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# Troop 19 Beaver Tales

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**Upcoming Events:**

- NOAC**  
Aug 1 - 6
- OA 3rd Ordeal**  
Aug 21 - 23
- Troop Elections**  
Sept 8
- Senior Scout Camporee**  
Sep 11 - 13
- OA Fall Fellowship**  
Sep 18 - 20
- Fall Court of Honor**  
Oct 20

Dear Troop 19 Family:

Another summer has flown by! I can't believe we are already in July.

The Troop had an awesome week at summer camp, the Scouts were incredible, keeping up their spirit and energy all week.

I want to take personally thank **ASM Dave McDonnell** for coordinating camp this year. He did an extraordinary job and the Scouts all had a great time because of his efforts. I also want to extend thanks to all the ASMs who attended camp with us and helped to keep it all running smoothly. Special mention needs to be made to **ASM Dave Ruggles** and **Michael Turner** for the culinary efforts. Dave and Michael produced the meal for the Scoutmaster Dinner on Thursday night and the feast for the campers on Friday. The meals were superb - thanks Michael and Dave.

Another big thank you is due to **Jonathan Weiss**. During the camp week, Jonathan spent a great deal of his time with camp site set ups, inspections and approvals to make sure that all campers had a safe and enjoyable camp. Great job, Jonathan.

I also want to recognize **SPL Miles Jahns** for his outstanding leadership during Summer Camp. Super job, Miles. We also want to acknowl-

edge the efforts of our *Spirit Master Extraordinaire*

**Trent Almond** and his team for building up the spirits of the Scouts and helping to keep the energy going throughout the week.

I want to add a few more items for the Troop. First, we have had significant issues lately with checks coming into the troop for payment of some activity or supply item. Unfortunately, the checks are coming in without the information we need to properly credit your Scout. Please make sure that any payment comes in with the Scout's full name and the purpose of the payment on the check itself. We ask that you use the memo line of the check for these purposes. We have so many boys now, we cannot keep track of everything without your assistance.

Second, I want to recognize and personally thank our outgoing Board of Review Chairs **Jeff** and **Theresa Mills**. Jeff and Theresa are stepping down after performing an outstanding job for the troop over the last two years. The Troop and I really appreciate all your hard work helping our Scouts with their advancements.



Though we are losing Jeff and Theresa, we want to take time to welcome our new Board of Review Chair. Joining the Troop Committee as the new chair will be **Kathleen Lorenzo**. Please join me in welcoming Kathleen as our newest Board of Review Chair. Good Luck, Kathleen.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that we will be issuing the new troop calendar very soon. I want to remind all the Troop 19 family, to please go over the calendar as soon as you get it and mark out the dates for upcoming activities. It's going to be another busy and exciting Scouting year and your Scout will not want to miss a thing.

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



bite, snake bites and other things. After first aid, we went to the woods to study some Biotic Factors. We came back to camp and prepared ourselves for a long seven and a half mile hike.

This hike was very amazing. We climbed part of a mountain and we saw many creeks that all led up to a huge waterfall. We had to climb up thousands of stairs to get to the

## *My Awesome Weekend*

*By Jordan Hardesty*

***Cobra Patrol Puppy Jordan Hardesty writes of his adventures on his first Puppy Backpacking trio this May.***

When I walked on the Scout bus I felt a rush of excitement fill my stomach. I didn't know what would happen next. But when the bus started I thought, "Let the adventure begin". On the bus, my two friends and I from the Cobra patrol couldn't help but to think about the trip. Before we knew it, we stopped. I thought "This will be an adventure of a life time".

When the bus doors opened, I tried to be the first one out. I was thrilled it was about to happen. First, we got our packs and put them on. Then we got into a line. We were ready to go. Then we started hiking. It took me a while to get use to carrying my pack, but after a short distance I started to speed up. I knew next time I should pack lighter.

We hiked one and a half miles until we got to the campsite. We were all exhausted and the first thing we wanted to do was to set up our tents and go to bed. My tent mates and I helped build the tent and immediately went to bed. But soon after it started pouring. I knew I wasn't going to let a little rain stop a good camping trip.

When I woke up I noticed it right away. It was a creek! Now I knew where we would drink from. After that we had no time to lose. We ate breakfast then got ready for the day. First, we did first aid. We learned about frost-

top. Finally, we ate our lunch. It felt so refreshing to finally eat. We then began our travel back to the campsite. When we got back, I was ready to have my conference.

When I started my conference, I had simple questions that turned to hard quick. It took me a long time to finish but soon after I played in the creek. I had a lot of fun. All the Cobras gathered to make dinner a mixture of hamburger, spaghetti and corn. When I asked why our dinner was so weird, our patrol leader answered: "We're just men like that ." I then ate.

Later, we had a campfire - with plenty of skits and apple pie. Our leaders asked us what our favorite part was, what we didn't like and what we would change. Some people said negative things, but I said: "I liked everything, I didn't dislike anything and I would change nothing ". After the campfire, I went to bed. When I woke, I packed up and was ready to hike back. I couldn't wait to tell my parents. I wish I could do this every weekend!





## Wood Badge SR 1015



Belk Scout Camp was recently invaded by herds, dens, and a covey!!

Yes, it was Wood Badge time. On the morning of Friday, April 3, 2009, participants gathered at Belk Scout Camp to begin their Wood Badge experience, an experience within Scouting like no other. Troop and Pack leaders came from all districts

of the council and all geographic areas of Mecklenburg County to be part of Scouting's highest level of adult training and skill development.

Participants learned advanced leadership skills such as Stages of Team Development, Project Planning, Managing Conflict, and Problem Solving, among others. All attendees who completed the course and finished their Wood Badge training create a personal check list - their ticket - of activities and tasks they pledge to complete to benefit Scouting with eighteen months of completing the practical portion of the course.

Several troop 19 leaders attended the course as participants and staff. Those participants who completed the

course will be actively working their tickets over the next 18 months. Please join us in congratulating Troop 19 participants:

**Juan Lorenzo** - Bobwhite Patrol  
**Steve Moore** - Eagle Patrol

Serving on staff and helping to make Wood Badge Course SR 1015 a great experience for all participants were:

**ASM Craig Orr**  
**ASM Dan Hardesty**  
**Wesley King**  
**Sam Orr**

Thanks to all staff and good luck to all participants as you work your ticket.



