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Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Upcoming Events:

Merit Badge Campout
April 7 - 9

OA DIXIE Fellowship
Apr 28 - 30

Beaver Week End
May 19 - 21

Summer Camp 2006
Jun 18 - 24

Super Trip Fly Fishing
Jul 1 - 4

Dear Troop 19 Family:

The celebration of the Troop's 50th Anniversary is now over. It was wonderful to recall the history, families, Scouts and leaders whose efforts set the foundation for the Troop we have today. Eagle Scouts, Scoutmasters of the past and committee members all contributed to a tradition of promoting Scouting ideals and values. Their efforts remind us of the importance of Scouting's role in guiding young men as they grow from awkward grade schoolers to young adults headed to college, jobs or military service.

Recent headlines in the news remind us of the need for direction that many youth need today. Under aged drinking, drunk driving and DUI collisions that take innocent lives all suggest a need for a strong influence to guide youths and to provide them with examples of moral and healthy lifestyle choices.

It always saddens me to

see or hear of young men whose lives have been adversely affected by drinking, drugs or poor decisions. It is especially true when these young men are in the 16 to 18 year age group. It has always

been my desire to instill as many of the values of Scouting into these young men before they are influenced by the "fumes" (gasoline fumes and perfumes). I feel strongly that the support of families and the values of Scouting will provide our young people the foundation they need to make the right choices as they move from adolescence to adulthood.

The next time one of these incidents occurs, and sadly it will, take time to talk with your son and remind him that



the Troop 19 family is more than a means of earning awards and recognition. We also strive very hard to make a positive influence in their lives. The years of being a Scout are very short, the values of Scouting last a lifetime.

Yours in Scouting,

Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.
Scoutmaster Troop 19

Troop Election Results - Spring 2006



Troop 19 held Spring Elections on March 7. The troop elected all Troop officers and Patrol Leaders, selected Instructors and Patrol Guides and appointed the new Jr. Assistant Scoutmasters. The results of the elections are as follows:

Senior Scout Leaders

Seth Cross - Sr. Patrol Leader
Dalton Basinger - Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader - Attendance
Nick Stasky - Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader - Quartermaster
Nick Capets - Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader - Games
Brendon Almond - Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader - Troop Planning
Miles Jahns - Asst. Sr. Patrol Leader - Troop Planning

Jr. Assistant Scoutmasters

Chad Holshouser - Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster - Puppies
Alex Robbins - Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster - Puppies
Larry Zaino - Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster - Planning

Patrol Leaders

Matt Belter - Cobra Patrol
Steve Shenigo - Falcon Patrol
Lance Sellie - Flaming Arrow Patrol
Jalen Parson - Owl Patrol
Connor Young - Shark Patrol
Trent Almond - Viking Patrol
Bradley McDonnell - Warrior Patrol

Troop Guides

Josh Hedrick - Falcon Patrol
Derek Reavis - Flaming Arrow Patrol
Billy Blakely - Owl Patrol
Jonathan Cannito - Shark Patrol
Jake Augspurger - Warrior Patrol

Troop Instructors

Falcon Patrol

Al McCreary
Alex Young
Kyle Smith

Flaming Arrow Patrol

Alex D'Amour
Brendon Almond
Danny Tito

Owl Patrol

Chris Jackson Jordan

Shark Patrol

Anthony Pugliese
Zach Capets

Warrior Patrol

Corey Gudger
Gregory Ryczek
Matt Vice
Phillip Fredricks

Congratulations Scouts !
We welcome you as the new
leadership of Troop 19.

Good Luck in 2006.



2005 End of Year Court of Honor

End Court of Honor, Troop 19 presented the following awards to Troop 19 members:

EF Kumm Scouts of the Year

Larry Zaino
Seth Cross
Alex Young

Bennie Cross Pacesetters of the Year

Taylor Turner
Justin Austenfeld

Harald Marum Patrol of the Year

Warrior Patrol

Senior Scouts

Ben Watkins
Anthony Pugliese
Danny Tito
Miles Jahns
Nick Capets
Wesley King

Leadership Corps

Nicholas King
Zachary Hackley
Ryan Tincher

The 50th Anniversary Year for Troop 19 drew to a formal close with the Year End Court of Honor on February 4. The troop celebrated a wonderful year of fellowship and memories with the recognition of Scouts, Leaders and Committee Members, all of whom contributed to making 2005 a special year.

