy.

Details of Gregory's Eagle Court of Honor are not

complete and will be published at a later time. Please help us congratulate Gregory on his accomplishment.



Double H High Adventure Base

Started in the summer of 2004, the Double H High Adventure Base is Philmont Scout Ranch's newest program. Located on the Torstenson Family Wildlife Center in Datil, New Mexico, the Double H is over 100,000 acres of rugged wilderness.

Seven-day backpacking programs give crews the freedom to hike without trails. A Wilderness Guide (Double H staff member) accompanies the crew for the entire trek. Programs provided at the Martin (backcountry) Camp and the Wilderness Guide include geocaching, GPS navigation skills, challenge/team building events, black powder shooting, archery, astronomy, conservation projects, search & rescue, and more.

Troop 19's Nicholas King attended the Double H adventure this summer and wrote this report.

This summer I had the privilege of going to one of BSA's newest high adventure programs, the Double H Scout Ranch. Double H is run by the same scout council that runs the Philmont Scout Ranch and is located in



New Mexico south of Albuquerque.

Double H was an incredible experience that allows scouts to see the beauty and desolation that is the New Mexico desert and mountains. The views out west are truly amazing, allowing one to see for miles, miles, and miles in any direction. One of the most exciting aspects of

trekking across the wilderness was the ability to choose our own route from campsite to campsite. The program at Double H gives scouts an itinerary of campsites, and then allows them to choose which way to get there. If you see an outcrop of rocks that looks cool, why not hike up to it and get a picture? If you want to hike the whole way along a ridge, then go for it.

While Double H does not offer programs at every campsite similar to Philmont, everything is open to how the scout wants to do things. It was really an amazing experience to me and I encourage everyone to go and see the beauty that is the New Mexico wilderness.

Service Hours

Service Hours are a major part of the requirements that Troop 19 has for Scouts wishing to advance in rank. Often times these service hours are done anonymously or with little recognition. Occasionally, special recognition is given for service our Scouts have performed. Troop 19 would like to share a recent letter of recognition we received from Mecklenburg County Council for activities of some of our Scouts.



Larry,

Please consider awarding 10 service hours to each of the following boys:

Sam Orr

Joey Summers

Cameron Summers

All of these young men performed very well and exemplified the Scout Oath and Law while helping at our Hornet's Nest District Cub Scout Day Camp the week of June 12-16. You should be very proud of your Scouts!

Alan Keiger

District Director

Hornet's Nest District

MCC-BSA



Operation Cookie Drop

We are collecting cookies, hard candies, snacks and other items to send to the troops. Scout **Jack Buffum** and his family are putting together the care packages for Trevor and will send them together. Troop 19 families are welcome to bring items for the troops to the Buffum household to be included in the shipment. Any materials you wish to send need to be delivered to

Those wishing to mail individual care packages can send them to his address below. We believe that he may be coming home in September so the sooner you ship the better chance of the package arriving while he is in Iraq.

Trevor Hehn
TPT 963
FOB Central
APO A 09342

It will take about 2 weeks for your package to get there.

Eagle Scout Trevor Hehn is serving his tour of duty in Iraq with the US Army. Trevor and his fellow soldiers are doing well but are missing some of the creature comforts that remind them of home. Thus was born **OPERATION COOKIE DROP**, Troop 19's plan to gather the items the soldiers miss the most.

the Buffums by **August 5**. The contact information for the Buffums is below:

9714 Aegean Court
Huntersville, NC
28078
704-895-9685.



Top Gun 2006

Troop 19's **Brendon Almond** attended the National Youth Leadership Training at Camp Grimes this summer. While attending "Top Gun" Brendon wrote a journal on his experiences....

Top Gun '06

The week of Top Gun started earlier than others. I came home from summer camp and left for Top Gun, spending less than 24 hours at home. I had to start packing for this trip two weeks in advance.

Saturday

We left Camp Grimes early so we

could get back to Huntersville and to be home. Once the Troop 19 bus got back to the church, I tried to help them unpack the bus but Mr. Banks told me to go home and pack. Well that's what I did.

I packed all day. I didn't watch any television, just packed. Once I packed my backpack, I went to sleep. I went to sleep early because I had to be back up at Camp Grimes by eleven o'clock Sunday morning.

Sunday (day one)

I woke up and got ready to go by taking a shower. (Little did I know that that shower would be my last shower for five days). I put my pack in the car and headed for Camp Grimes. It was a two hour drive, so we had to leave at about nine o'clock a.m.



When we arrived, I registered and got started. Once registered, I found out that I was in the Yellow patrol.

