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Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Dear Troop 19 Family:

Well Summer Camp and the Super Trip have come and gone. The new 2007 08 calendars are almost ready. Please check the dates and make the 2008 Scouting season a great year for your son.

I would like to thank **Mr. Sokely** and **Mr. Nye** for planning two great events, Summer Camp and the Super Trip. I also want to thank the Patrol Leaders Council on a great, spirited Summer Camp. Led by Senior Patrol Leader **Al McCreary**, the PLC team did a great job leading our troop into camp and keeping the spirit of Troop 19 high all week long.

Thanks to all the leaders to

stayed with us and those who were able to spend part of the week with us.

On a fundraising note, please note that we have dropped the August Bass Pro fundraiser for 2008. The November date is still on and is a very critical event for raising funds for the troop's activities. Be sure to sign up for your time slot and help us with this important event.

Remember parents, Scouting is a family affair. We need help from everyone. We have a very critical need for more parents to serve as Merit



Badge Counselors. Contact me or Troop Committee Chair **Tanya Hartje** if you can help out.

Yours in Scouting,

Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.
Scoutmaster Troop 19

Eagle Update

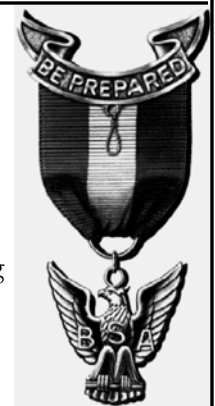
Troop 19 welcomes our newest Eagle Scout to the Eagle Aerie. **Benjamin Edward Watkins** earned his Eagle award on completion of his Eagle Board of Review on June 7, 2007. Ben has been active in the troop since joining in 2001 and becomes Troop 19's 61st Eagle Scout

and the 48th Eagle for Scoutmaster Banks. Ben's Eagle project was to build an outdoor shelter for Lake-Haven Community Church. The project was assisted by church members and local residents who wanted to make a difference for this small church.

While details of Ben's Eagle Court of Honor are being

finalized., the date is set for October 13, 2007 at Huntersville Presbyterian Church starting at 4:00 PM

Please help us congratulate Ben on his accomplishment.



South Mountain Puppy Backpacking Trip

Every year, our first year Scouts gather for their first troop camping experience. The first event is led by 1st Year Program Assistant Scoutmasters Brad Vice, John Mounts and Tom Lamson along with experienced Scouts Josh Hedrick, Nick Capets, Seth Cross and Cameron Summers as youth leaders. The first year Scouts get their first taste of hiking with a backpack, cooking their own meals and using the patrol methods to become skilled Scouts. This year, Puppy Hayden Fox wrote about his experience on the trip to South Mountain.

It was a big adventure at South Mountain. It was dark by the time we arrived, so it was hard hiking with our backpacks to the camp site and setting up our tents.

The next day we went on a six-mile hike to a waterfall. On the way, we spotted a black snake and walked through a cave. It was cool! When we reached the waterfall, we found a crawfish.



On our trip back to camp, we stopped to swim in a creek and cool off after our long hike. During our camping trip, we all earned our Tenderfoot badge.

Back at the camp site, we cooked our meals and then gathered around the campfire. **Nick Capets** said the Outdoor Code. The next day, we sadly had to pack up and go home. What an adventure!

Hayden Fox

Bugles Across America

On July 11, ASM **Bobby Gudger** and ASPL **Cory Gudger** attended The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks National Convention in Charlotte. Bobby played in a historic version of taps with 3 buglers echoing Tom Day, the founder of Bugles Across America. Echo taps had never been played with 4 buglers. Taps played with 2 buglers is called Echo Taps, 3 buglers is Silver Taps. Cory saluted to the traditional field memorial of a pair of infantry boots, a barrel down M-4 rifle, and a helmet on top in front of over 20,000 Elk members.

