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Dear Troop 19 Family:

Wow, Summer Camp has come and gone! What a week. I want to thank **Craig Orr** for his efforts in planning the week for the troop and the **Dixon Family** for building the USS Yorktown Replica Gate for camp. It was awesome!!!!

I want to recognize **SPL Trent Almond** and his ASPLs for their hard work to keep the Troop organized. Their efforts paid off as Troop 19 was awarded the Spirit Stick for the week. These Scouts demonstrated excellent leadership throughout camp along with the great support of Crew 19.

Parents and Scouts, we still hear many folks say that "I did not know about this event or that campout" It is very troubling that no matter how or how often we communicate, people are not getting or reading the information we send out. **PLEASE REMEMBER THE TROOP HAS 4 REGULAR MEANS OF COMMUNICATION 1)** we publish weekly e mails to everyone in the troop on activities, **2)** the troop website has

calendar on it **3)** this newsletter provides a calendar for at least three months in advance **AND 4)** we make announcements at the meetings. We also publish an annual calendar will all activities listed every year. The 2008 - 09 calendar is included in this newsletter. **PLEASE READ THE COMMUNICATIONS WE SEND.** They are there for everyone to know about our activities!!

We are also in need of more parents to get involved with the Troop. We need parents to sit on Boards of Review with **Audrey Stasky**. No experience is necessary and we train everyone who comes to help. We are especially looking for parents not already active on a committee or project for the troop. If you can help, contact Audrey.

The Troop 19 family wants to wish the **Byerley Family** good luck and Godspeed. The Byerley's are moving to Louisiana. We want to specifically thank **Lauri Byerley** who has been serving as our



Advancement Chair. We thank you for your time you shared with us and we will miss you. With Lauri and her family moving away, **Pam Russ** has volunteered to serve as our new Advancement Chair. Please join me in welcoming Pam in her new role.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank **Chris Sokley** for the planning of the 2008 Super Trip to Georgia. In the newsletter, we have pictures and stories of this great trip. Well done Craig!

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their help in making Troop 19 be the best we can make it.

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

Upcoming Events:

Canoe Adventure
Aug 8 - 10

OA 3rd Ordeal
Aug 15 - 17

Troop Elections
Sept 2

OA Fall Fellowship
Sept 19 - 21

End of Summer Court of Honor
Oct 7

Uhwarrie Trail Backpacking
Oct 24 - 26

Troop 19 Graduating Seniors

Troop 19 would like to extend a well deserved congratulations to our Scouts who are graduating Seniors from local high schools.

Alex Young - Graduating from Hopewell High is planning on attending NC State next fall.

Derek Reavis - Graduating form Hopewell High is planning on attending UNC Wilmington next fall.

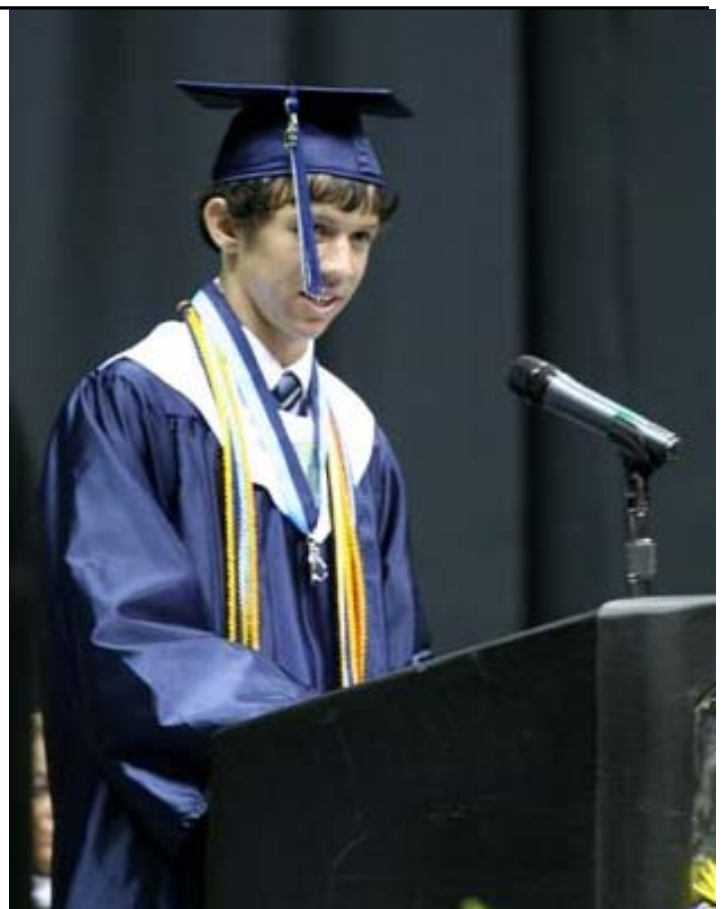
Zachary Capets - Graduating from North Mecklenburg is also headed to NC State next fall.

Seth Cross - Graduating form North Mecklenburg is headed to CPC C next fall.

Chris Jackson Jordan - Graduating from North Mecklenburg. His plans for next fall are not yet final.

Joshua Hedrick - Graduating from North Mecklenburg. His plans for next fall are not yet final.