The first night, we camped close to the Hornets Nest shelter. After the

Top Gun Continued

campsite was setup, we had our first troop assembly and none of us were happy. No one really wanted to be there so our spirits were low. But my spirit was strong and the first day I jumped on the opportunity to be patrol leader.

The week of Top Gun got started off to a rough start. We started fixing dinner at about five and then before long it started to rain, hard and fast. The rain very quickly worsened. The worst thing was the thunder and lighting. The Yellow Patrol had set up our dining fly in the worst position, a low point. Before long our "kitchen" was under water. Luckily, we had finished fixing and eating dinner. All we did in the heat of the moment was pick up the stove and move to another patrol's dining fly.

I had to save the stove and others got there rain gear. Well, I did not get mine when I should have. So I ran with the stove to the Green Patrol's dining fly. Our dining fly had become part of a massive puddle. We declared it "Top Gun Lake".

One of my good friends Al McCreary (his call name is Tabasco) was in that patrol. It had not been long before the rain started to flood the area. Earlier, when we set up our tents, Al set his up in the wrong spot. His tent was getting flooded. He tried to block the water from getting in his tent with some logs. Keep in mind that it is raining with lighting, and its thundering and its coming closer. My friend Tabasco, did not have any rain gear either. He was trying to block his tent from water and the water was deep, coming over his boots and he was soaking wet. All I could do was watch these events unfold in front of me.

The storm came closer and lighting struck close, no more than twenty feet from me. That was closer than lighting has ever been to me throughout my life. The hair on my neck and legs stood up (my hair on my head was too wet to stand up). Tabasco was standing in the water, and when the lighting struck his knees buckled and eyes shut though he didn't fall down.

We all were going to go to the bathrooms and ride the storm out after that, but Sparky (a youth leader on staff) came running and told us to go to the Hornets Nest Shelter. Once back there, we waited for the storm to die down. It took a while but we were back on track when it was time for the opening campfire. The campfire was a blast. It really got our spirits up before we went to bed.

Monday (day two)

The morning started very slowly for me. I didn't get any sleep that night. The patrol had to be up, finished eating and cleaned up before eight o'clock a.m.. Our troop guide was Galahad (another youth leader on staff). He came to inspect our campsite before Troop Assembly. Once he inspected, we headed down for Troop Assembly. There we had our first morning Troop Assembly, (before long we got into the hang of things).

At the assembly we had to present our flags and flaunt them. Ours (the yellow patrol) did not have a pole. Be-

fore the flags, each patrol leader had to give an inspection report, aloud, to show that everyone one was in full uniform. Then there was the presentation of awards. Awards were the Spirit Stick, for spirit, the Monkey Fist, which was for program patrol, the Golden Shovel, which is for the service patrol.

Finally it came down to Chuck the Duck (which is a plastic duck), given to the patrol that shows the most chivalry and cheerfulness and follows the Scout Oath and Law. Once everything was done, we left the assembly and went to the OTC (Outdoor Training Center). This is where we had all of the presentations.

After our first presentation for the day, (Setting Your Goals) we had a patrol meeting. Once that was completed, we had another presentation (Preparing your Goals). Afterwards, we had a model Patrol Leaders Council Meeting. Then we had a Patrol Lunch Planning Challenge, (this is very important because it taught us how to plan what we needed). After lunch, we headed back to the OTC for a model Troop Meeting {TM}. After that we had a pioneering project, and my patrol built a tent thing because we foresaw rain in the future.

At Top Gun, you move your campsite every day. We hiked up the hill a little ways to a new campsite. Once that was over, we had to prepare for dinner. Later, we had to go back to the OTC for a model worship service. Then came the event we had been waiting for all day - the movie. I do believe that if had not been for that movie, we all would have been in horrible moods for the next day.

Tuesday (day three)

Tuesday morning was the same as Monday. Although this morning, when Galahad came to inspect, we had a great campsite and we did very well on inspection. We headed down for Troop Assembly. It was a normal Troop Assembly. the assistant patrol leader becomes the patrol leader and we elected a new assistant patrol leader. This morning we were given our first Baden Powell Streamer. We were also awarded the Monkeys Fist. This time it was massive. Someone had wrapped it around a bowling ball! We left the assembly and went to the OTC for more presentations. At eleven thirty, we had a PLC and the patrol leader had to get the food and bring it up to our campsite. This was the day that we had tuna fish for lunch. I had never tried tuna until that day.