## Eagle Update



Troop 19 welcomes three new Eagle Scouts to the Eagle Aerie. **Phillip Michael Fredricks** completed his Eagle requirements and passed his Eagle Board of Review on April 21, 2009 becoming the troop's 74th Eagle Scout and the 61st for Scoutmaster Banks.

**Anthony Charles Pugliese** earned his Eagle award on completion of his Eagle Board of Review on June 9, 2009. Anthony has been active in both Troop 19 and Crew 19 since joining as a rising Webelos from

Pack 19. Anthony becomes Troop 19's 75th Eagle Scout and the 62nd Eagle for Scoutmaster Banks.

Troop 19 also welcomes another new Eagle Scout to the Eagle Aerie. **Daniel Sloan Tito** earned his Eagle award on completion of his Eagle Board of Review on June 30, 2009. Danny has been active in the troop and Crew 19 since joining and becomes Troop 19's 76th Eagle Scout and the 63rd Eagle for Scoutmaster Banks.

Dates for all three of the Eagle Courts of Honor will be announced and published later. Please help Troop 19 and these Scout's families in congratulating Phillip, Danny and Anthony on their outstanding accomplishments.



## Troop 19 News and Notes



### Troop Payments

Troop 19 would like to remind parents that all checks for payment of Scout fees must include the name of the Scout for whom payment is made as well as the reason for payment. We ask that you use the memo line of the check for this purpose. We have so many Scouts these days it is hard to keep all the payments straight without a little assistance. Please assist us in making sure your Scout gets proper credit for all monies.

### Troop Recognition

Troop 19 leaders and Scouts were recognized by the Mecklenburg County Council Commissioners Social on May 28. Scoutmaster **Larry Banks**, ASM **Rick Cardenas**, ASM **Michael Turner** and Scout **Taylor Turner** were recognized by Mecklenburg County Commissioner **Gary Moore** for their assistance in the food preparation at this first Commissioners Social. The Commissioners proclaimed the food to be excellent and a wonderful start to a new tradition. Great job folks.



### Memorial Day 2009

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 and to honor those who have fallen in service to our country in order that we can enjoy the blessings of Liberty. Well done Scouts!!

### Annual Service Project

Thanks to all Scouts and Leaders who assisted at the annual Service Project at Huntersville Presbyterian Church. The annual beautification and repairs project is part of our Troop's thanks to the Church for their continued support of our program. Thanks to all for their hard work and giving back to our sponsor.

### Cub Scout Day Camp

Sincere thanks are in order for several Troop 19 leaders and Scout who served on staff of the 2009 Cu Scout Day Camp. ASM **Dan Hardesty** served as

Camp Director along with **Val Hardesty**. Troop Scouts **Luke Orr**, **Anthony Lorenzo**, and **Jordan Hardesty** served on Staff as youth leaders. Thanks to all for a great job.

### Graduating Seniors

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



**Jake Augspurger** - Graduating from Hopewell High is planning on attending NC State next fall.

**Dalton Basinger** - Graduating from Hopewell High and is planning on attending UNC Charlotte next fall.

**Al McCreary** - Graduating from Hopewell and is headed to Concord University next fall.

**Phillip Fredricks** - Graduating from Hopewell and is headed to NC State this fall.

**Lance Sellie** - Graduating from Charlotte Catholic and is headed to Western Carolina.

**Kyle Smith** - Graduating from Hopewell and is headed to Chapel Hill.

We want to make special notice and congratulations to Troop 19 Eagle Scout and graduating Senior, **Al McCreary**. Al's athletic efforts at Hopewell earned him a full four year scholarship to play football at Concord University.

Congratulations Al and all our graduating Seniors.



## American Heritage Awards



The United States Heritage Award was designed to give youth recognition for learning about the heritage of the United States of America. By completing this award, participants increase their understanding of the United States and foster a greater sense of patriotism through service in local communities.

The award may be earned by any youth in the United States. A medal and patch can be awarded to each youth that successfully completes the requirements for the award. All requirements may be completed with a unit, group, family, or individually.

To earn the United States Heritage Award, Scouts must complete the following requirements:

1. Tell when the Declaration of Independence was adopted.
2. Tell when the Constitution of the United States was signed.
3. Know the first two verses of the national anthem "The Star Spangled Banner." Tell who wrote it and when.
4. Know the Pledge of Allegiance. Explain what it means.
5. The United States Flag:
  - a. Tell what the thirteen stripes represent. Please list all thirteen.
  - b. From 1795 to 1818 there was something different about the US Flag. Find out what it was and why it was changed.
  - c. Explain three proper ways of displaying

the United States flag.

- d. Tell how you show respect for the United States flag.
6. Do one of the following:
    - a. Find out what the parts of the flag are called..
    - b. Draw a picture showing the following:
      - Canton Flag Staff
      - Fly Grommet
      - Field (or Ground) Peak
      - Fly End Union
      - Hoist Truck
      - Finial Halyard

Write a short story or poem about one of the following topics :

*Why America Is Special To Me*  
*What It Means to Be An American*  
*What It Means To Be Free*  
*If I Were President.*

7. Make a list of the 50 states of the United States of America.
8. Name the current President, Vice-President, and the Speaker of the House.
9. Name the two Senators for your state and the representative for your congressional district.
10. Render a service that benefits a neighborhood or community.

Completing these requirements and earning the American Heritage Award were the following Troop 19 Scouts

**Eric Vest**  
**Troy Daniel**  
**William Byerley**  
**Stephen Shenigo**



One Troop 19 adult leader, ASM **Kenn Vest**, completed the Adult requirements and earned the American Heritage Adult Award.

Congratulations to all on their hard work and dedication.