We want to make special notice and congratulations to Troop 19 Eagle Scout and graduating Senior, **ALEX YOUNG**. Alex's academic efforts earned him the status as **Valedictorian** for **HOPEWELL HIGH SCHOOL**. Congratulations Alex and all our graduating Seniors.



Wood Badge 2008



Belk Scout Camp was recently inhabited by herds, dens, a covey, a malocclusion and even a parliament! Yes, it was Wood Badge time. On the morning of Friday, April 18, 2008, 42 participants gathered at the camp to begin a

Wood Badge experience like no other. These leaders came from all districts of the council and all geographic areas of Mecklenburg County. They learned advanced leadership skills such as Stages of Team Development, Project Planning, Managing Conflict, and Problem Solving, among others. They even built and launched their own patrol rockets - with the Buffalo Patrol setting a new course record with hang time in excess of 30 seconds!

For the first time in several years, all the participants who started the course, finished the course,

and they will be actively working their tickets over the next 18 months. Please help me congratulate the following Pack 19 and Troop 19 participants:

Valarie Hardesty - Fox Patrol
Ken Key - Bear Patrol
Bruce James - Buffalo Patrol
Roger Kincaid - Antelope Patrol
Pat Levesque - Fox Patrol

We were fortunate to have several staff members from Pack 19 and Troop 19 as well

Michael Turner - Eagle Troop Guide
Dan Hardesty - Owl Troop Guide
Micheal Hartje - Assistant Quartermaster
Craig Orr - Quartermaster

My deepest thanks to all the participants and staff, both from our unit and from other units, for making my last staff experience one I will never forget!

Tanya Hartje
Scoutmaster - Wood Badge SR-933

Eagle Update



Troop 19 welcomes our newest Eagle Scout to the Eagle Aerie. **John Zachery Capets** earned his

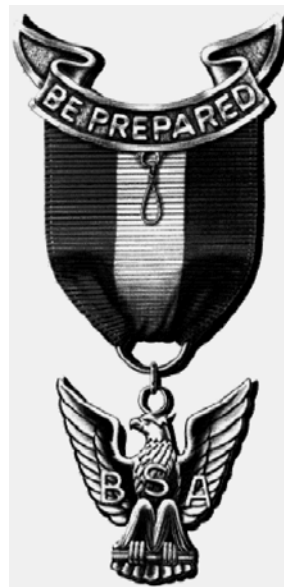
Eagle award on completion of his Eagle Board of Review on May 12, 2008. Zach has been active in the troop since joining and becomes Troop 19's 66th Eagle Scout and the 53rd Eagle for

Scoutmaster Banks. Zach's Eagle project was to build new trails at the Carolina Raptor Center

Troop 19 also welcomes another new Eagle Scout to the Eagle Aerie. **Alan Frederick McCearny** earned his Eagle award on completion of his Eagle Board of Review on July 8, 2008. Al has been active in the troop since joining and becomes Troop 19's 67th Eagle Scout and the 54rd Eagle for

Scoutmaster Banks. Al's Eagle project was to rebuild the entrance gate for HPC Cemetery, adding 2 new benches to the grounds and moving the flag pole.

Dates for Al and Zach's Eagle Courts of Honor will be published later. Please help Troop 19 and these Scout's families in congratulating Al and Zach on their outstanding accomplishments.



Troop 19 News and Notes



Honor Guard Recognition

Troop 19 would like to thank **Al McCreary, Kyle Smith, and Brandon Almond** for their service as Honor Guard at the April 23 Council Recognition Dinner. Their service was appreciated by all attendees. Well Done. Scouts

Fun Night Recognition

Troop 19 would also like to recognize and thank **Justin Austenfeld** for his planning of the Troop Fun Night April 22 at NASCAR Speed Park. The Scouts had a great time and the Fun Night was a great success.



New Assistant Scoutmasters
With the rising Webelos each year,

Troop 19 is often blessed with a new Scout leader or tow to join our ranks and help make the Troop stronger. This year, we welcome three new Assistant Scoutmasters to our ranks. Please join Troop 19 and Scoutmaster Banks in welcoming our newest leaders:
Jeff Pugliese
Norris Woody
Rodney Scheck

Welcome gentlemen, to the Troop 19 family.

Memorial Day 2008

Troop 19 again participate in the Annual Lake Norman Memorial Day festivities. ASM

Bobby Gudger again provided planning and coordination so that the troop participation and service project were very well received. Our Scouts looked great & did a great job in helping the North Mecklenburg towns recognize the men and women who have served our country with courage as well as honor those who have fallen in service to our country in order that we can enjoy the blessings of Liberty. Well done Scouts!!



Merit Badge Work Shop

Sincere thanks are in order for ASM **Ronnie Young** for organizing another outstanding Merit Badge weekend for Troop 19 Scout. The week end was held May 2 - 4 at Camp Grimes and in-



cluded Troop 74 who teamed up with us to make the workshop a success. We also want to note the great job **Taylor Turner, Sam Orr** and **Tim Nye** as acting SPL in making the trip a success. Excellent work Scouts! And Thank you Mr. Young for a great event.