After we had lunch we had to break down our campsite and take all of our gear down to the OTC. Once all of our gear was down there, we had another TM. After the TM, we had some more presentations. After the pres-



entations, we had to pick up our food because we were hiking to a new campsite. The new campsite was only seven tenths of a mile away but my back pack was so heavy. I packed so much extra stuff (thought that I might be able to use it) that the hike seemed like five miles.

It was not too bad where we ended the hike. While we were hiking however, the OTC location was changed. In the new OTC, we had a Lego challenge which is helped us become better friends. Sadly, we then realized that during the hike earlier that day, we forgot to bring our flag, So, we had to go get our flag, as a patrol, which pushed us getting into bed even later.

Wednesday (day four)

The day started off just like the others. We got up and fixed breakfast but we were running late. When it came time for troop assembly, we were about ten minutes late. Once the troop assembly was over, we had another presentation. The presentation went right into a patrol activity. The patrol activity designed to teach us how to use the GPS device. Our patrol still had to break down camp for the day so we ate lunch fast.

After lunch, we had a game that was called Geocache Wide Game. In this game, we went around and applied the skills that we had been learning the whole week. Some were hard and others were just about building teamwork and trust between the patrol members. But overall, the game was there to teach us how to use the GPS device.

When we finished the game, we packed up our food and got ready to move camp again. This hike was seven tenths of a mile again, give or take a few feet. The hike felt harder because it was all up hill. On this hike our troop guide (Galahad) could help use to make sure we got where we needed to go. But we were the ones using the GPS device.

When we got to the campsite, we had to hurry and set up our campsite. The reason? We had another presentation at the OTC. The presentation was on Making Ethical Decisions. We had a camp fire in our patrol after it to talk about our own ethics and what kind of decisions to make. After the patrol campfires, we went to bed.

Thursday (day five)

Thursday came. We all got up as fast as we could and fixed and ate breakfast. When we finished eating our breakfast, we broke down camp so that we would not have to come back at lunch to finish it up. We had all of our gear and everything down to the OTC before the troop assembly.

This morning everyone was ready and wide awake for the Outpost Camp. Just like every morning before, we were told what was going to happen for the day. The new patrol leaders were sworn in and the new assistant patrol leader was sworn in. We (all of Top Gun) said hello to summer camp. But they never answered. Once all of the awards were given out, we had

one presentation. Then we had our daily PLC. At PLC, we were given all of the info for the day - two patrols were allowed to go to each event, our patrol (yellow) and the red patrol chose to go fly fishing.

So we went and ate lunch. During lunch, we packed up our backpacks and got the ready for the staff to move them. While we were out for the day, the Top Gun staff moved our packs to the Nickel Shelter. This is where we would start our hike from when we got back from our event. Once our packs were ready and everything we had a troop assembly and got ready to leave.

Mr. Nester and Mr. Parks were in charge of the fly fishing event. I had never gone fly fishing in my life before this event. We spent a long time in the water though only one guy caught a fish. Even though I did not catch anything, I am so glad that I chose to go fly fishing.

We were running out of time, so we all packed it up and got ready to go back to Camp Grimes. The Fly Fishers got back first. I do not know what gut us started, but as a patrol, we started singing. We were in the best mood that we had been in all week.

It took a while to wait for all of the other patrols to arrive. Once they came, we loaded up and got ready for the hike. This time our troop guide could not help use with the GPS device. It took a long time to get to the campsite. I think we got to the campsite right at about eight thirty p.m. This was a true test of our skills; the hike was over one and a half miles long. We were all tired though we were happy because our dinner was easy to fix and clean up. Thank gosh it was because we were tired. So we cleaned up and went to sleep.

Friday (day six)

This morning we got up very early. We decided to get up early so that we could pack up and get out of the campsite area. We had to hike out of the woods. And be back at eight fifteen a.m.. The troop assembly was at eight thirty a.m.. At the troop assembly, I was sworn in as the patrol leader. We all were dead after the return hike back to the OTC. This day was going to be great. We had the opportunity to take a shower and get ready for the final day. Everything just flew by before knew it, it was time to start cooking for the feast. The feast was created when everyone fixed a little something and sharing it with everyone. I don't even know what happened to that day, I could barely even blink before we were at the closing campfire.

The week of Top Gun got me thinking really hard about my life. All I know now is that I am a better leader from this week of Top Gun and that I can handle almost anything and everything that is thrown at me.