# *Troop 19 2009 - 10*

## *Calendar*

### August 2009

Aug 1 - 6 NOAC - OA members Only  
 Aug 4 OA Registration Due Aug Ordeal  
 Aug 14 - 16 Troop Camping  
 Aug 18 Troop Boards of Review Night  
 Aug 21 - 23 Aug Ordeal OA Members Only  
 Aug 25 CMS Back to School  
 Aug 26 Schwatu Chapter Mtg - OA Members  
 Aug 30 Creek Walk - Torrence Creek

### September 2009

Sep 1 Troop Returns  
 Sep 1 OA Registration Deadline  
     Fall Fellowship  
 Sep 8 Troop Committee  
 Sep 8 Troop Elections  
 Sep 8 God & Country Program Begins  
 Sep 11 - 13 Sr Scout Camporee @ Camp Grimes  
 Sep 11 - 13 Troop Camping - Elk Trip  
 Sep 15 Troop Boards of Review Night  
 Sep 18 - 20 OA Fall Fellowship - OA Members  
 Sep 23 Schwatu Chapter Mtg - OA Members  
 Sep 26 Scouter Success Seminar -  
     Adult Leaders  
 Sep 27 MANDATORY MEETING OF  
     COUNCIL JAMBOREE  
     CONTINGENT  
 Sep 29 Patrol Leaders Council  
 Sep 29 Troop Leadership Development

### October 2009

Oct 2 - 4 Fall Fellowship Back Up Date  
     OA Members Only  
 Oct 6 Troop Returns to Class A Uniforms  
 Oct 13 Troop Committee  
 Oct 16 OA Lodge Leadership Development  
     OA Members Only  
 Oct 20 Fall Court of Honor  
 Oct 23 - 25 Troop Camping - Deep Sea Fishing  
 Oct 27 PLC/ASM Meeting Night  
 Oct 28 Schwatu Chapter Mtg - OA Members

### November 2009

Nov 7 Veterans Day Parade  
 Nov 10 Troop Committee  
 Nov 11 VETERANS DAY  
 Nov 13 - 15 Outdoor Leadership Skills  
     Adult Leaders Only

Nov 13 - 15 S.E.A.L.S. Training  
 Nov 17 OA Registration Due Annual Banquet  
 Nov 17 Troop Boards of Review  
 Nov 21 Day Hike w/Webelos II - Greensboro  
 Nov 24 NO TROOP MEETING  
 Nov 26 THANKSGIVING  
 Nov 26 Thanksgiving Parade  
 Nov 25 Schwatu Chapter Mtg - OA Members

### December 2009

Dec 1 Service Project @ The Oaks  
 Dec 1 Last Troop Meeting of 2009  
 Dec 1 Summer Camp Down Payment Due  
 Dec 3 Hornets Nest District Annual  
     Banquet  
 Dec 4 OA Annual Banquet  
     OA Members Only  
 Dec 5 Davidson Christmas Parade  
 Dec 8 Troop Committee  
 Dec 12 Merit Badge Workshop  
 Dec 12 Puppy First Aid Training  
 Dec 21 - CMS Christmas Break  
     Jan 4

### January 2010

Jan 5 Troop Returns  
 Jan 5 OA Elections  
 Jan 5 Recharter Due  
 Jan 5 Klondike Derby Training Begins  
 Jan 5 CPR Training Begins  
 Jan 9 Winter Skills Training - Adult Leaders  
 Jan 9 Pow Wow  
 Jan 12 Troop Committee  
 Jan 19 Troop Boards of Review  
 Jan 22 - 24 Troop Camping - Camp Barstow  
 Jan 27 Schwatu Chapter Mtg - OA Members





## *Top Gun Staff*

*Top Gun is Mecklenburg County Council's name for the National Youth Leadership Training they offer for young Scouts who will become the next troop leaders. Troop 19 Senior Scout Justin Austenfeld served on Staff at this year's Top Gun Training and writes of his experiences.*

Last year, I went through a course called Top Gun. It is a nationally certified training for scouts who show quality leadership skills in their troop functions. They teach the participants skills that they can use to improve their patrol and troop. The trip is backpacking oriented, and participants cook, sleep, and travel in a backpacking-type manner.

This year, I had the privilege of being on staff for the course. This is where previous participants come back and teach the course to new participants. I had done the same thing with another Boy Scout training called

S.E.A.L.S., so I thought I knew what to expect. I soon found that this was way different. The first was that we were in different conditions than the participants. We were allowed to have electronics, we slept in the Hornets' Nest lodge, and we ate in the dining hall. I soon found out that these luxuries would come with a price. I soon found that sleep was hard to find. On average, we got about 4-5 hours of sleep while the participants were there. The other 19-20 hours of the day were spent teaching and evaluating the participants. Despite this, we still found enough energy to teach the participants what they need to know.

Top Gun and Top Gun Staff are great experiences. If you get an offer to go, I encourage you to accept the invitation. If you are interested, take an active role as a leader in the troop, whether it is a leadership position or just helping as a patrol member. If you are selected to go, you may even see me or another member of the troop on staff.



## *Beaver Days 2009 In Pictures*



# Scouting Centennial

## Boy Scouts of America Historical Highlights

### 1930

The Cub Scout Program is formally launched. There are 5,102 Cub Scouts at the end of 1930.



### 1931

The first Silver Beaver awards are presented for distinguished service to Boyhood within a Council.

### 1933

President Franklin D. Roosevelt becomes honorary president, and former President Herbert Hoover becomes honorary vice president.

The Mortimer L. Schiff Scout Reservation is formally opened and dedicated.

### 1934

In response to the request of President Roosevelt in a radio address delivered February 10, Boy Scouts perform a nationwide Good Turn, collecting 1,812,284 items of clothing, household furnishings, foodstuffs, and supplies for the distressed and needy.

The Order of the Arrow becomes an approved part of the Scouting Program.

### 1935

The entire Scout Membership celebrates the Silver Jubilee of Scouting.

Membership in the Boy Scouts of America passes the 1 million mark.

Boys' Life marks its 25th anniversary in March. The 5-millionth copy of the Handbook for Boys is published.

The proposed national jamboree is canceled because of an infantile paraly-

sis epidemic.

### 1937

The First National Jamboree is held in Washington from June 30 to July 9, at

the invitation of President Roosevelt, with an attendance of 27,232.

### 1938

Waite Phillips donates Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp (later to become Philmont Scout Ranch--see 1941) consisting of 35,857 acres of land on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains, near Cimarron, New Mexico.

### 1939

Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp opens for advanced Scout camping.

### 1941

With the declaration of war, the government requests Boy Scout service for the distribution of defense bonds and stamp posters; collection of aluminum and wastepaper; defense housing surveys; victory gardens; distribution of air-raid posters; cooperation with the American Red Cross; and, by joint agreement with the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, services in three capacities--messengers, assisting emergency medical units, and firewatchers.

Waite Phillips makes another large gift--land, residence and ranch buildings, livestock, operating ranch equipment--contiguous to Philturn Rockymountain Scoutcamp, bringing total acreage to more than 127,000 acres. The area is renamed Philmont Scout Ranch.