Salisbury Trail 2008

by George James

On Saturday, April 5th, 2008 nearly twenty Boy Scouts from Troop 19 and twelve Webelos 1 Scouts from Pack 19 traveled to Salisbury, N.C. on the Troop 19 bus, driven by Scoutmaster Larry Banks.

We arrived at the Salisbury National Cemetery at approximately 8:00 a.m. We learned that the site was also the location of a Confederate Prison where one of every three Union prisoners who entered, died before the war

was over. There were also a section containing several mass graves where thousands of soldiers from the Civil War were buried. We also saw a tomb of an Unknown Soldier. Today, the cemetery continues to be the final resting place for thousands of U.S. veterans.

Leaving the cemetery, we embarked on our 3 - 4 mile hike. Our first stop was to view one of the original prison buildings, which had been moved from the prison site, and is being restored by the Salisbury Historical Society. Other than the paint, it looked just like it must have looked over 150 years ago.

We then hiked up a hill to Main Street and saw several buildings from the Civil War era in the downtown section. They had very detailed ar-

chitecture, and looked like what you might see in an old movie.

Heading into the residential neighborhoods, we saw a very large restored home which was the former home of North Carolina Governor Ellis. It had a large lawn and wrought iron fence, and tons of windows to keep it cool in the summer. It also had a number of chimneys so that every room appeared to have a fireplace.

After walking west on Horah Street for several blocks, we turned North on Jackson Street and saw a number of restored homes, including one that served as the

home of Andrew Jackson (7th President of the United States). We also visited a small restored law office where Andrew Jackson studied law in Salisbury in the mid 1780's.

At lunch, we stopped at the Church where a Minister and his family are buried

underneath the church. After eating our bag lunch, we hiked to the old Episcopal Church cemetery where some of the graves date back to the 1600's. It was located across the street from the Episcopal Church and behind a very old but nice courthouse and jail.

We ended our hike at an old Grist Mill, which was very important to the residents in earlier times. We boarded the bus and received a surprise - a trip to the old Southern Railway, Spencer Train Shops and current NC Transportation Museum. We spent an hour or so looking at old restored trains, automobiles, riding a train turntable, and visiting the exhibits.

It drizzled on us much of the day, but we managed to not even notice. We were all prepared with ponchos, food, snacks and souvenir money!



SUPER TRIP 2008 ATLANTA, GA.

Ben and Will Cable went on the Super Trip this year. They write of their experiences in a letter to Scoutmaster Banks.

Dear Mr. Banks,

We would like to let you know what a great time we had on the Super Trip this year to Atlanta. It was the greatest super trip ever! Let us recap for you all the exciting things we did:

After loading up and driving, for what seemed like forever, we checked into this "sweet" hotel. We unpacked and went to dinner at a very cool restaurant. We got to eat like 4 pieces of very good pizza!

On Friday, we went to Stone Mountain and walked half way around it. Then we went straight up it! It was so much fun because we got a good work out and we got to talk to our friends the whole way. After we got to the top of the mountain, there was a place to eat, luckily, because we were starved. After lunch we had to of course walk back down the mountain. That night we saw an awesome laser light show. The music was cool and we even got to dance.

Saturday was cool too. We got to go to the Aquarium and walk through all these tunnels. It was huge!! We saw lots of fish and we liked the whale slide the best. Then we went to the World of Coca-Cola - now that was cool!

We watched an awesome movie that squirted water at us and the chairs moved. It was a blast! We sampled lots of different types of coke. There was one called "Beverly" and it was NASTY! Saturday night we went to the Atlanta Braves Game. We had soooooo much fun. They played the Houston Astros, but lost 6-1. The game ended with the biggest fireworks show we had ever seen.

Sunday came and we had to drive back home. Thanks for such a wonderful time. We can't wait

for next year's trip.

Sincerely,
Ben & Will Cable,
aka SPOT & SCAR



SCHOOLS



Photos by
Pam Goley

A Titanic accomplishment



Hopewell High School's newest set of Titan graduates hurl their caps into the air at the end of commencement ceremonies last Saturday at Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte. Above left, valedictorian Alex Young addresses his fellow graduates.

Congratulations to all Troop 19 Graduates

Super Trip 2008 encompassed visits to Georgia in and around the Atlanta Area. The trip was planned superbly by ASM Chris Sokley and included visits to Stone Mountain Park, Coca Cola World Headquarters, Atlanta Aquarium and Turner Stadium to see the Atlanta Braves. This was a great trip and we want to express our sincere appreciation to Mr. Sokley for planning such a memorable event.

Attending the Super Trip were:

Scouts

Scott Sokley
George James
Ben Cable
Will Cable
Zach Shaner

Garrett Dixon
Stephen Shenigo
T J Butner
William Byerley

Leaders

Larry Banks
Bruce James

Rick Cardenas
Chris Sokley



SUPER TRIP 2008



Salisbury Trail 2008

Special thanks are due to ASM **John Mounts** and parent **Bruce James** for planning and conducting the Troop's recent day trip to Salisbury and the Salisbury Trial. The day hike included visits to the historic trial though the site of the Confederate Prison and the National Cemetery for Union and Confederate soldiers who died during the Civil War. The troop was lead by **Jonathan Weiss** and Scouts who attended earned the Salisbury Trail patch and Medal.