Cory was inducted into Bugles Across America (BAA). Mr. Gudger along with the other 3 buglers are now members of the BAA - Bugler Hall of Fame for taking part in what is now called "Platinum Taps". As a member of BAA, Mr Gudger has played Taps at many veteran's funeral services.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a fraternal, charitable, service organization that has been a long time supporter of Scouting. They are the chartered organizations for many of the oldest troops in the country. Bugles Across America provides live playing of Taps at any veteran's funeral or memorial

service at no charge, anywhere in the country. Tom Day is a military Bugler and has played Taps at many of the national cemeteries including Salisbury and Arlington. He was a personal friend of Audie Murphy and played Taps at his funeral in Arlington National Cemetery.

Please visit the following websites to learn more:

- www.buglesacrossamerica.org
- www.audiemurphy.com



Top Gun Experience

By Trent Almond

The week of July 1-6, I participated in the NYLT course known as Top Gun. **Anthony Pugliese** and **Miles Jahns** also participated in the course, while my brother, **Brendon**, was on staff as a quartermaster. It certainly was a challenging week, but I feel that I have really learned some things that I can bring back to Troop 19.

From Day 1, I was eager to find out what Top Gun had in store for me. We arrived around 12 o'clock on Sunday and checked in at the health lodge. From there, it was up to the Open Shelter, where I was able to meet my patrol. I was in the Leprikans (we know that's not how it is spelled but that is the way our patrol wanted to spell it) Patrol of the Maverick troop. We were all shy and we didn't have much spirit at first, but that changed throughout the week. Getting along well with your patrol is crucial in making it through the week. By Friday, we all knew each other and were singing as much as we could.

Most of our morning hours were spent in the OTC (Open Teaching Center) learning new leadership skills. EAR, ROPE, and EDGE are some of the acronyms that we were taught to remember those skills. Although at times these presentations seemed to drag on, they were still high-spirited and very informative. Thor and Fergy were the instructors for the week, and they did a great job keeping us interested through songs and games that we would do.

Our afternoons were filled with troop and patrol meetings and activities and games that tested our knowledge of the leadership and teamwork skills we were learning. These events were fun and challenging, and often what I looked forward most during the week. On Monday, we were given two hours to conduct some sort of pioneering project that the staff would judge and award the patrol that had the best project. Some of the patrols didn't do so well with this, but others did. One patrol built a working swing that could actually support their weight, which ended up winning the competition. My patrol came in second with a catapult. Two other patrols made catapults, too, but what set ours apart from theirs was that ours was the only machine-powered one. That is just a sample of the fun

we had at Top Gun.

The evenings at Top Gun were probably what I liked the least. This was when we had to backpack to our next campsite, varying in distance from where we currently were. Part of what made this interesting was seeing how we would adapt to each individual campsite, for we camped in many that ranged from good to bad to worse to worst. Once we got there, it was time to set up camp, though there was a daily award to the patrols with the best campsites. Once we were done setting up, we had to cook and eat dinner. Every meal presented a challenge to my patrol, for out of the two stoves we had, only one worked. This often resulted in dramatic changes in our menu, since we didn't have the time to cook according to plan. After dinner, there was usually another event planned that lasted until around 10, when we returned to our campsites to get rest for the next day.

We had to wake ourselves up at 6:30 am, take down our campsite, cook and eat breakfast, then take all of our gear up to the current OTC. Then there would be an assembly, where we gained valuable information every day – like the weather. We were lucky enough to have it only rain on us Monday morning and Friday afternoon, both for short amounts of time.

One of the most fun things about Top Gun was the spirit. Every patrol had their unique yells, and the patrol that I would say was the most spirited throughout the week was Anthony's patrol - the Convicts. They could always be heard, even during our afternoon activities.

Top Gun is an experience that I will always remember and refer back to. I didn't really understand what made this course so good until later in the week, when I would look back on myself and my patrol at the beginning of the week. It was quite amazing to see how you could put six boys together that had never even seen each other before, tell them that they had to work together as a team to make it through the week, and they actually do it. If I get the chance to next year, I would gladly serve on staff. I hope that with the help of Anthony, Miles and all the other boys in our troop that have participated in Top Gun, we can better Troop 19. And for all of you other boys that haven't participated in Top Gun, if you are selected to go, I highly advise you do so. It is an experience of a lifetime that you will always look back on.