The Year End Court of Honor is our chance to recognize individual Scouts and Patrols for their efforts year round to promote the ideals of Scouting and live the Scout Oath as part of their daily lives. At the Year

The Troop also promoted several Scouts to positions of senior recognition as Senior Scouts or as Leadership Corps. Those awards were as follows:

Troop 19 wants to give a special note of thanks to **Sonja McCreary** for her efforts to plan and decorate the Year End Court of Honor. Sonja's efforts to make this Court of Honor so special were outstanding and we are ever thankful for her willingness to make this Court of Honor wonderful. Thank you, Sonja.

Troop 19 had another successful adventure at the 2006 Klondike Derby. The troop sent two patrols to the event and both of our patrols placed in the contests. Troop 19's Falcon Patrol led by Patrol Leader **Matthew Belter** was awarded 5th Place for their efforts at the Klondike. The Warrior Patrol under the leadership of Patrol Leader **Tyler Turner** was able to secure a 7th Place finish. Congratulations Scouts.

Troop 19 was also well represented on the Klondike Staff. **ASM Bob Marum** did a superb

job as the Camporee Chief this year. **ASM Dave Ruggles** and his staff did a great job in making the outstanding celebration dinner for the Klondike. **ASM John Capets** and his crew were outstanding in their performance running the White Horse City and Station. Thanks to all who served on staff and assisted in making the 2006 Klondike so successful.

Klondike Derby 2006



Troop 19 News and Notes



World Jamboree

Time is running out to join the celebration of the 100th year of Scouting. The 2007 World Jamboree is fast approaching and positions on the Mecklenburg County Council delegation are filling up fast. Thus far, **Alex D'Amour** will be attending the World Jamboree from Troop 19. If you are interested in joining in this once in a lifetime experience, please contact **Mr. Banks** for more information.



Wood Badge Training

Wood Badge SR 782 course begins in April. Wood Badge is the most advanced training available to an adult leader in the BSA training continuum. Each participant completes two three-day weekends (known as the practical part of the course) and a "ticket", which is a contract to complete specific goals related to his or her registered position. Participating

in the Wood Badge course SR 782 this year are three adults from Troop 19 and Pack 19. **Michael Turner** will be attending Wood Badge and is assigned to the Beaver Patrol. **Jeff Nye** will attend and be part of the Eagle Patrol. Pack 19's **Matt Fox** will also be training at Wood Badge and will be part of the Fox Patrol. Good Luck Scouters. *"Back to Gilwell, happy land, I going to work my ticket if I can!"*

Bus Wash and Wax

Thanks to all the Scouts, Scouters and Troop 19 family members who assisted in the washing and waxing of the Troop bus and trailers. The bus has never looked so good! Thank you.



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Troop Trailer

We also want to recognize the new decal work on the new Troop trailer. The decal work was coordinated by **Cubmaster Craig Orr** and was a gift to the troop from our rising Puppies.



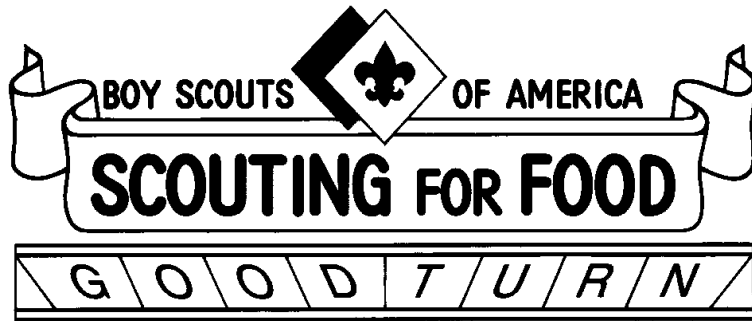
Unit Commissioner

Congratulations are in order for Troop 19's **Cliff Summers**. Cliff has completed the course work of Unit Commissioner College and is working to complete his final project. Cliff will serve as a Unit Commissioner in Mecklenburg County Council within the Hornets Nest District. Good Luck Cliff.