National Youth Leadership Training

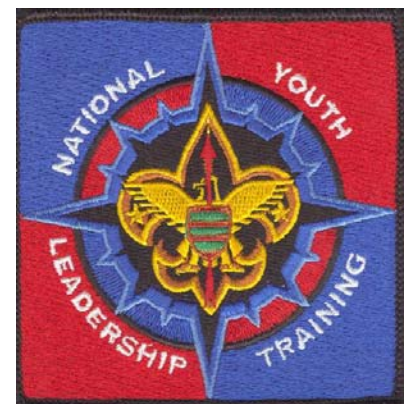
representatives of Troop 19 were **Tim Nye**, **Taylor Turner**, **Matt Belter**

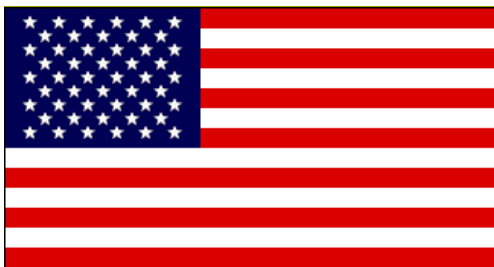
Troop 19 was well represented at this summer's NYLT course at Camp Grimes. NYLT is a week long intensive training course for young men to prepare them for positions of leadership in the troop. Attending the course as

and **Justin Austenfeld**.

Troop 19 also sent a Scout to serve on the NYLT staff. Serving on staff was **Kyle Smith**.

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





The Pledge of Allegiance

Did you ever stop to think about the words of the Pledge? We often repeat it from memory and very rarely stop to think of what we are pledging to and what we mean with our pledge. Here is a poignant review of the words of our Pledge of Allegiance by a now deceased comedian and actor named Red Skelton given in 1969. His words are as true now as they were then.....

The Pledge of Allegiance:

I: Me, an individual, a committee of one.

PLEDGE: Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self pity.

ALLEGIANCE: My love and my devotion.

TO THE FLAG: Our standard, Old Glory, a symbol of freedom. Where

ever she waves, there's respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.

UNITED: That means that we have all come together.

STATES: Individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose; all divided with imaginary boundaries yet united to a common purpose, and that's love for country.

AND TO THE REPUBLIC: A state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people, and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION: One nation, meaning "so blessed by God."

INDIVISIBLE: Incapable of being divided.

WITH LIBERTY: Which is freedom, the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

AND JUSTICE: The principle or quality of dealing fairly with others.

FOR ALL: For all, which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

And now, let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: "under God." Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer, and that would be eliminated from schools too?

DIXIE 2008

Dixie 2008 was a great experience. Hosted by Skyuka Lodge, in Fort Mill, SC Dixie was well attended by Catawba Lodge. Troop 19 was also well represented at Dixie with 10 Scouts and 7 adults attending.

Attending Dixie in 2008 were:

- Arrowmen
- Dalton Basinger

- Patrick Buffum
- Scott Sokley
- Wesley King
- Anthony Pugliese
- Sam Orr
- Kyle Smith
- Jonathan Weiss
- Cory Gudger
- Stephen Shenigo

- Leaders attending
- Scoutmaster Banks
- Pam Campbell
- Chris Sokley
- Bobby Gudger

- Kevin King
- Brad Vice
- Craig Orr

Troop 19 and Catawba Lodge want to recognize and thank **Wesley King** and **ASM Kevin King** for once again serving as coordinators for Dixie. Another outstanding job. Thanks Brothers!



By Trent Almond

This year's Summer Camp had to have been my personal favorite. Everybody had a great time hanging out with their friends, and all the older boys were able to get to know the puppies and the other younger scouts better. On top of that, we won the prized Spirit Stick.

Spirit is always something taken very seriously in Troop 19, and we certainly didn't go lax with it this year. This year we were doing a salute to the armed forces, with each patrol representing a different branch. We had spirit wear, such as red, white, and blue necklaces, star-shaped sunglasses (which looked a lot like Elton John's if you ask me) and visors with the flag on them. We had cheers to go with the theme, although they were



harder to learn. **Jake Augsperger** and **Lee Ward** came up with some really great cheers, some that we are looking forward to very much to use in the future. I was really surprised by the amount of cheering the troop put in to the week, espe-

cially from the Venture Crew; they were a big help, as were the puppies. I'd like to give personal thanks to **Luke Stasky** and his mother, who got Cory and I some syrup to help our throats. We heard this rumor about how some bands drink syrup before they go onstage and it allows them to yell without losing their voices, so when Luke offered, we figured we would try, and it worked great. We were able to cheer at the same volume all week.

Besides cheering, we participated in camp activities and service for the camp. Another big thanks to **Harrison Green**, who did the prayer service for the entire camp a few times during the week. I'd also like to give a very special thanks to **Anthony, Dalton, Timmy S.**, my brother, **Brendon, and Jake**, who all did an outstanding job with the flag detail on Wednesday.



We participated in the Great Games (sport competitions), where we had two volleyball teams, one basketball team, and one soccer team. We made it to the finals in all three sports, taking volleyball against our own team. We lost basketball and soccer both to Troop 70, but the most important thing was that everybody enjoyed it. We also had a team participate in GO-HAR (Grand Ole High Adventure Race), where we placed in 2nd in a series of scout related tests, such as canoeing, fire building, archery, and

SPL Letter

pioneering. I believe it was Troop 34 who won the event.