Brendon H. Almond
Yellow Patrol, The Hornets
Top Gun 2006
NYLT Year 2 Participant



Troop 19 News and Notes



Wood Badge

Congratulations to Troop 19 leaders, **Jeff Nye** of Eagle Patrol, **Michael Turner** of Beaver Patrol and **Jeff Fox** of Fox Patrol for completion of their formal training in Wood Badge. The leaders will now continue their training as they work of their ticket items. Ticket items are special projects the leaders commit to do for the benefit of their troops, Scouting and their personal development as leaders in order to complete the training and earn their Wood Badge beads for Wood Badge Course SR 782.

During Summer Camp, we had the chance to recognize for two of our leaders who have completed their Wood Badge ticket items and earned their beads. Receiving their beads at Camp Grimes during Troop 19 Summer Camp were **Dave McDonnell** and **Dave Ruggles**. Dave and Dave were part of Wood Badge course SR 702 completed last year. Some of the items Dave McDonnell completed for his ticket items were the Troop 19 storage shed, planning and tracking the Service for America projects and assisting with the Troop Leadership Development. Dave Ruggles ticket included creating the Hoof & Holler, organizing a service project at Hinds Feet Farm and organizing the 2005

Summer Camp. Congratulations gentlemen on earning your beads and for your dedication to Scouting.

"Back to Gilwell, happy land, I going to work my ticket if I can!"

Merit Badge Workshop

Thanks to **ASM Ronnie Young** for all his efforts in organizing and executing our April Merit Badge Week end at Camp Grimes. A great weekend and a fun time for all.

High Adventure

Troop 19 had several Senior Scouts attend high adventure activities this summer. We had Scouts trek through Philmont, Double H Adventure Base, Northern Tier and OA Trail Crew plus the contingent we sent to Florida Sea Base.

Attending Northern Tier in Ely Minnesota this summer was **Larry Zaino**. **Larry Zaino** also traveled to Cimarron, NM this summer to work on the OA Trail Crew .

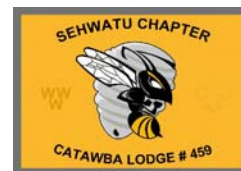
Troop 19 sent three members to this summer's Philmont Trek. Attending from Troop 19 were **Chad Holshouser** and **Seth Cross**. **ASM Ozzie Holshouser** served as one of the contingent

leaders during Philmont.

Nicholas King attended the newly opened Double H Adventure Base.



Troop 19 also sent a large group to Florida Sea base this July. Leading the Scouts was Troop 19 Committee Chair **Dave Ruggles**. We will have the story of the adventures of Florida Sea Base in the next troop newsletter.



Life Membership

Any Scout or leader who has sealed his membership in the lodge as a Brotherhood member and is interested in becoming a Life Member of the lodge should contact **Kyle Smith** or **Mr. Banks**. Life Memberships are \$150 and Life members are exempt from paying annual dues.



Bass Pro Fundraiser

Thanks to all the parents & Scouts who came out and helped with the August Bass Pro Fundraiser. It was a bit warm but your support of the Troop is greatly appreciated.

Super Trip 2006

Fly Fishing Adventure

-by **Wesley King**

June 30th was the first day in a 5 day adventure. The trip started off with a stop at the gas station where we all filled up on snacks. Then about two hours later we saw where we would be living for the next few days - the Lodge was a rustic hotel.

The first night we got unpacked and went to the dining room for a very good meal. Then everyone got on the bus to go swimming in the lake. **Nick Stasky** and I took turns acting as Senior Patrol Leader. It was our job to take roll, explain the rules, and to set the example. When we got back from the lake, we did the class work for the fishing and fly fishing merit badges.

The following day after breakfast we packed our lunches and got ready to go fishing. After a full day of fishing (I didn't see a single fish) we went back to the lodge and had free time until dinner.



On July 2nd we awoke, ate, had a church service, packed, and left for the river. Again, I did not see any fish. That afternoon,



we had free time again until dinner.

On July 3rd, we all went tubing or canoeing. I went tubing down the New River and had a blast! We spent 2 hours on the river. After lunch we caught crawdads, stone flies and hellgrammites. I attached a little crawdad to my earlobe by its pincher.

July 4th saw us on our way home. On the way back we stopped at a trout pond where everyone caught one trout, cleaned it, and put it in a cooler. Then we left and came home. I'm glad that I went and want to thank the adults that helped on the trip.