### 1942

Scouts continue in war service. Twenty-eight projects are re-

quested by the government, including the collection of 30 million pounds of rubber in a two-week drive; all-out salvage based on the government-issued pamphlet Scrap and How Scouts Collect It; distribution of pledge cards for war bonds and savings stamps; victory gardens; work on farms and in harvest camps; and government dispatch bearers.

### 1943

Scouts render war service at the request of the government in four general classifications: collections--aid in salvage drives; distribution, as official dispatch bearers for government pamphlets and posters; production; and conservation.

The first Silver Antelope awards are presented for distinguished service to Youth within a region.

Long trousers and the Scout cap become part of the official uniform.

### 1945

The total Boy Scout war service includes 69 requests from the government during 1941 through 1945.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower's outstanding Wastepaper Campaign culminates in the General Eisenhower Award; a gold medal is presented to him in December by the Boy Scouts of America in appreciation. Other service includes collections in many communities, distribution of circulars on conservation projects, and the Green Thumb Program.

Twenty thousand Scouts earn the General Douglas MacArthur Medal for growing food.





*The following story was written by another Cobra patrol member, Anthony Lorenzo, about his trip to South Mountain this May.*

By Anthony Lorenzo

### Friday, May 15

First out, we left the church to go to South Mountain. The bus ride was okay, especially because I was sweating because of the tight squeeze. Finally we got to the mountain. We unloaded our items from the trailer and started hiking for about one mile. In my opinion, the hike up was not so fun, but if you have joy you can do everything. Almost everyone had to carry up about 20 to 40 pounds.

When we got to the camping area it was around 9:00 p.m. and almost pitch black. While my tent partner and I were setting up our tent, it started to rain lightly. That made it harder to set up. The rain so hard after a while that we had to get some of the older scouts to help us set it up. We finally got it set up and now it's time to go to sleep.

### Saturday, May 16

When we woke, we got dressed and headed to the breakfast table. Our patrol had no food so we had to eat Honey Buns. After our breakfast, we headed to first aid. The patrols learned about simple cuts and scrapes, blisters, minor burns and scalds, bites, snakebites, nosebleeds, frostbite and sunburn.

After that we went with Mr. Orr and Mr. Vice to go observe trees and plants. Some of the trees & plants we found were red or white oak, ferns and

some other plants. We also learned about all three poisonous plants, poison ivy, poison oak, and poison sumac.

Then, we headed back to camp to get are packs and our lunch. The patrols lined up and headed out to go to the waterfall. When we hiked about 1 mile we got to a slanted slope of metamorphic rock. We climbed up until we got to a place that was safe to take a picture. While everyone was getting down off the rock, Miles slid down and stumbled a little. Luckily he didn't get hurt. Then we got are packs and headed just below the waterfall. We got a little free time to play on the rocks. Then we walked up to the top of the waterfall. Time for lunch!

After we ate our lunch, we hiked another 3 ½ miles. It was an exhausting hike but everyone survived it. After that, we had a lot of time to play in the river near the camp. Then we did our Scoutmaster conference for our

## *Puppy Trip to South Mountain*

Tenderfoot rank. Everyone in the camp got their Tenderfoot except the leaders and senior scouts..

Time for dinner! We had Hamburger and Spaghetti. When everyone was done, we went to the fire pit to do some skits. The Cobras skit was called The Bikers, and the Vikings were Igor. The Cobras won the contest so we got to eat the apple pie. After that, everyone went to sleep cause of the harsh day.

### Sunday, May 17

Today was the day we packed up and headed out. That's exactly what we did - we did our prayer, we packed up and headed out. We got on the bus to head back to the church. We're back at church and now it's time to say goodbye to our friends. Until the next troop meeting!!



# Camp Grimes Longhunter Program

*By Stephen Shenigo*

*Troop 19 Scout Stephen Shenigo writes of his experiences during the Long Hunter Course offered at Camp Grimes during Summer Camp.*

I had a lot of fun at this year’s summer camp. I participated in the Longhunter program, which is where you live like a frontiersman for the week. I would recommend this program to any Scout who is even mildly interested in the Frontier area.

The whole program started on Monday after breakfast. We went up to the Frontier area and there were a total of eight of us including Mr. Summers and our instructor, Eric.

The first day we made a “possibles” bag which is a leather bag that a longhunter would carry anything he would possibly need on his trek. We also cut down a tulip poplar and used sections of it to make bowls. We cooked our own dinners and breakfasts which were much better than the camp’s food.

On Tuesday, we worked on our wooden bowls and shot longbows and black powder rifles (Longhunter is the only place you can do that in camp). Tuesday night Mr. Hartje cooked us a feast that include pork chops, corn on the cob, baked beans and apple pie. Even with

all that food in us, we found time after dinner to head down to the blacksmith shop and practice a few skills Mr. Hartje taught us.

The next day we worked on our fire making skills with flint and steel and fire by friction. Though both ways to make fire work, they are pretty tough to do. Afterwards, we threw tomahawks and found edible plants such as green briar.

Thursday was a very challenging day with it’s focus on trapping skills. We went down to Lake Albert and learned to make and set animal traps (but we were not allow to catch anything), the uses of different plants, and how to make natural fishing flies.

On Friday, we finished the week by whitewater canoeing on the Green River which was more difficult to navigate in a canoe.

Again, I would recommend this program to anyone who meets the requirements to take it. I earned two merit badges (Cooking and Woodcarving) and I received partial credit for Wilderness Survival and Nature (among others) during the week. More importantly, you will have a lot of fun.



# Troop 19 Vigils

Troop 19 is proud to recognize three of our members who have been honored as Vigil candidates for Catawba Lodge. **Kevin, Wesley and Nicholas King** were all recognized by the lodge for their outstanding dedication to service and the ideals of Scouting. As candidates, the Kings will all attend the Vigil Ordeal at the Fall fellowship in September.

Please join us in congratulating the King family on their outstanding achievement and devotion to service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.





# OA News and Notes

## Beaver Weekend & Ordeal

Beaver Weekend was held May 15 - 17 to prepare Camp Grimes for the start of Summer Camp. Troop 19 Scouts did a great job helping place tents and cleaning camp sites. The Troop spent much of the weekend getting the Troop shelter ready, putting the benches in place and putting up the flag poles and protective gravel in front of the shelter. A lot of work has gone into our shelter over the last year. Special thanks to all the leaders and Scouts who assisted in getting everything ready for Troop 19 Summer camp.