Although these all are major parts of spirit, there is still one last component that comes into realization in the later years of scouting, and that's brotherhood. Not just within the troop, but within the camp. Troop 70, considered our "rival" troop usually isn't at Summer Camp with us, but they were this year. At first, we were just trying to outdo each other, but as the week went on and we became better friends with some of Mr. Tyler's scouts (Greyland Counts), we began to work together. From collaborating as one big group and calling out other troops to helping out each other with our cheers, we all had a blast with it. Even when we would create little silly mockeries of each other's cheers, it was all with good intent. This year really showed me that spirit isn't just about cheering the loudest where other troops cringe when they hear your voices. No, it's about having fun and making other troops and staff members enjoy us being there, which I really feel is why we were able to win the spirit stick this year.

To all you 7th years, I'd like to thank you for all you did at camp, and hopefully we will see some of you next year on staff. To all the puppies, you guys did a great job your first year. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did, you guys were a blast. I speak for the rest of the troop when I say we expect to see great things from you guys in the coming years!

Troop 19 Calendar

July 2008

Jul 3 - 7 Super Trip - Stone Mountain, GA

August 2008

Aug 5 OA 3rd Ordeal Sign up Deadline
 Aug 8 - 10 Troop Camping - Canoe Trip
 Aug 14 Hornets Nest Round Table
 Aug 15 - 17 August Ordeal - Belk Scout Camp
 Aug 19 Scouts Return
 Aug 19 God & Country Begins
 Aug 19 Board of Review Night

Aug 23 Crew 19 Bike Trip

Aug 26 ASM/PLC Meetings

September 2008

Sep 2 Troop Elections
 Sep 5 - 7 Sr Camporee - Camp Grimes
 Sep 5 - 7 Troop Campout - Camp Grimes
 Sep 9 Troop Committee
 Sep 9 OA Sign Up Deadline - Fall Fellowship
 Sep 11 Hornets Nest Round Table
 Sep 16 Board of Review Night
 Sep 19 - 21 OA Fall Fellowship - Belk Scout Camp
 Sep 23 PLC & TLD Meetings

Sep 23 Crew Fun Night

October 2008

Oct 4 Puppy First Aid
 Oct 7 FALL COURT OF HONOR - HPC
 Oct 9 Hornets Nest Round Table
 Oct 14 Troop Committee
 Oct 21 Board of Review Night
Oct 24-26 Crew Canoe Trip
 Oct 24 - 26 Troop Backpacking @ Uhwarrie Trail
 Oct 24 - 26 Puppy Base Camp - Uhwarrie

Oct 28

Oct 28

Crew Fun Night

ASM/PLC Meetings

November 2008

Nov 11 Troop Committee
 Nov 13 Hornets Nest Round Table
 Nov 14 - 16 Outdoor Leadership Skills Training
 Nov 14 - 16 S.E.A.L.S. Training - Belk Scout Camp
 Nov 18 OA Sign Up Deadline - Annual Banquet
 Nov 21 - 23 Troop Backpacking - Foot Hills Trail, SC
 Nov 25 ASM/PLC Meetings

Nov 25

Nov 27

Crew Fun Night

THANKSGIVING

December 2008

Dec 2 Troop Service Project @ The Oaks
 Dec 2 Last Troop Meeting 2008
 Dec 4 Hornets Nest Annual Banquet - HPC
 Dec 5 OA Annual Banquet - Belk Scout Camp
 Dec 6 Merit Badge Workshop
Dec 13 Crew Linville Gorge Day Hike
 Dec 24 Luminarias Service @ HPC
 Dec 25 CHRISTMAS

January 2009

Jan 6 Troop Returns
 Jan 6 OA Elections
 Jan 6 Klondike Training Begins
 Jan 9 - 11 Troop Camping - Camp Old Indian
 Jan 13 Troop Committee
 Jan 15 Hornets Nest Round Table
Jan 17 Crew Ski Trip
 Jan 20 Board of Review Night
 Jan 27 ASM/PLC Meetings
Jan 27 Crew Fun Night
 Jan 30 Troop BBQ
Jan 31 Crew Day Trip

OA News and Notes

Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship is scheduled for September 19 - 21 at Belk Scout Camp. All Arrowmen interested in attending should contact Troop 19 OA Representative **Kyle Smith** or **Sam Orr** for sign ups.

Deadline for Fall Fellowship sign up is September 9. Fall Fellowship is when Catawba Lodge officers are elected. We need all Arrowmen to attend and vote.



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 to all the leaders and Scouts who assisted in preparing Camp Grimes for Summer Camp. Great job Troop 19!

Also, during the week end four of our Scouts completed his ordeal for the Order of the Arrow and joins Catawba Lodge as Troop 19 newest Arrowmen. Congratulations to:

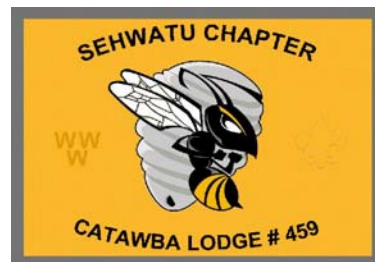


Lee Ward
Timothy Summerfield
Sam Orr
ASM Craig Orr
upon completion of their ordeals.