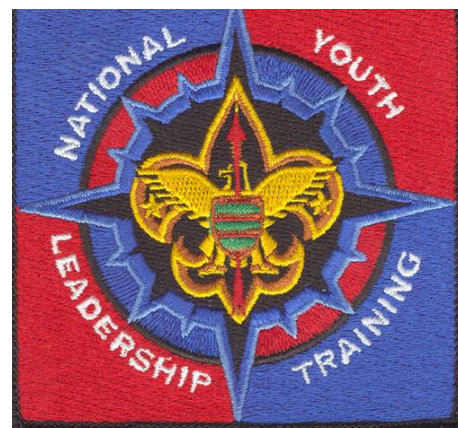
Troop 19 would like to thank **Bob Sellie** for his planning and organization on this great Super Trip. We also want to recognize **John Mounts** and **Stan Nestor** for their teaching skills on the Fly Fishing and Fishing Merit Badges.

Troop 19 was well represented at this summer's NYLT course at Camp Grimes. NYLT is a week long intensive training course for young men to prepare them for positions of leadership in the troop. Attending the course as representatives of Troop 19 were **Al McCreary, Kyle Smith, Matt Vice and Brendon Almond**.

Troop 19 also had several members serve on the NYLT staff. Serving as Scoutmaster and Course Director was Troop 19 Committee Chair **Tanya Hartje**. Youth staff members were **Chad Holshouser**, ASPL, and **Nick King**, Troop Guide.

Thanks to all for their hard work and dedication to the ideals of youth leadership.

National Youth Leadership Training



Summer

High Adventure

This summer, Scout **Larry Zaino** attended two of the high adventure opportunities for Senior Scouts. Larry went to the Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Ely, Minnesota and later served on the OA Trail Crew at Philmont. Below is his summary of his adventures.

I had the privilege this summer to attend two national programs run by the Order of the Arrow: Philmont Trail Crew and Northern Tier Wilderness Voyage. They are both two weeks long and challenge you mentally, physically, and spiritually. Participants come from across the nation.

The first week of both programs consist of cheerful service. At Northern Tier, we worked on portage trails that were originally constructed and used by Native Americans. Portaging is the act of carrying all of your gear across trails from lake to lake. On portages you carry all of your gear; this includes an 80 pound canoe and gear packs that range from 80 to 110 pounds. My crew's service project



was to fix sixty feet trail that was eroding badly.

After our week of service we embarked on our voyage. We covered roughly 100 miles in 6 days through the isolated boundary waters of Minnesota. There were so many amazing moments on my voyage. They ranged from a midnight paddle beneath the stars, moose and bear sightings, and spectacular sunsets. Nothing can beat the feeling of accomplishment after a long day paddling and portage.



At Philmont New Mexico, my crew camped at 10,600 feet beneath Baldy Mountain and worked on a trail at 11,100 feet on the Baldy Ridge. We built 515 feet of trail, the most of any crew this summer. We climbed up Baldy and flew a kite from the top one day after lunch. The view was truly inspiring.

On our trek week we decided to go to the Valle Vidal. It is an area northeast of Philmont that only a couple handfuls of crews get to experience each summer. The



Valle Vidal has no trails. It is all map and compass work with a lot of bushwhacking.

Our first day was our longest, we covered over twenty miles. Over the course of our five day trek we covered close to seventy miles and climbed Little Costilla. Little Costilla is a couple hundred feet bigger than Baldy and boasts seven false peaks. My crew watched the sunrise from the peak. The sunrise and view were the most remarkable thing I have ever seen. On the peak the temperature dropped close to freezing.

I will never forget these adventures and the friends I made. The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew and Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage have been the best trips I have ever been on in Boy Scouting. I encourage those who want to seek true adventure and to push themselves to new limits to apply. You must be a member of the OA and 16 years of age on the start of the program to apply. If you have any questions feel free to ask me.

Larry Zaino

Summer Camp 2006



Troop 19 Summer Camp 2006 Camp Grimes 30th Anniversary Celebration



Appalachian Trail High Adventure

Parents,

On behalf on behalf of Mr. Jahns, Mr. Hedrick and myself, I would like to thank you for your support and trust in us in taking your sons into the wilderness on our Senior scout backpacking trip. We had an awesome experience. We got to see the famous plaques mounted at the very beginning of the Appalachian trail, camp on top of cow rock mountain where the stars burst out on top of us, jump in long creek falls, and eat at the Walasi-Yi Inn. We also hiked some long days over some very difficult terrain in hot weather. Everyone persevered and overcame every challenge that we were confronted with. You should all be very proud of your sons on what they accomplished and how they accomplished it. They truly lived out the scout law, being kind and helpful to each other, courteous and obedient to the leaders, friendly to those we meet along



the way, and cheerful even with a heavy pack on their backs walking up Wildcat mountain. It was truly a great experience and I hope they all enjoyed it as much as I did.