During June Ordeal weekend, four of our Scouts completed their ordeal for the Order of the Arrow and join Catawba Lodge as Troop 19 newest Arrowmen. Congratulations to:

- Evan Napier**
- Eric Vest**
- Brock Wesolek**
- Jonathan Pugliese**



ing and dance teams to watch. This year's Troop 19 sent 10 attendees. Attending Dixie for the Troop were:

Three Troop 19 Scouts also sealed their membership to the Order of the Arrow and Catawba Lodge by completing their Brotherhood requirements during the June ordeal weekend. Completing their Brotherhood tasks were:

- Will Cable**
- Ben Cable**
- Jack Buffum**

Please join Troop 19 in congratulating these Scouts on their achievements and dedication to ideals of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.

## Dixie 2009

The 2009 Dixie Fellowship was April 24 - 26 at Camp Bud Schiele near Rutherford, NC. Activities included fire building, a 5k run, tug-o-war, and of course, the totem pole carv-



- Wesley King**
- Dalton Basinger**
- Jack Buffum**
- Sam Orr**
- Stephen Shenigo**
- Kyle Smith**
- ASM Kevin King**
- ASM Brad Vice**
- ASM Craig Orr**
- SM Larry Banks**



## *Top Gun Candidate*

### *Sam Orr*

*Troop 19 Life Scout Sam Orr participated in the recent NYLT/Top Gun Course at Camp Grimes. Sam writes of this experiences at Top Gun.*

I would first like to thank the Troop for paying for me to participate in the "Top Gun" leadership course. I have returned more knowledgeable and intend to use my skills to better our troop in whatever way I can.

When I first arrived at Camp Grimes for Top Gun, I went through the standard registration process and after that was completed, I proceeded to the Outdoor Training Center (OTC) which is where we spent most of our time during the week. The OTC was a temporary building constructed in Hornets Nest campsite at Camp Grimes. Here was where all PowerPoints were to be presented. These presentations taught the major topics if the course such as Patrol Method, Team Development, Communicating Well, the Leading EDGE, the Teaching EDGE, and a few more. After our presentations on day 1, we hiked a short ways to where we would spend the night.

We were supplied with the gear we would need in our campsites and were expected to cook dinner and make breakfast. After breakfast, we headed to assembly that started at a prompt 8:00 AM. The Patrols that arrived late were usually forced to dance or sing a song with some humiliating twists. We also cooked lunch during the day between presentations. We played games and

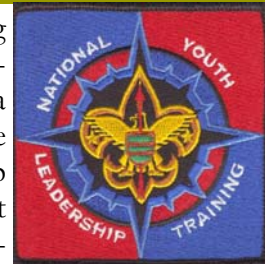
completed a lot of team building exercises. Each day we were required to pack up and move to a new campsite. This became quite the task since it rained non-stop from Monday to Thursday - except for a few hours here and there. After we reached our new destination we would return to the OTC for a nightly event like movie night or game night, sometimes we might just eat a lot.

Thursday we completed our outpost hike which consisted of about three miles more or less. It was basically back trails from the pine forest to the OTC in Hornets Nest. That night we slept really hard and prepared for a rewarding Friday.

Friday, as patrols, we chose to participate in either horseback riding, mountain biking, white water rafting, or a high ropes course. Four patrols chose the high ropes course, and two chose to whitewater raft. My patrol selected the high ropes course. As a patrol, we completed two challenging high ropes. To do the course we had to travel four hours to a camp on the border with Tennessee. It was a fun get away but took quite a while.

We returned to Camp Grimes on Saturday and that's when we got to see our parents for the first time in a week. We all gathered together for Top Gun Graduation where we received our certificates for the completion of the course that evening.

The experience of Top Gun was one-of-a-kind, I recommend it for all young leaders of Troop 19.



## *Troop 19 Eagle Update*

Troop 19 is proud to recognize one of our Eagle Scouts for completion of Officers Candidate School for the US Navy. Eagle Scout **Robert T. Council** ('00), son of Bob and Susan Council completed his training in OCS on June 26 was awarded the rank of Ensign.

Robert is a graduate of North Mecklenburg High, UNCC and became an Eagle for Troop 19 on June 21, 2000. Robert was recognized by the Troop as Scout of the Year in 1994 and had served as Troop 19's Senior Patrol Leaders in 1999.

Please join us in congratulating Robert on his recent success.



**Ensign Robert T. Council & Dad Bob.**



## *Top Gun Candidate Teddy Jahns*

*Troop 19 Scout Teddy Jahns attended Top Gun this summer. Top Gun is Mecklenburg County Council's name for the National Youth Leadership Training they offer for young Scouts who will become the next troop leaders. Teddy writes of his experiences during the week long Top Gun training course.*

Top Gun or NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is a week long Scout program in the deep woods of Camp Grimes.

**Monday** - At 12:00 noon, Sam Orr and I registered and were assigned our patrol and troop colors. I was in the Blue patrol, aka the Blueberries. We were told to tie a monkey's fist to attach to our belt for the week while we waited for others to register. After an hour, the skies opened up and it poured rain for three hours. This weather would be the norm for the first four days. While it rained, we watched leadership training videos. Using a GPS, we hiked to and found our campsite for the night. We then set out for the opening campfire only to find that it had been cancelled due to the weather.

**Tuesday** - Our patrol was late for the opening flag ceremony since we didn't know each other well and didn't work well together yet. We were awarded "**Chuck the Duck**". This is an award for the patrol that does a chivalrous deed. We had picked up trash without being asked. The rest of the day included making a taco lunch, a pioneering competition, and a model troop meeting. The cooking part went well, but a patrol member ended up wearing most of our lunch. In fact, since we wore our class A's all week, we saw that meal daily. Our pioneering project - a bridge - took forever to build and snapped quickly under our troop guide's weight. We watched the movie *Apollo 13* in the covered outdoor training center in another downpour.

**Wednesday** - We learned acronyms such as EDGE and EAR that are useful in leadership situations. We played games that required using the GPS.

That night we competed in a teamwork exercise that involved Legos, and a first-aid challenge. Thanks to the leaders, we had homemade ice cream that night.