Summer Camp

ASM Micheal Hartje completed his requirements for Brotherhood membership in Catawba Lodge during his stay at Camp Grimes.

We congratulate and welcome all our new Arrowmen to Catawba Lodge.



Puppy Backpacking

By Jack Buffum

This year's South Mountain Puppy Backpacking Trip was very interesting. First of all, both of the patrols forgot their rain flies, so if there were any rain; which there wasn't, we would have gotten soaked. The hike was strenuous. **Luke Stasky** suffered from a stomach ailment but still managed to finish the hike and the rest of the trip.

On the first official day of the campout (the first and only full day), we all put on our day packs and took a hike. Though the hike was tiring, there were some beautiful sights like the waterfall and an awesome view of the surround-

ing mountains. After the hike, everyone still had enough energy left to make dinner and goof off. Lots of us skipped rocks, while others climbed a small cliff on the other side of the creek. We all had a great time learning about nature, camping, hiking, and each other.



Venture Crew On the Appalachian Trail

By: Jonathan Weiss

The venture crew began its AT trip at the church on Wednesday the 25th around 8 a.m. Our starting point on the trail was Mt. Rodgers in Virginia.

The first day of our trip we were to hike six miles to Old Orchard Shelter, where we would spend the first night. The majority of the first day was an uphill trek on rocky terrain, which tested our skills right at the get-go. We saw some great views when we were on the open areas of the mountain. To get to Old Orchard we had to diverge off of the AT and onto the Pine Mountain Trail for about two miles. The six miles was a nice introduction to what we would be experiencing the rest of the trip.

Our destination for the second day was the Thomas Knob Shelter, which was very close to and almost at the same elevation as Mt. Rodgers, which was the highest point in Virginia at a little over 5500 feet. In order to reach Thomas Knob, we would have hike a large circle and repeat some of the hiking we had done the previous day which would be around eleven miles. We started the day off with two miles of uphill to get back onto the Appalachian Trail. We hiked around six miles until we reached Wise Shelter where we enjoyed a tasty lunch of bagels with honey and peanut butter. After lunch, it was all uphill. Once we got to the top, the mountain opened up and we were able to see beautiful vistas in every direction. After taking a little needed breather

at the top, we began hiking what we had already done the day before. It took several more hours and a few Power Bars until we finally reached Thomas Knob, but it was worth it. The shelter was sitting right on top of the bald of the mountain; there were some extremely gorgeous views. For dinner we ate some scrumptious macaroni and cheese, and without saying, there were no left overs! To end the night

we watched some distant storms leash out its lightning on the far-off mountain peaks.



Our meal for breakfast was the same as it would be all week: oatmeal and a breakfast bar. It was a chilly morning and most of us had some extra layers on to battle against the cold. The beginning of the day was pretty easy and we hiked the first four miles pretty

quickly until we reached the bottom of Whitetop Mountain. We were informed that it was two miles of uphill, but we were also told would eat lunch when we get to the top. That was all we needed to hear, we flew up the mountain and had the opportunity to eat summer sausage and tuna in a tortilla while overlooking the vast mountains. A mile or two after lunch we spotted a deer only about ten feet away from us, it didn't even move and it just kept on eating while giving us an opportunity for a photo shoot.

The rest of the day was non eventful until we were about two miles from Lost Mountain Shelter. As we were sitting for a short break we saw large storm clouds building and moving directly our way. At this, everyone began putting there pack covers and ponchos on, except for a select few of us who thought it would pass over. Within five minutes of my very intelligent decision it started pouring hard and then harder and then even harder! The trail lit-

Appalachian Trail

cont.

with our wishes (partly due to how soaked all our gear was) and told us that we would hike two miles of the AT and then get onto the Virginia Creeper Trail for about thirteen miles which we would hike into Damascus.



The next morning we woke up extra early for the long day ahead. We ate all the food we could and ditched a lot of the rest in order to lighten the packs. Everyone was excited to get to Damascus, which is what I think was the cause for everyone hiking at super-sonic speeds. Once we got onto the Creeper, it was smooth sailing due to the near-flat terrain and gravel trail. We made it into Damascus around 1:30 instead of

erally became a stream, and everyone got soaked. I tried being optimistic in thinking that I just received a pretty nice shower and, no lie, it felt pretty good. After twelve miles, we finished a long day and arrived at the shelter just to be welcomed by two gentlemen who really did not care for a group of kids invading “their” shelter, and possibly causing them to have to share “their” humungous shelter. We didn’t let it get to us, instead we set up our tents, dried out and cooked some chicken alfredo for dinner.

But there was something that was weighing heavily on all the Scouts’ minds; we had been pushing the adults to finish in Damascus on Saturday instead of the planned Sunday arrival. The adults went along

the expected arrival of 6:00. Not bad: fifteen miles in six and a half hours! After that we were asked a question, that had an obvious answer, “Do you guys want to go home tonight or tomorrow?” It was a unanimous answer of “tonight, this afternoon, now!”