Wind Shirts

The troop is offering pre ordering for the Troop 19 wind shirt like those given the Assistant Scoutmasters at the Year End Court of Honor. The wind shirts will sell for \$40.00 each and are available in sizes Medium to XX Large. Look for the order form in this newsletter to order your Troop wind shirt. Troop Wind Shirt will have the troop logo on one side and will have the Scout's name on the other.





A hearty thank you is in order for the efforts of the Scouts of Troop 19 and the guidance of **ASM Bobby Gudger** and **SPL Larry Zaino**. Thank you for showing us true Scout spirit!

On February 4th, Troop 19 participated in the annual Scouting for Food collection drive. Scouts from Troop 19 canvassed the Highland Creek subdivision, asking residents for donations of canned and non perishable foods to help supply the food banks of Mecklenburg County.



Troop 19's 2006 drive was coordinated by **ASM Bobby Gudger** with the aid of Senior Patrol Leader, **Larry Zaino**. Their efforts were extraordinary as the troop collect over 1,875 pounds of canned and non perishable food items for the Mecklenburg County food banks.

GOD AND COUNTRY



Troop 19 will begin a course for the Scouts of the troop to earn the God and Country Religious Award. The God and Church Program provides young people with the opportunity to work with their pastor or other Christian adult, to under-

stand their church's structures and objectives, and to participate in service projects that will give them a better understanding of the mission of their church.

The God and Church program can take from three to five months to complete. The Scouts will complete this program in his own church under the supervision of his pastor or other Christian adult. The class sessions deal with specific church history and doctrine.

God & Country Awards

With mixed groups of faiths, the Scouts can benefit from a comparative study and learn to appreciate the unique aspects of their own denomination.



The 2006 God & Country program will be organized and directed by **ASM Cliff Summers**. If you are interested in the program, please contact Cliff for more information.

Troop 19 Eagles Update

Congratulations to Eagle Scouts **Ryan Tincher** and **Nicholas King**. Ryan and Nicholas were awarded the James E West Award Fellowship Award. The James E. West Fellowship is a recognition given for a cash gift of \$1,000 or more to a Mecklenburg County Council's endowment fund by the Nicholas' parents **Kevin and Sharon King** and Ryan's parents **Mike & Tanya Hartje**.



James West was the first Chief Scout Executive of the BSA, serving in that capacity for more than 30 years, starting with its founding in 1910. The Boy Scouts of America presents the James E West Fellowships in honor of Mr. West whose dedication and leadership in

the Scouting movement was so instrumental in establishing the foundation of the modern Boys Scouts.

Ryan Tincher has also received confirmation that he has been accepted to study at the University of North Carolina Charlotte for the 2006 - 07 academic year.

Luke Augspurger has received acceptance to study at Purdue University and will attend in the Fall of 2006.

Nicholas King has been accepted to study at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Nicholas will also begin studies in the Fall of 2006.

Jacob Young has been awarded an academic scholarship to Appalachian State University. Jacob will begin his studies this fall with the beginning of the 2006 - 07 school year.



The recent Hoof & Holler celebration provided a tremendous opportunity to welcome our rising Webelos. We want to recognize our newest Scouts or "Puppies" to Troop 19 and wish them success on their Trail to Eagle.

Joining Troop 19 in the Cobra Patrol are:

- Blaine Baylor**
- Ben Cable**
- James Creel**
- Teddy Jahns**
- Caleb Monticello**
- John Mounts**
- Christian Smith**
- Corey Valentine**

Troop 19 Puppies

Joining the Viking Patrol will be:

- Jack Buffum**
- Will Cable**
- Joshua Goodman**
- Everett Handy**
- Luke Jahns**
- Sam Orr**
- Kyle Sills**

Welcome to Troop 19 Scouts!

Also rising with the Webelos of Pack 19 are two new Adult leaders. Joining Troop 19 as our newest Assistant Scoutmasters will be **Craig Orr** and **John Mounts, Sr.** Lets all welcome our newest leaders. Thank you for your dedication to Scouting.



OA News and Notes

Life Membership

Catawba Lodge welcomes the newest Life Member to the lodge, **Nicholas King**. 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.