Troop 19 News and Notes



Welcome New Scout Family

Troop 19 would like to welcome our newest family to the Troop. Joining us recently were **Harrison Green** and his family. Let's all welcome the Green clan to the Troop 19 family.



Merit Badge Work Shop

Sincere thanks are in order for ASM **Ronnie Young** for organizing another superb Merit Badge weekend for Troop 19 Scout. The week end was held April 20 - 22 at Camp Grimes and included an opportunity for Pack 19 Webelos to join us for a week end of fun. Thank Ronnie for a great event.

Hornets Nest Day Camp

Thanks to troop 19 Scouts who have participated in the Hornets Nest District Day Camp for Cub Scouts. Serving on Staff from Troop 19 were Scouts **Sam Orr, Kyle Summers, Cameron Summer, Joey Summers, Nick Stasky** and **Troy Daniel**. Adult leaders from troop 19 were **Audrey Stasky** and **Cliff Summers**. Thanks to all for making the Day Camp so successful.

Wood Badge SR 782

Congratulations to Troop 19 leader

Jeff Nye of Eagle Patrol who has completed his ticket and earned his Wood Badge Beads. 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 beads. Jeff received his formal training in Wood Badge Course SR 782 in 2006.



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

Wood Badge SR 855

Troop 19 continues to develop our adult leaders with several attendees in the most recent Wood Badge course. Attending the practical portion of SR 855 from Troop 19 were:



- Chris Sokely** - Bear Patrol
- Don Almond** - Bobwhite Patrol
- Ken Napier** - Eagle Patrol
- John Mounts** - Owl Patrol
- Don Hardisty** - Antelope Patrol

Now that the practical portion is

done, these leaders will complete their ticket, a list of project and activities they have committed to do for Scouting to earn their beads.

Troop 19 also had several leaders involved with SR 855 as staff. Serving SR 855 on staff were:

- Tanya Hartje** - Sr. Patrol Leader
- Craig Orr** - Troop Guide
- Larry Banks** - Course Director

Youth Staff included Troop 19 Scouts **Wesley King** and **Kyle Smith**.

Bass Pro Fund-raiser

The August fundraiser has been cancelled. We will still be working at Bass Pro in November for the troop's big fundraising event. Look for more details in future communications on how to sign up to help us at Bass Pro.



Memorial Day Activities

Many thanks to ASM **Bobby Gudger** for organizing Troop 19's participation in the Huntersville Memorial Day services. Bobby was assisted by Scout **Cory Gudger** and several Troop 19 Scouts as they assisted in the ceremonies to remember those who served our country in our military services with special honors to those who gave their lives in fulfilling that service. Thank you Bobby and Cory for helping us remember those who gave their lives so that we may live in freedom.

Super Trip 2007

Gettysburg and Appomattox Trails by Sam Orr

On July 4th, 2007 12 Troop 19 Scouts left for Gettysburg Pennsylvania. On the trip up, we stopped in New Market, Virginia to visit the Virginia Military Institute. While at VMI, we learned about the VMI cadets and the field of lost shoes. We were also taught some military "Drilling" while we were there.

After VMI, we continued to Gettysburg arriving at Gettysburg College, where we unpacked and settled down to dinner. For the first night, we ate at Pickett's Buffet. After dinner we walked the streets of Gettysburg and explored the stores, checking out cool souvenirs. After our walking tour, we headed back to the dorms to prepare for the second day.

On Day 2, our plan was to go out and look at the state memorials. They were aligned so that the Union was south of the national battlefield and the Confederates were on the north. At the North Carolina memorial, we learned that there were 32 North Carolinian regiments at Gettysburg. We also learned that for every 4 Confederates killed at the Battle of Gettysburg, 1 was from North Carolina. After we visited the monuments, we stopped for lunch and returned to the visitor center to view the electric light show that thoroughly explained the 3 day battle at Gettysburg. Then we ate dinner and headed back to the dorms. That night we watched the first section of the movie *Gettysburg*".