**Thursday** - We arose in the poison ivy covered pine forest. We hiked to the Nichols Shelter to see more presentations and learn more leadership skills. We played a game of Geocache with the GPS. Pasta again for dinner. That

night, we had a long hike to the coordinates of our new campsite, which ended up being right next to where we camped the first night.

**Friday** - We got packed up for our outpost camp in Tennessee. We had chosen high ropes as our activity. We messed around until the bus arrived. The bus was the first air conditioning we felt all week. The ride was wonderful. We climbed and bought candy at the trading post. We rode the bus back to Grimes on Saturday, finished our training, ate a good meal, and graduated in a closing campfire.

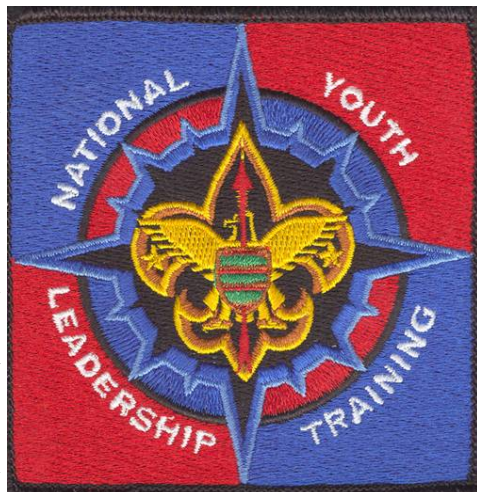
The purpose of Top Gun was to teach us the skills and give us the tools to lead a BSA troop successfully. We learned about planning, making good decisions, conflict resolution, and that it's always good to bring rain gear.

I would like to sincerely thank the troop, Mr. Banks, and the troop committee for sending me on this training. Thank you also to Michael Turner, Tim Nye and Justin Austenfeld, who served on staff. I look forward to using the skills and tools in leadership positions in Troop 19 as well as in my life.

Troop 19 would like to recognize and thank the following Scouts and leaders who participated in Top Gun/NYLT as staff members:

**Michael Turner  
Tim Nye  
Justin Austenfeld**

Thanks for making Top Gun an awesome experience for the Scouts of Mecklenburg County.



# OA High Adventure



*A letter from OA High Adventure Coordinator Ryan Braddy encouraging all OA members interested in an adventure filled summer*

*program to explore the High Adventure website and consider attending one of these opportunities in summer 2010.*

Fellow Arrowmen,

I am pleased to announce that the 2010 applications for OA Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage, and OAWV: Canadian Odyssey, have been posted to the high adventure website, [www.adventure.oa-bsa.org](http://www.adventure.oa-bsa.org) (<http://www.adventure.oa-bsa.org>).

There will be 9 sessions of each pro-

gram, including the new Canadian Odyssey Voyage, running from early June through mid-August. The OA Ocean Adventure program is currently being revised to give Arrowmen the opportunity to leave an even greater impact on the areas Sea Base serves, at a lower cost to the participants. Details about the program, as well as the application, will be available later this summer.

Each year the OA's High Adventure programs continue to grow in popularity and have been filled to capacity for four straight years. As such we encourage Arrowmen to apply as soon as possible. For more program information including promotional flyers, videos, participant testimonials, newsletter articles, scholarship form templates, website banners, training syllabi and more, visit the resources section of our website.

Many of you on this list serve in leadership capacities within your lodge and section. I hope that I can



count on all of you to help spread the news about our 2010 application release by putting articles in your lodge & section newsletters, posting the information and applications on your websites, sending an email to your lodge distribution lists and using the promotional resources our team provides at all your OA functions. We promote OA High Adventure so vigorously because we firmly believe that the experiences of our participants can be life changing and inspiring. Thanks for all you do.

In WWW,  
Ryan Braddy  
OA High Adventure Promotions

# Northern Tier OA High Adventure

This summer, Troop 19 Life Scout **Chris Zaino** attended the OA High Adventure program at the Northern Tier base in Ely, Minnesota.

The Northern Tier program is an Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage program that is an experience like no other. For two weeks, Scouts join together with Arrowmen from around the country and experience all that the Boundary Waters Canoe

Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota has to offer. The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Boundary Waters through portage trail restoration work. Participants have the opportunity to leave their mark on the Boundary Waters that will enable millions of visitors each year to better enjoy their experience. Trail work involved restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need of repair.

The second part of the program is a

trek planned by the crew. From the 8-1/2 mile "Grand Portage" leading to Lake Superior, to the Height of Land, even the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the Boundary Waters.





# United Way

# LIVE UNITED



As many of you have heard, the United Way of Central Carolina has cut funding to the Boys Scouts by 60%. The loss of funding will impact many programs the council offers to the Scouts in our council.

If you give to United Way or your company participates in the United Way funding drives, it is still possible to send funds to the Scouting programs. United Way Donation cards allow donors to designate where funds are to be allocated, allowing those choosing to send donations to the Boys Scouts to have their donation sent specifically to the groups the donors wish to support.

We ask that if you can assist with this funding shortfall

that you consider sending your donations to the Boy Scouts through the United Way or the Friends of Scouting Programs.

In times like these, we ask that anyone able to offer added assistance - even an extra \$20.00 is welcome - we thank you for any consideration.

# Boy Scouts 100th Anniversary Celebration



2010 is the year the Boy Scouts of America celebrates our 100th Anniversary since its founding. The Boy Scouts were founded in the United States on February 8, 1910. Later this year, we begin an entire series of special events to celebrate the 100th Anniversary culminating in the National Jamboree in July and August 2010.

To help Troop 19 prepare for the anniversary, we are pleased to announce that ASM **Juan Lorenzo** has agreed to serve as the Centennial Celebration Coordinator. Mr. Lorenzo has many activities under plan and will be announcing the details to these activities soon. The new Troop calendar for 2009 - 10 will list these special events as well. You can identify the centennial events by the Centennial Logo like the one in this article on the calendar dates.

If you have any questions or have time available to assist in planning and coordinating these events, please contact ASM Lorenzo and get the details on how to help.

Below is the current list of Centennial Activities:

- Nov 7                      Veterans Day Parade
- Nov 26                    Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Dec 5                      Davidson Christmas Parade
- Feb 6                      Boy Scouts 100th Anniversary
- Apr 16 - 18              BSA Camping & Outdoor Exposition
- May 31                    Memorial Day Birkdale Service Project

## 2010 Centennial Jamboree

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE  
CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

Mecklenburg County Council has just announced that they have been granted a fifth troop as part of the council's contingent headed to the Jamboree. The new troop allotment allows a few more openings for those who still want to go to this once in a lifetime experience.