Here is some interesting info on the hike.

Total Miles Hiked = 57.4

Longest one day hike = 12.1 miles

Longest Distance to walk for water = 3.0 miles (we really needed it)

Longest Descent = 1320 feet in 2.4 miles.

Toughest Ascent (my opinion) = Wildcat mountain 450 feet in 0.4 miles

Highest Point on Hike = Blood Mountain (elevation 4961 feet)

Number of Conservation projects accomplished = 2
Number of Waterfalls = 1

Number of feet with blisters = 7

Total number of Bee Stings = 14

Bear Sightings = 1

Snake Sightings = 2

Deer Sightings = 1

Bat Sightings = Uncountable

Number times heard coyotes wailing at night = 2

Number of Scenic Views = too many to count

Experiences to last a lifetime = too may to count

Friendship and Camaraderie = Priceless

Also a big thank you goes out to Mr. Horne for driving us all the way to Georgia and back!

ASM Larry Zaino



Every two years, the Order of the Arrow sponsors a gathering of all the lodges in the US for a week of training, competitions, trading, fun and fellowship. The gathering is called the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Catawba Lodge is an active participant at NOAC each year and Troop 19 frequently sends several of our Scouts to the conference. This year, Jonathan Cannito went to NOAC with the Catawba Lodge contingent when NOAC was convened at Michigan State University's campus. He writes of his experiences at his first NOAC.



NOAC 2006

The afternoon activities, such as the OA Museum and TOAP were excellent. It's amazing how you can place so much of everyone's history into one semi-small room, and still have room to walk around. And with TOAP, it was impossible to get bored with the different programs they offered.

NOAC 2006 Jonathan Cannito

With this being my first National Order of the Arrow Conference, I had no idea what to expect. All of the stories that I was told about past events did not even cover what NOAC truly was.

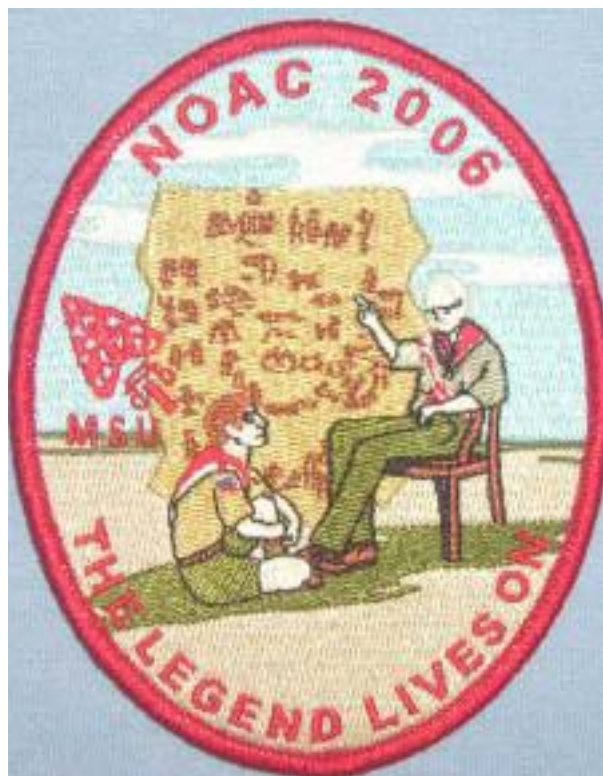
When we got to Michigan State University, Catawba Lodge was escorted to the Southern Region tent. Frank Sturges then proceeded to give us a basic crash course on what was going to happen throughout the event. After that, we ate and then progressed to the Opening Night show, which was quite an experience.

Sunday morning was the official beginning of all the training, but I had no idea what I wanted to do. Reading the daily papers that were handed out at lunch, I may a breakthrough: OA Brotherhood Chorus. Being the singer that I am, I jumped on the opportunity to go, although I did have an hour and a half to use before the rehearsal. After rehearsal, I was asked if I wished to be in the Small Groups, of which I said yes. Because of

that, I had the opportunity to sing at the Grand Opening of the OA Museum, as well as the Section Leader's dinner, the Goodman's Society luncheon, and the Professional Scouter's dinner.

With the large group, we sang at only two venues, but both were enjoyable. The first was before the Monday night show at the Breslin Center. Unfortunately, that one was a little unsettling for a couple of reasons. The first is that I took a wrong turn, and instead of a ten minute walk, the trip became a twenty-five minute hustle. The second was that we were overshadowed by the Arrowmen Band. Still, we sounded excellent. The second large group concert was during Founder's Day. We sang On My Honor and the OA song loud and proud and were greatly applauded for it. After that performance, we got our goodies of patches and neckerchiefs.