On Friday we ate breakfast at the Gettysburg College cafeteria and then visited the civil cemetery. We saw that the cemetery was divided by states. Later we headed over to the Eisenhower farm and at 4:30, 6 of our Scouts were honored with the opportunity to lower both the Eisenhower and the American flag. After a full day, we ate dinner and watched the 2nd section of the "Gettysburg" Video.

On Saturday, we packed up and started the trip home. About halfway through the trip we stopped



and viewed the Appomattox Court House and went on a 5 mile history trail that taught us about the Lee's surrender and the ending of the US Civil War. After Appomattox, we again headed home and finally got there. All in all while we were at Gettysburg we earned 2 trail medals (Gettysburg and Appomattox), 2 patches (Gettysburg and Historical Trails), and the American Heritage merit badge.

Super Trip 2007 encompassed visits to Gettysburg National Battlefield, Appomattox National Park and Virginia Military Institute. The event was planned by ASM Jeff Nye to start July 4 and return July 7. The Scouts attending the Super Trip earned the Gettysburg Trail Medal and Patch, Appomattox Trail Medal, Historic Trails Patch and the American Heritage Merit Badge.



Attending the Super Trip were:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sam Orr | Garrett Dixon |
| Taylor Turner | John Mounts |
| Ben Cable | Wesley King |
| Will Cable | Troy Daniel |
| Christian Smith | William Byerly |
| Derek Reavis | Tim Nye |

SUPER TRIP

2007

- Adult Leaders attending were:
- Scoutmaster Larry Banks**
 - ASM Jeff Nye**
 - ASM Kevin King**
 - Committee Member Julie Smith**

Thanks to Mr. Nye on planning such an awesome Super Trip.



Summer Camp 2007



Troop 19 Summer Camp 2007 Camp Grimes

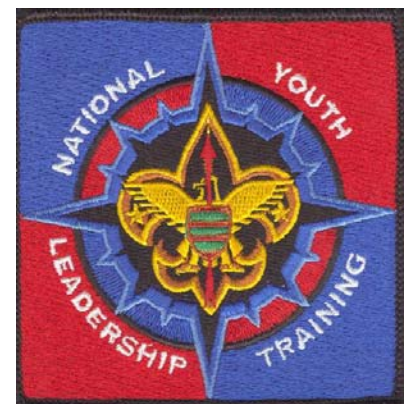
National Youth Leadership Training

Trent Almond,
Miles Jahns and
Anthony Pugliese.

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

Troop 19 also had several members serve on the NYLT staff. Serving on staff were **Brendon Almond** and **Kyle Smith**.

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



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

As we recall the holiday of Memorial Day, we wanted to take a minute and provide the Troop 19 family with information on our nation's most sacred burial site, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We often forget in the face of family and daily life, that there are those whose service to our country ended in the ultimate sacrifice. Their lives given in anonymity to causes that have made America free to be what we are today.

THE TOMB of THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

3. Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

5. How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30."

Other requirements of the Guard: They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way. After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror. The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV.

All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the



most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

*"Here Rests
In Honored Glory
An American Soldier
Known But To God"*

**ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD,
AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE
UPON THEM.**

In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC, our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm.

On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

God Bless and keep them.

Every year, Catawba Lodge participates in the Dixie Fellowship. Dixie Fellowship is a gathering of the ten Order of the Arrow lodges in our region for a week end of fellowship, competitions, patch trading and fun. This year, Wesley King of Troop 19 served as Catawba Lodge Chairman for the 2007 Dixie. He provides his observations of Dixie for this newsletter.

DIXIE 2007 Wesley King 2007 Dixie Chairman

The 2007 Dixie Fellowship was an awesome weekend. Even though we did not win the Golden Arrow, I learned many things that I will not soon forget. For one, make sure every thing is in place before you get down to Dixie; second bring lots of bug spray!!