Dixie 2006

Reservations for Dixie 2006 are complete. The Dixie Fellowship will be held at Camp Knox in Georgia from April 28 - 30. Troop 19's **Wesley King** will serve as Catawba Lodge Youth Chairman for Dixie and ASM **Kevin King** will serve as Catawba Lodge Dixie Coordinator with

lodge's 2006 theme "Catawba Went Down to Georgia".

Those attending Dixie will be leaving on Friday April 28 at 4:00 PM. Dixie attendees must arrive by 3:45 PM, with your Class A uniforms and OA sashes. Arrowmen must pack in a duffle bag and have tent and toiletries with them. Scouts must have \$10 for gas and will be returning late afternoon on Sunday April 30.



Lodge Officials

Troop 19 Eagle Scout **Ryan Tinch** has stepped up to take the responsibility for the Catawba Lodge website as Catawba Lodge Webmaster. Good Luck Ryan in your new position.

NOAC 2006

NOAC 2006 is fast approaching.

Catawba Lodge's delegation will be traveling to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI. NOAC is the largest gathering of Order of the Arrow members in the nation. The biannual NOAC is an extraordinary gathering of events, shows, competitions and training classes for Arrowmen of all ages and positions in the Lodge. NOAC 2006 dates are July 29 - August 3, 2006. Look for future announcements on travel times and dates for NOAC.

Beaver Weekend

Arrowmen who completed their Ordeals at 1st or 2nd Ordeal in 2005 are now eligible to seal their membership in the lodge with their Brotherhood at the Beaver Weekend May 19 - 21. If you are interested in sealing your membership at the Beaver Weekend, contact OA Representative **Kyle Smith** for more information.

2006 Hoof & Holler

Thanks to all the Scouts who participated in the 2006 First Annual Hoof & Holler. The event was a great success. The Troop's Scouts were superb in working the vari-

ous event stations and displays.

The displays covered the full range of Scout skills, from Scout to Eagle, map and compass skills, model campsite, Klondike Derby and much, much more. The Webelos I Den of Pack 19 also participated with their cooking demonstrations. Next year, we hope to get more of the Troop 19 parents to come

out and see the fruits of their sons' efforts.

A big thank you is in order for **ASM Dave Ruggles** for planning this great event. Thanks, too, are in order for **ASM Michael Turner**, for doing all the cooking for the fundraiser.

We also want to acknowledge and thank all the Assistant Scoutmasters for their help, **SPL Larry Zaino** for his direction and Troop 19 Patrol Leaders for their great job in carrying out this wonderful Troop/Pack 19 event.



Troop Calendar 2006

April 2006

- Apr 7 - 9 Rising Webelos II Father/Son Campout
- Apr 7 - 9 Merit Badge Campout
- Apr 7 - 9 Wood Badge I Weekend
- Apr 11 Troop Committee
- Apr 18 OA Parents Meeting
- Apr 28 - 30 DIXIE Fellowship
- Apr 25 PLC & ASM Meeting
- Apr 27 MCC Council Dinner

May 2006

- May 2 Church Service Project
Change to Class B Uniforms until October
- May 5 - 7 Puppy Backpacking Trip
- May 5 - 7 Wood Badge II Week End
- May 9 Troop Committee
- May 13 Spring Training
- May 19 - 21 Beaver Weekend @ MCSR
- May 30 Summer Camp Preparation Night & Ice Cream Social

June 2006

- Jun 2 - 4 1st Ordeal @ MCSR
- Jun 5 2007 Planning Meeting with ASMs
- Jun 6 Summer Camp Swim Check
Last Troop Meeting for Summer
- Jun 18 - 24 Summer Camp at MCSR

July 2006

- Jul 1 - 4 Super Trip - Fly Fishing
- Jul 14 - 26 MCC Philmont Trek
- Jul 16 - 22 Sr Scout Trip
- Jul 29 - Aug 3 NOAC

August 2006

- Aug 6 - 14 Sea Base 2006 Trip



Troop 19 Scouts,

First of all thank you for your support in electing me to SPL, I look forward to working with each of you as we continue to grow the troop and advance towards our individual goals. In my term as SPL I would like for every one in the troop to advance or get closer to advancing. My number one goal is to win the spirit stick at summer camp, plus all of the other awards.