NOAC is supposed to be about training with fellow brothers to learn something as well as to have fun. I did that, except I was able to incorporate my talent for singing. This is the one trip I never want to forget.



Troop 19 Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to all Troop 19 Scouts who have completed their studies at local high schools. Several of our scouts will be attending college in the fall.

Those headed to college in the fall of 2007 include:



Ryan Tincher at the University of North Carolina Charlotte.

Luke Augspurger at Purdue University.

Nicholas King at North Carolina State University.



Jacob Young at Appalachian State University.

Tyler Reavis at University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Allen Clark at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Greg Ryczek at the University of North Carolina Wilmington

Good luck graduating seniors.

2004 Graduating Senior and Eagle Scout **Jonathan Ryczek** has enlisted in the US Air Force. Lets all wish Jonathan good luck and keep him in your prayers as he serves his country.

Service for America Memorial Day Services

Thanks to all Scouts who participated in the Memorial Day Service Project at Birkdale Village. The Scouts performed an outstanding job in assisting with the thanksgiving celebration for the men and women who have served our country and memorial for those who served and died in the service of our country.

A special thanks to Troop 19 flag bearers, **Brendon Almond** and **Al McCreary** as well as **Jake Augspurger** who lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Thanks too



Eagle Scout Trevor Hehn with Scoutmaster Banks

for **ASM Bobby Gudger** and **Cory Gudger** for performing *Taps* on the bugles. Finally, we want top recognize and thank **Mr. Gudger** for his help in coordinating the program for Troop 19 and our Scouts.



This year's Memorial Day service is especially poignant for Troop 19. **Eagle Scout Trevor Hehn** is serving in the US Army in the Iraq war zone. Please remember Trevor and his fellow soldiers in your prayers.



OA News and Notes

Dixie 2006

Dixie 2006 is over and what a great trip. Troop 19 and Catawba Lodge was well represented at Dixie and we want the



thank **Wesley King** Catawba Lodge Dixie Chairman 2006 and **Kevin King** 2006 Dixie Advisor for the extraordinary efforts and leadership.



Beaver Weekend & 2nd Ordeal

Beaver Weekend and 2nd Ordeal are complete. Troop 19 wants to congratulate our newest Arrowmen to join Catawba Lodge upon completion of their ordeal.

Beaver Weekend

Phillip Fredricks

2nd Ordeal

Connor Young
Bradley McDonnell
Scott Sokley
Joey Summers
Matthew Belter
Michael Dibble
Jonathan Weiss
Trent Almond

Beaver Weekend, 2nd Ordeal and Summer Camp also provided an opportunity for Catawba Lodge Ordeal members to seal their membership with the Brotherhood recognition. Sealing their membership to Catawba Lodge were:

Beaver Weekend

Al McCreary
Wesley King
Chris Jackson Jordan

2nd Ordeal

Anthony Pugliese
Patrick Buffum
Brent Almond

Summer Camp

Miles Jahns
Chris Zaino
Brendon Ruggles
Danny Tito

Congratulations to all new Arrowmen and Brothers to Catawba Lodge.

Beaver Weekend

Thanks to all the Scouts who came out for Beaver Weekend. The campsite looked wonderful and was ready to receive Troop 19 when we arrived for summer camp. Special thanks to Lodge Vice Chief of Programs, **Nicholas King**, for organizing a great weekend and to **Brendon Almond** for filling in admirably as Troop 19 SPL. Thanks to my Assistant Scoutmasters for help in keeping the program together. We also had two Troop 19 Scouts serve as Elangomats for the OA ordeal candidates, **Alex Young** and **Wesley King**. Great job,



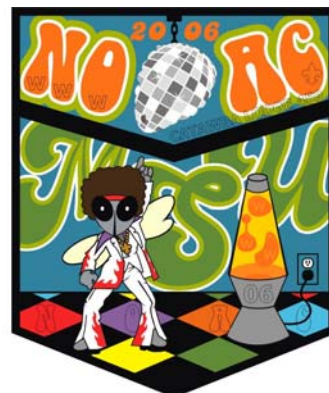
Scouts and Arrowmen.

3rd Ordeal

The third OA ordeal for Catawba Lodge is set for the weekend of August 18 - 20 at Clear Creek. The Ordeal is for 1st Class Scouts who have been elected by the troop to become member of Catawba Lodge. Good Luck Scouts.