From Catawba Lodge we only had one injury and that was Thor

Draper. He broke his tibia and his fibula (the two lower leg bones). I talked to Thor on Thursday and he said, "This was my first Dixie Fellowship. I had a lot of fun, and I learned a lot of things. I now know what to expect for next year." When I asked about his leg he said that he started feeling pain at the hospital and after four grams of Morphine, he was doing pretty good.

The heat and the bugs were by far the worst part of the weekend. Friday night was almost too much to bear. The bugs were like a pack of ravenous dogs waiting for us at the opening show. The best part for me was participating in the Quest Events, just because it really showed the spirit of the group when we were competing. But I have to say over all the weekend was a great success. I

DIXIE 2007

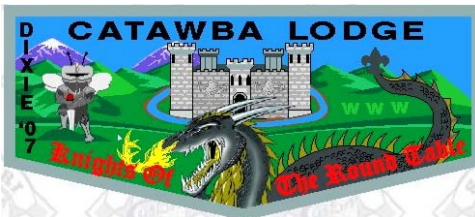
hope you all come out to the next Dixie Fellowship in Fort Mill. See ya'll there!!



DIXIE 2007

Dixie 2007 was a great experience for Catawba Lodge. Troop 19 was well represented at Dixie with 5 Scouts and 4 adults attending.

ASM Kevin King
ASM Cliff Summers



we want to recognize ASM Cliff Summers and ASM Chris Sokely for volunteering to drive down to Savannah to allow the Scouts to attend the 2007 Dixie.

Attending Dixie in 2007 were:

- Wesley King
- Joey Summers
- Josh Hedrick
- Scoutmaster Larry Banks
- ASM Chris Sokely
- Kyle Smith
- Scott Sokely

Troop 19 and Catawba Lodge want to express our thanks to Wesley King for a great job of planning the 2007 Dixie participation by Catawba Lodge. We also want to acknowledge ASM Kevin King who served as Dixie Advisor. Finally,



Updates on Troop 19 Eagles

TREVOR HEHN - EAGLE 2003

JONATHAN RYCZEK - EAGLE 2002

2002 Eagle Scout Jonathan Ryczek is in Little Rock, Arkansas until August 13. He graduates from Basic Training at Lackland AFB recently and will begin his flying portion of his training on the 15th. His parents, Julie and Alan, are hopeful that he will be training at Dobbins AFB from the 15th of August till Christmas.

Jonathan has learned a great deal from his time at Lackland AFB. Some of his experiences sounded a lot like Troop 19 challenges - "Do you know how hard it is to get 12 people to be on time with all the correct equipment?" Like getting a patrol of scouts out the door, on time and with all the correct equipment!!

Jonathan's experience at Lackland were not all fun. His unit had a very bad lung infection and several cadets were hospitalized. Jonathan had a version of the infection, including a fever, chills, night sweats, aches and pains and a nagging cough for three weeks. Jonathan has lost 22 pounds but came away in the best shape ever - not only had he lost the weight but what is left of him is all muscle. Jonathan reported that basic training was difficult. He served as flight leader of his group and learned discipline, maturity and a stronger appreciation of his family and friends. For those who wish to write him, his new address is

A1C Ryczek Jonathan A
PSC Box 1726
Little Rock AFB, AR 72099

Please keep Jonathan in your prayers...

I realize it has been many months, again, since I last emailed. I guess life really picked up after getting back. I can't believe that all this time has passed, that I will be heading to school in August. So this is what getting old is like, eh? ;)



My good friends, thank you for your prayers. I will not be heading back overseas for a few years. I have been accepted into the Army's Green to Gold program, or enlisted to officer program, on a four-year scholarship to The Catholic University of America. I will receive my commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army upon graduation. I am not sure which branch yet, I have three years to figure out what I want to do. A branch is simply the officers actual job within the army, such as infantry or artillery, nurse or engineer. We'll see where I'm at and what my heart is set on when the time comes to list my preferred branch.