The cost for the Jamboree is \$1,350 and includes travel to the jamboree site, meals during the jamboree and group gear. This event will be spectacular as the Boy

Scouts enter their second century of existence.

If your son is interested in attending please check out the council jamboree site at:

[www.mcchighadventure.org/jamboree](http://www.mcchighadventure.org/jamboree)

for more details and contact Scoutmaster **Larry Banks**, ASM **Tanya Hartje** or ASM **Craig Orr** for participation details and available slots.



## "100 for 100"

**Get your brick in our new celebrating 100  
years centennial walkway!**

**Preserving Scouting for another 100 years**

**"100 for 100"**

Our goal is to secure 100 James E. West Fellows to help preserve Scouting for another 100 years. In 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will reach an incredible milestone – its 100 year anniversary of providing lifetime values to young people. In celebration of this great honor, the Mecklenburg County Council would like to share with you the opportunity to join the James E. West Fellowship.

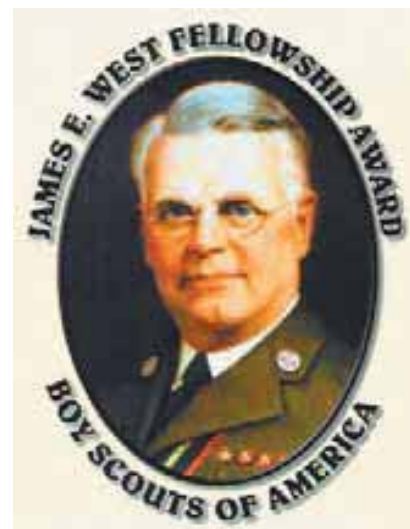
With a gift of \$1,000 or more to the to the council's endowment fund you will receive your brick along with a framed certificate, pin & knot.

Gifts may be made in honor of a special accomplishment such as attaining Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver recipient, a retirement, an anniversary or in

memory of a special individual.

The council's endowment fund is professionally managed by Bank of America and Wachovia and overseen by our council's endowment committee. The Mecklenburg County Council uses approximately 5% of the 12 quarter rolling average from the fund for its annual operating budget.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of preserving Scouting's future for another 100 years. Contact Tony Morton for more information at [tony.morton@scouting.org](mailto:tony.morton@scouting.org)





## *Summer Camp Attendees 2009*

### Scouts

#### SPL **Jahns, Miles**

Almond, Trent  
 Austenfeld, Justin  
 Baylor, Blaine  
 Buffum Jack  
 Butner, Thomas  
 Cable, Ben  
 Cable, Will  
 Dahlem, Matt  
 Daniel, Troy  
 Decker, Ben  
 Dixon, Garrett  
 Fox, Dylan  
 Fox, Hayden  
 Froehlich, Lucas  
 Gary, Hayden  
 Green, Harrison  
 Hardesty, Jordan  
 Harris-Pitton Kristopher  
 Jahns, Luke  
 Jahns, Teddy  
 James, George  
 James, Lucas  
 Key, Tyler  
 King, Alex  
 King, Wesley  
 Lorenzo, Anthony  
 McDonnell, Bradley  
 McDonnell, Jesse  
 Mikuleza, Matthew  
 Moore, Cy  
 Mounts, John

Napier, Evan  
 Nye, Tim  
 Orr, Sam  
 Orr, Luke  
 Pugliese, Jonathon  
 Rawlins, Michael  
 Ruggles, Brendan  
 Scheck, Dylan  
 Sellie, Dillon  
 Sellie, Lance  
 Shaner, Zachary  
 Smith, Christian  
 Smith, Wesley  
 Spencer, Jeff  
 Spencer, Jonathan  
 Stasky, Luke  
 Stephen Shenigo  
 Stephenson, Thomas  
 Stephenson, William  
 Summers, Cameron  
 Summers, Clarke  
 Summers, Kyle  
 Thomas, Kevin  
 Turner, Taylor  
 Vest, Eric  
 Ward, Lee  
 Weiss, Jonathan  
 Wesolek, Brock  
 Woody, Trey  
 Young, Connor  
 Zanzot, Nicholas

### Scoutmasters

Larry Banks  
 Dave McDonnell  
 Craig Orr  
 Brendon Almond  
 Bruce James  
 Juan Lorenzo  
 Ken Key  
 Dave Ruggles  
 Ken Jahns  
 Cliff Summers  
 Michael Turner  
 Don Almond  
 Norris Woody



### Spirits of the Lost Voices

Special mention needs to be made for the Puppies of Troop 19 attending their first Summer Camp. ASMs **Ken Key** and **Juan Lorenzo** noted that all the Puppies gave 100% towards Troop Spirit and Enthusiasm. However, three Puppies were especially boisterous and bellowed the most of all during the 5 mile hike. For their extra efforts, Troop 19 wants to recognize **Matthew Dahlem**, **William Stephenson** and **Jordan Hardesty** and to cite them as the winners of the “*SPIRIT of the LOST VOICES*” award for losing their voices while showing and yelling out their Troop Spirit. Well done Scouts and well done Puppies!!

# Camp Grimes 2009

## Summer Camp Awards & Recognitions

### HONOR UNIT

OA BROTHERHOOD  
TEDDY JAHNS

SCOUTS OF THE WEEK  
JESSE MCDONALD  
TROY DANIELS

MERIT BADGES EARNED:  
152 BADGES

MILE SWIM  
EVAN NAPIER  
LUKE JAHNS  
ZACK SHANNER  
JOHN MOUNTS

SUMMER CAMP STAFF  
KYLE SMITH - CAMP CHIEF  
MIKE HARTJE



### POLAR BEAR

KRIS HARRIS-PITTON  
WILLIAM STEPHENSON  
MATTHEW MIKULEZA  
NICHOLAS ZANZOT  
JARED SUMMERS  
JOHN SPENCER  
JEFF SPENCER  
ANTHONY LORENZO  
TYLER KEY  
STEPHEN HILL  
MATTHEW DAHLEM  
DYLAN FOX  
BEN DECKER  
JORDAN HARDESTY  
LUCAS JAMES  
ALEX KING  
ASM KEN KEY  
ASM JUAN LORENZO



Summer Camp was another outstanding event this year. The spirit of the troop was extraordinary and the Scouts showed superior spirit and enthusiasm the entire week.