In my term I would like to look at changing a few things, such as our hat policy, so you can look forward to taking a vote in one of the upcom-

ing troop meetings. Plus for all the senior scouts I am going to also work on maybe having three to four more trips a year. If you have any trips that you have heard about or new ideas feel free to tell me. I am looking forward to the next six months with the troop.

Seth Cross
Troop 19 SPL

A Note from our SPL



You Might Be Taking Scouting Too Seriously If...

You buy that '89 Chevy Caprice because you really like that fleur de lis hood ornament.

Your favorite color is "olive drab".

You decide to lash together the new deck on the back of your house.

You plan to serve foil meals at your next dinner party.

You walk the streets in broad daylight with a coffee cup and flashlight hanging from your belt.

You raise your hand in the Scout sign at a heated business meeting.

You were arrested by airport security because you wouldn't give up your official BSA pocket knife until the cop said "thank you".

You didn't mind losing power to your house for three days.

Your son hides his copy of *Boy's Life* from you.

Your plans for remodeling the bathroom include digging the hole deeper.

You trade your 25 foot center console fishing boat in on that great little 15 foot canoe.

Your favorite movie is "Follow Me Boys" starring Fred MacMurry, and you spent months trying to convince Disney to release it on home video.

You managed to find that 8th day in the week.

Your patron saint is Ward Cleaver.

You disconnect the automatic dishwasher in favor of the "3 pot method."

You sneak a cup of "bug juice" after the troop turns in for the night.

You can start a fire by rubbing two sticks together.

Latrines at camp start becoming comfortable.

You felt you won a moral victory when BSA brought back knee socks

You think campaign hats are cool.

You gave your wife a mummy bag rated for -15 deg F for Christmas.

You name one of your kids Baden.

Your favorite tune is "Camp Granada" (hello mudda.....hello fadda) by Allen Sherman.

You can recite the 12 points of the Scout Law backwards, in order, in 3 seconds flat.

You bought 10,000 shares of Coleman stock on an inside tip they were about to release a microwave accessory for their camp stove line.

You can't eat eggs anymore unless they are cooked in a zip-locked bag. You plan to get rich by writing a best selling Dutch Oven cook book.

You took a chemistry course at the local college to help you develop a better fire starter.

You actually own a left-handed smoke shifter.

The height of your social season is the district recognition dinner.

A trip to Philmont is a pilgrimage.

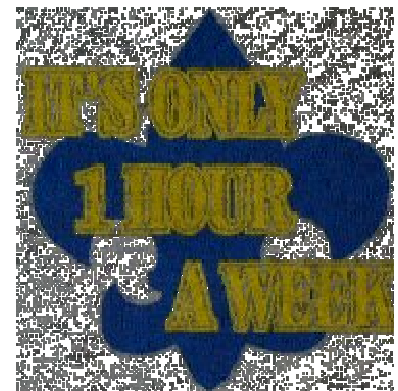
You are convinced the center of the universe is Irving, Texas.

The sales operators at the BSA distribution Center's 800 number recognize your voice.

Singing "Scout Vespers" makes you cry uncontrollably.

You were disappointed when Scouting magazine didn't win the Pulitzer Prize last year.

The Scouts in your troop chipped in to have you abducted by a professional cult de-programmer.



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Huntersville, NC 28078

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OF AMERICA**

Super Trip 2006

This is it! Super Trip 2006. The theme is "FLY FISHING IN THE MOUNTAINS OF NORTH CAROLINA"

We are going about 2.5 hours north of Huntersville to a wonderful retreat, Laurel Ridge. It is a complete package including 3 meals, real beds (with sheets), fishing, tubing, canoeing, a caving trip, ropes course and much more. The trip will include time for the Scouts to earn the *Fishing* and *Fly Fishing* Merit Badges.

The trip dates are July 1 - 4, 2006. We will be leaving the church June 30th in the afternoon and returning late on July 4th. Costs are still being finalized but appear to be \$50 per adult per night and \$25 per Scout per night.

BassPro Shops at Concord Mills is working on an excellent fly fishing supply package including, rod, reel, vest, flies, lessons and the rest you need to get started for \$125. This is a family trip and all the Troop 19 family is welcome to come. Please contact **Bob Sellie** for information and to reserve a spot on the 2006 Super Trip.