The last few months have been filled with long days and quick weeks. Don't ask me how we got to the almost middle of June, I'd tell you that I'm still waiting for New Year's to get here. Okay, so that's an exaggeration. Regardless, summer is upon us and we will gladly go marching in! A year ago this time I was telling the story of the rat hunt and this time around I'm all but silent. Life sure catches up with us in a jiffy, I can't begin to imagine what being a father could be like! Granted, that's still many years away, but still... surely it looms, no?

I'll part with this thought. Thank you for your interest in my news and stories. It is humbling. I have done nothing to win your support, and yet you still give it. I am in your debt. I say this plainly and honestly and not without due consideration. In the grand scheme of this world we are all nobody. Yet, through the time given to one another, we become a collective voice, each promoting the other both in the community, but more importantly as individuals. As communal beings, we thrive when we come together. Hopefully I am able to give back to this beautiful group of fellow man what you have given to me.

My thoughts and my prayers, as meager as they may be, are with you.

In Christ, Trevor

Troop 19
Carolina Panthers Fundraiser

Troop 19 is planning a Fall fundraiser involving the Carolina Panthers. ASM Bobby Orr is planning the event and will have more details for the troop once the details are finalized. Look for more details from the troop and in upcoming publications.

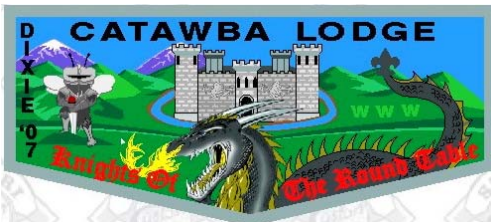
OA News and Notes

Dixie 2007

Dixie 2007 is over and what a great trip to Savannah.

Troop 19 and Catawba Lodge was

well represented at Dixie and we want to thank **Wesley King** Catawba Lodge Dixie Chairman 2007 and **Kevin King** 2007 Dixie Advisor for the extraordinary efforts and leadership.



Beaver Weekend & 2nd Ordeal

Beaver Weekend was held in May this year to prepare Camp Grimes for the

start of Summer Camp. Troop 19 Scouts did a great job helping place tents and cleaning camp sites. Special Thanks are in order for **Al McCreary** and the Junior Leaders as well as Assistant Scoutmasters **Capets, McDonnell, Belter, Jahns** and **Nye** for their help in organizing and leading this important week-end.

Also, during the week end one of our Scouts completed his ordeal for the Order of the Arrow and joins Catawba Lodge as Troop 19



newest Arrowman. Congratulations to **Tim Nye** upon completion of his ordeal.

During Summer Camp, several of our Scouts sealed their membership in Catawba Lodge by completing the Brotherhood requirements. Confirming their membership during camp were:

- Scott Sokley
- Jonathan Weiss
- Bradley McDonnell
- Chris Sokley

Congratulations to all new Arrowmen and Brothers to Catawba Lodge.

Troop 19 Graduating Seniors

Congratulations to all Troop 19 Scouts who have completed their studies at local high schools.

Those graduating this summer and headed to college in the fall of 2007 include:

- Larry Zaino
- Jonathan Cannito
- Tucker Horne
- Russell Williams
- Alex Robbins

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. See more of his story on the previous page.



Troop Calendar 2007

August 2007

- Aug 10 - 12 Troop Camping - New River Gorge
- Aug 14 Scouts Return
- Aug 17 - 19 OA 3rd Ordeal @ Belk Scout Camp
- Aug 27 CMS Starts
- Aug 28 PLC & Asst SM Meeting

September 2007

- Sep 4 Troop Elections
- Sep 7 - 9 Senior Camporee
- Sep 11 Troop Committee
- Sep 14 - 16 OA Fall Fellowship
- Sep 18 End of Summer Court of Honor
- Sep 25 PLC & Asst SM Meeting
- Sep 25 Troop Leadership Development

October 2007

- Oct 2 God & Country Begins
- Oct 5 - 7 Troop Camping - Troop Bike Trip
- Oct 9 Troop Committee
- Oct 21 Troop Creek Walk