So once we knew we were going home that night, we paid a couple of dollars to take showers and relieve our intestines in the local hostel. After we were all spruced up, we went to the local Italian pizzeria restaurant and had a feast for the record books. Soon after, Mr. Ruggles came and picked us up and we began our trip back to civilization. Everyone felt a real sense of accomplishment and had a thoroughly good time for the most part. It is one of those trips that you truly realize how much fun you had afterwards once it’s all said and done.

Summer Camp Attendees 2008

Scouts

SPL Almond, Trent
 ASPL Gudger, Cory
 ASPL Tim Nye
 ASPL Sam Orr
 ASPL Stephen Shenigo
 Almond, Brendon
 Augspurger, Jake
 Austenfeld, Justin
 Basinger, Dalton
 Baylor, Blaine
 Belter, Matthew
 Buffum, Jack
 Butner, Thomas
 Byerley, William
 Cable, Ben
 Cable, Will
 Calton, Austin
 Creel, John
 Daniel, Troy
 Dixon, Garrett
 Fox, Hayden
 Froehlich, Gavin
 Froehlich, Lucas
 Gary, Hayden
 Green, Harrison
 Hardin, Ben
 Hay, Dillan
 Jahns, Luke
 Jahns, Teddy
 James, George
 McDonnell, Bradley
 McDonnell, Jesse

Mills, Joshua
 Moore, Cy
 Napier, Evan
 Orr, Luke
 Pugliese, Anthony
 Pugliese, Jonathon
 Ruggles, Brendan
 Ryan Danny
 Scheck, Dylan
 Sellie, Dillon
 Sellie, Lance
 Shaner, Zachary
 Smith, Christian
 Smith, Wesley
 Somerville, Timothy
 Stasky, Luke
 Stasky, Nick
 Summers, Cameron
 Summers, Kyle
 Thomas, Kevin
 Tito, Danny
 Turner, Taylor
 Vest, Eric
 Ward, Lee
 Weiss, Jonathan
 Wesolek, Brock
 Westhafer, Michael
 White, Chad
 Woody, Trey
 Young, Connor
 Zaino, Chris

Scoutmasters

Larry Banks FW
 Craig Orr FW
 Ken Jahns FW
 David Ruggles FW
 Rodney Scheck FW
 Michael Turner FW
 Chris Warner FW
 Don Almond M,TH,F
 Keith Napier M,T
 Matt Fox M
 Kenn Vest M, F



Camp Grimes 2008

Summer Camp Awards & Recognitions



COMMISSIONER AWARD

HONOR TROOP

OA PARTICIPATION AWARD

SPIRIT STICK

GRAND OLE HIGH ADVENTURE RACE (GOHAR) 2nd Place

MERIT BADGES EARNED:

151 earned

MILE SWIM:

Eric Vest	Ken Jahns
Wesley Smith	Teddy Jahns
Dylan Scheck	Justin Austenfeld
Zachary Shaner	

BSA LIFEGUARD

Dalton Basinger
Ken Jahns

VOLLEYBALL TEAM—1st PLACE

Brendon Almond	Troy Daniel
Danny Tito	Chris Zaino
Nick Stasky	Brendon Ruggles

COPE

Dillon Sellie
Dan Tito

Nick Stasky

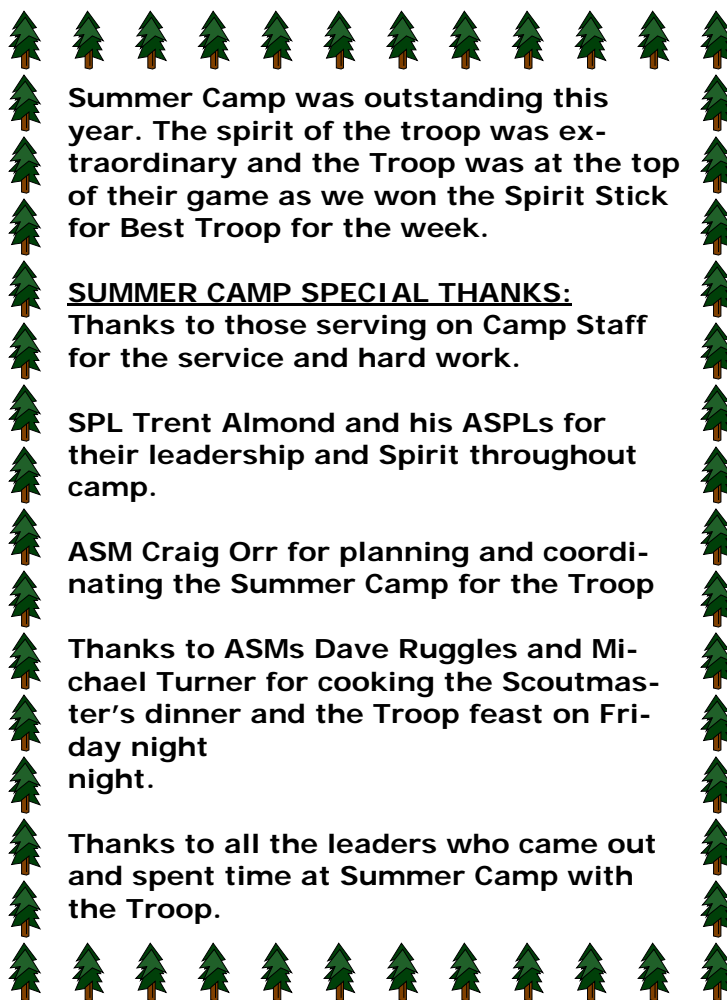
SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Tanya Hartje
Josh Hedrick
Kyle Smith OA Camp Chief