SUMMER CAMP SPECIAL THANKS:  
Thanks to those serving on Camp Staff for the service and hard work.

Thanks to ASM Dave McDonnell for planning and coordinating the Summer Camp for the Troop.

ASM Chris Sokely for coming to camp and helping to set up for Movie Night on Thursday.

Thanks to Garrett and Bob Dixon for their outstanding carpentry in building the Trojan Horse & Campsite Gateway (left) for Summer Camp.

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



## *SPL Letter*

### *Summer Camp 2009*



*Troop 19 Senior Patrol Leader, Miles Jahns, did an outstanding job leading the troop through an exciting and fun week of camp. SPL Jahns writes of his experiences as SPL during camp.*

After an exciting week of swimming, lifesaving, cycling, climbing, shooting, fishing, and sleeping in spider-infested tents, it's good to be home. Summer camp was a lot of fun this year. Not only was it a great time but most Scouts earned several merit badges or participated in other programs such as Long Hunter or Extreme Grimes.

Our theme of the week was 300 or Sparta. The gateway into our campsite was a 15-foot tall Trojan horse built by Mr. Dixon. Our campsite's new shelter is spectacular and gave the Scoutmasters a great place to lounge when they weren't carrying out important tasks. The campsite tents had been rearranged and frames upgraded during Beaver Weekend. We spread mulch around the areas of dirt during the week. We also set up two permanent gazebos that Mr. Banks and Mr. Turner got donated to the troop. I'm not saying it's a resort, but it is more comfortable than it was when I started going to summer camp

I thought we showed good spirit during the week. We finished second to troop 70, our friendly rivals for the spirit stick, and we're fine with that. They're a great troop too. I think we push each other to be better. **Trent Almond** and **Wesley King** did a great job in that area. There were a couple cases of homesickness in the first couple days. **Troy Daniel** and **Jesse McDonnell**, who were co-recipients of the Scout of the Week award really helped Scouts that were upset or just needed to be encouraged. **Jonathan Weiss**, who didn't need any more merit badges for Eagle, did a lot of heavy work around the campsite all week. **Tyler Key** seemed to be leading the puppies in spirit, and all the puppies seemed

adapt well to how Troop 19 does summer camp. Mr. Key and Mr. Lorenzo seemed to enjoy the week leading the puppies in the Trailblazer program.



The highlight of the week was the closing campfire. We wheeled our Trojan horse into the campfire ring area with our swords and shields and togas. Everyone's jaws dropped in awe. We always try to impress, and this year was no exception.

I had a great time being this year's SPL. I would like to thank all the leaders who make summer camp possible: Mr. Banks, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Ruggles, Mr. Summers, Mr. Jahns, Mr. Key, Mr. Lorenzo, Mr. Almond, and Mr. Orr. I feel like I've been in a management training class and I appreciate Mr. McDonnell's advice and mentoring throughout the week. As usual, Troop 19 and Mr. Turner and Mr. Ruggles fed us and the camp staff on Friday night. I would also like to thank my fellow Scouts for all their good work and cooperation during the week. I hope everyone has a great summer and I'll see you in August if not sooner.



# *Summer Camp 2009*

## *In Pictures*



### **TROOP 19 SUMMER CAMP 2009**

**SCOUTS:** Thomas Butner, William Cable, Troy Daniel, Garrett Dixon, Matthew Fox, Lucas Froehlich, Hayden Gary, Harrison Green, Teddy Jahns, Luke Jahns, George James, Wesley King, Trent Almond, Justin Austenfeld, Blaine Baylor, Jack Buffum, Bradley McDonnell, Jonathan Pugliese, Michael Rawlins, Brendan Ruggles, Dylan Scheck, Zachary Shaner, Stephen Shenigo, Christian Smith, Wesley Smith, Luke Stasky, Kyle Summers, Cameron Summers, Kevin Thomas, Taylor Turner, Jeffrey Spencer, Lee Ward, Brock Wesolek, Eric Vest, Benjamin Decker, Dylan Fox, Jordan Hardesty, Kristopher Clinton, Harris Pitton, Lucas James, Tyler Key, Alexander King, Anthony-Lorenzo, Matthew Mikuleza, Thomas Stephenson, William Stephenson, Clarke Summers, Nicholas Zanzot, Matthew Dablem, Jesse McDonnell, Cy Moore, Austin Morris, John Mounts, Evan Napier, Timothy Nye, Samuel Orr, Lucas Orr, Norris Woody, Connor Young, Johnathan-Spencer, Stephen Hill, Lance Sellie, Dillon Sellie, Johnathan Weiss

**Larry Banks, SCOUTMASTER**  
**Miles Jahns, SPL**

**LEADERS:** David McDonnell, Craig Orr, Brendon Almond, Cory Gudger, Juan Lorenzo, Ken Key, Dave Ruggles, Ken Jahns, Cliff Summers, Michael Turner, Don Almond, Norris Woody

**STAFF:** Michael Hartje, Kyle Smith



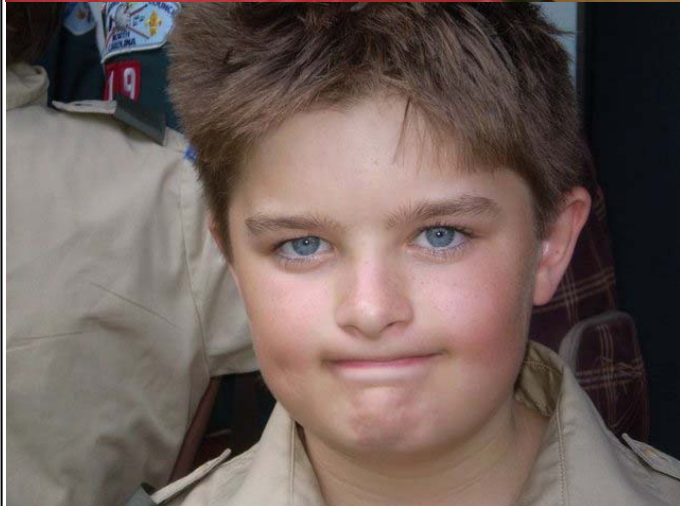
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