NOAC 2006

The National Order of the Arrow Conference was held this year at Michigan State University in East Lansing MI. NOAC is a gathering of over 7,000 Order of the Arrow Scouts and leaders. NOAC offers classes, competitions and fellowship to all attendees and is one of the highlights of the Scouting year. NOAC is held every other year. Troop 19 had several attendees including **Nicholas King**, **Wesley King**, **Alex D'Amour**, **Jonathan Cannito** and **ASM Kevin King**.



Troop Calendar 2006

August 2006

- Aug 4 - 6 Bass Pro Fundraiser
- Aug 11 - 13 Bass Pro Fundraiser
- Aug 15 Scouts Return
- Aug 18 - 20 OA 3rd Ordeal @ Clear Creek
- Aug 25 - 27 Troop Tubing Adventure
- Aug 29 PLC & Asst SM Meeting

September 2006

- Sep 5 Troop Elections
- Sep 8 - 10 Senior Camporee
- Sep 12 Troop Committee
- Sep 15 - 17 OA Fall Fellowship
- Sep 19 End of Summer Court of Honor
- Sep 26 PLC & Asst SM Meeting
- Sep 26 Troop Leadership Development

October 2006

- Oct 6 - 8 Troop Camping @ Ft Bragg
- Oct 10 Troop Committee
- Oct 10 Operation Xmas Child Collections Begin
- Oct 20 - 22 Senior Scout Trip

- Oct 24 PLC & Asst SM Meeting
- Oct 31 Fun Night

November 2006

- Nov 3 - 5 Troop Bike Trip
- Nov 14 Troop Committee
- Nov 14 Operation Xmas Child Collections End
- Nov 24 - 26 Bass Pro Fundraiser
- Nov 28 PLC & Asst SM Meeting

TROOP 19



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First year Scout Sam Orr is our guest columnist for this newsletter Sam, a member of Viking Patrol, has

written a letter on his experiences during his first Troop 19 Summer Camp.

Hey Mr. Banks,

Just wanted to tell you how much fun I had at summer camp. Last week I earned three merit badges and the Polar Bear patch. I also en-

joyed everything I did. The Eagle Bound program was a lot of fun and we got a special Trailblazers patch just for 1st Year Scouts. We had the most spirit of all the troops in camp last week. I really enjoyed all the Mardi Gras stuff we put on every night. The food was okay, but there is room for improvement. All the evening activities in the campsite were awesome! I loved movie night "October Sky" under the stars. The pizza, ice cream and cobbler were all very delicious. I enjoyed the Scout trivia and answering ques-

Sam's Summer Camp

tions for Scout patches.

I like my new nickname also.

Thanks Mr. Banks, you made my first summer camp very enjoyable and looking forward to next year.

"Pinky"

Sam Orr

Camp Grimes 2006 Summer Camp Awards & Recognitions



COMMISSIONER AWARD

TROOP OF THE WEEK

HONOR UNIT – 75%

VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT - Champion

GO HARD AWARD:

Troy Daniel	Steven Shenigo
Dillon Sellie	Dalton Basinger
Lance Sellie	Brendon Almond
Justin Austenfield	Chris Zaino
Wesley King	Bryan Lowe

ORDER OF THE ARROW – BROTHERHOOD:

Miles Jahns	Brendon Ruggles
Chris Zaino	Danny Tito

SCOUT OF THE WEEK:

Brendon Almond

SUMMER CAMP STAFF:

Josh Hedrick Alex Robbins

POLAR BEAR SWIM:

Blaine Baylor	Jack Buffum	Will Cable
Patrick Buffum	Ben Cable	James Creel
Josh Goodman	Everett Handy	Teddy Jahns
Caleb Monticello	Sam Orr	Kyle Smith
Jeff Nye	*Craig Orr	*Michael Turner



MERIT BADGES EARNED:

136 earned



SCOUTMASTERS MERIT BADGES:

Ken Jahns	David Ruggles	Matt Hedrick
Craig Orr	Michael Turner	
Chris Sokley	Jeff Nye	

WOOD BADGE BEADS AWARDED:

David Ruggles David McDonnell



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Troop Auction

The Troop Auction is just around the corner. The Auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Troop. The auction is scheduled for the second Saturday of December. The date is December 9.

We will need assistance in several areas. Auction Chair **Jean Buffum** will be coordinating donations for the auction as well as putting together a staff to run the festivities.

If you (or your company) are interested in making a donation to the auction or would like to assist the program, please contact Jean Buffum.