Michael Hartje

POLAR BEAR

Cy Moore	Jonathan Pugliese	Dylan Scheck
Luke Orr	Jesse McDonnell	William Byerley
Trey Woody	Chad White	Justin Austenfeld
Ben Hardin	Dillan Hay	Kevin Thomas
Hayden Gary	Michael Rawlins	Harrison Green
TJ Butner	Josh Mills	Christian Smith
Danny Ryan		



Summer Camp was outstanding this year. The spirit of the troop was extraordinary and the Troop was at the top of their game as we won the Spirit Stick for Best Troop for the week.

SUMMER CAMP SPECIAL THANKS:

Thanks to those serving on Camp Staff for the service and hard work.

SPL Trent Almond and his ASPLs for their leadership and Spirit throughout camp.

ASM Craig Orr for planning and coordinating the Summer Camp for the Troop

Thanks to ASMs Dave Ruggles and Michael Turner for cooking the Scoutmaster's dinner and the Troop feast on Friday night

Thanks to all the leaders who came out and spent time at Summer Camp with the Troop.



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Summer Camp 2008

By TJ Butner

TJ Butner is a first year puppy. He joined the troop at Crossover in March. Summer Camp 2008 was his first with the Troop. He writes of his experiences at camp.

Hi, my name is T J. I just went on my first week of camp. I had a great time. The things that I thought were fun were the ICE-BERG and doing my first merit

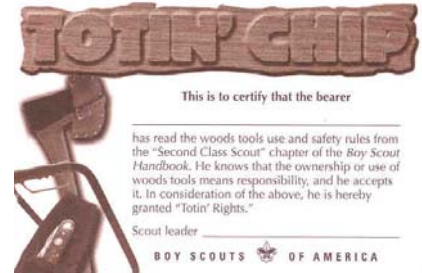
badges. The Sports Merit Badge was the best experience of them all.

Every morning, I woke up and did the polar bear swim.

Polar bear is where we got up at 6:00 every morning and went to

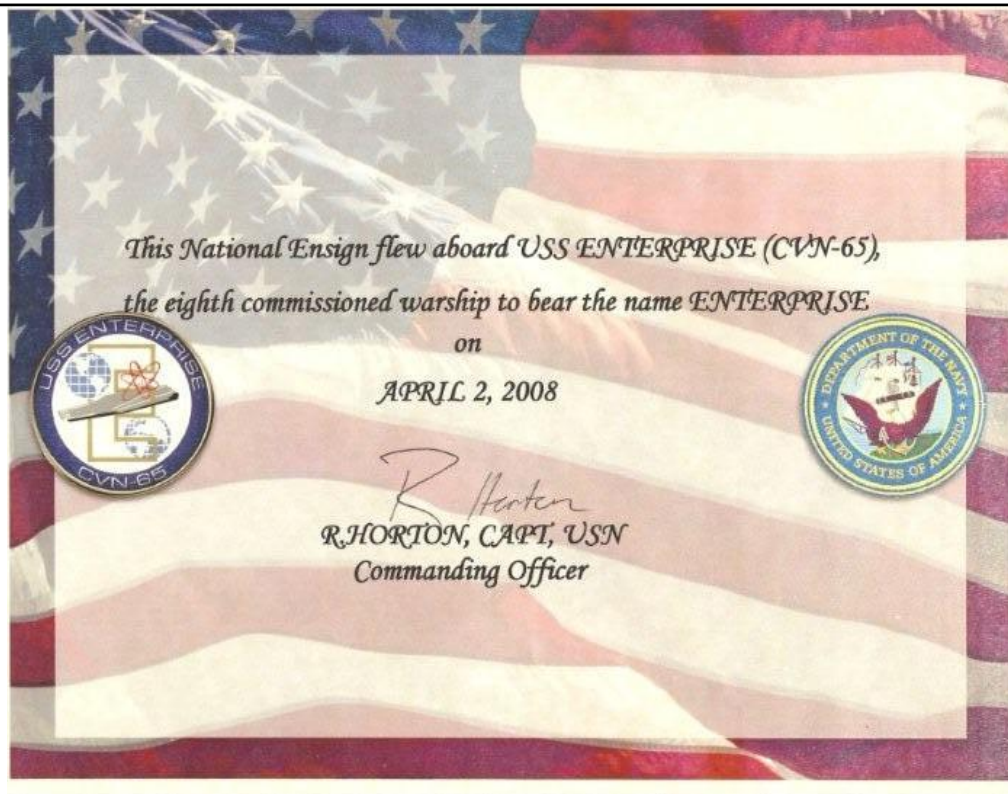


the lake for a swim. I did polar bear every morning except for Monday morning because I had to get swim tested that afternoon.



I also earned my Totin' Chip at camp. The Totin' Chip means I can safely use a saw, ax or hand ax when camping with the troop.

Troop 19's Flag Flies Over USS Enterprise



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