- Oct 23 PLC & Asst SM Meeting
- Oct 30 Fun Night

November 2007

- Nov 13 Troop Committee
- Nov 16 - 18 Troop Camping - Backpacking
- Nov 23 - 25 Bass Pro Fundraiser
- Nov 27 PLC & Asst SM Meeting

December 2007

- Dec 1 Hornets Nest Trail
- Dec 4 Service Project @ The Oaks
- Dec 4 Last Meeting in 2007
- Dec 6 Hornets Nest Banquet
- Dec 7 Catawba Lodge Banquet
- Dec 8 Merit Badge Workshop
- Dec 24 Service - Luminarias @ HPC



Senior Troop 19 Scout **Al McCreary** is our guest columnist for this newsletter. Al is a member of Falcon Patrol, and serves as

our current SPL. Al has written a letter on his experiences during his first Troop 19 Summer Camp.

Hey Mr. Banks,

Summer Camp this year was the most fun that I have ever had. All the boys and adults were all enthusiastic and highly spirited. While I strongly believe we were cheated out of the spirit stick, many great things came out of this trip. The ASPL's

and myself started the Troop 19 Hy-peractive

Scout of the Week stick, which is basically our own little troop award to the most spirited scout. Also, **Trent Almond** and **Corey Gudger** started the Troop 19 Spirit Team. Their main goal is to instill spirit in the younger scouts in hopes that when they get older, they will turn around and do the same thing to the new younger scouts.

Overall, I would have to say that I am very proud of everyone that attended. I would like to thank my ASPL's that went, **Brendon Almond, Trent Al-**

2007 Summer Camp

mond, Corey Gudger, and Kyle Smith. Without them, we would have never had a shot at the Spirit Stick. They are a great group of guys, and I believe any one of them would make a great SPL. I would also like to thank all the puppies for their intense enthusiasm, as they never needed to be reminded to cheer. To everyone else, thanks for adding a little excitement and flavor to this camping trip.

Al McCreary
Senior Patrol Leader

Camp Grimes 2007

Summer Camp Awards & Recognitions

COMMISSIONER AWARD

HONOR TROOP

OA PARTICIPATION AWARD

SCOUT OF THE WEEK:

Al McCreary

MERIT BADGES EARNED:

137 earned
13 partials

SCOUTMASTERS MERIT BADGES:

Larry Banks
David Ruggles
Craig Orr
Ken Jahns
Chris Sokley
Jeff Nye

ORDER OF THE ARROW – BROTHERHOOD:

Scott Sokley	Jonathan Weiss
Bradley McDonnell	Chris Sokley

SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Tanya Hartje	Michael Hartje
Josh Hedrick	Matt Vice

SUMMER CAMP SPECIAL THANKS:

Thanks to Michael Turner for cooking Friday night.

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and driving van for the fly fishing field trip.

Thanks to Chip Wildman for driving van for whitewater field trip.



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Scouting Centennials

The celebration of 100th Anniversary of the beginning of Scouting worldwide will start at the 21st World Scout Jamboree, by the Scout Association of the United Kingdom from July 27 until August 8, 2007. It will bring together 40,000 Scouts, Venturers, leaders, and staff for 12 days. They will share adventure, international friendship, personal growth, and development.

In 2007, the centennial year of the founding of the Scouting movement, the jamboree theme will be "One World, One Promise." Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who founded the Scouting program, also pioneered the very first jamboree at Olympia in London in 1920. The Boy Scouts of America participated with 301 Scouts and leaders at the First World Scout Jamboree, and 3,200 American Scouts/leaders are invited to return to the birthplace of Scouting during the summer of 2007.

In 2010, Scouting in the USA will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of its founding. That Year we will hold a special National Jamboree to coincide with the 100th year since Congress granted our Charter on February 8, 1910. This will be an extraordinary event at during our quadrennial

celebration, if you can attend, start making plans now to join us at the 2010 National Jamboree. To be eligible to attend, a Scout must be at least a First Class Scout and have completed the 6th grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, but not reach his 18th birthday by the August closing date. More details will follow in future newsletters and troop communications.

