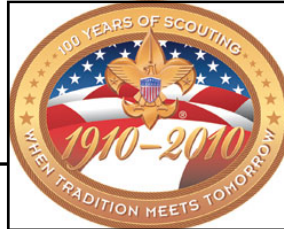


CREW 19



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Beaver Tales**



TROOP 19



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Dear Troop 19 Family:

Another Scouting year has taken off to a great start. Welcome to the new Puppies and their families. I am glad you are now part of the Troop 19 family. Your sons will have a great time.

We want to make sure that everyone stays involved with the Troop. We welcome our new Assistant Scoutmasters joining us with the sons out of Pack 19. We still need parents to help out and join the many committees that help the Troop. If any parents want to help out, please see Troop Committee Chair **John Capets** or myself.

Summer camp is around the corner. We'll be headed to camp on June 21. Please be sure your son gets his money in by April 30 so that he can join us. Also, Scouts headed

to camp need to

sign up for Merit Badges with Assistant Scoutmaster **Dave McDonnell** as soon as possible so that your son can get in the Merit Badge classes he wants.

I want to also recognize Assistant Scoutmaster **Pat Levesque**. Pat has long been a dedicated Scouter in Mecklenburg County. His hard work and devotion have been recognized by the council. Pat will be honored with the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor the council can offer, given to those whose efforts towards Scouting have been extraordinary. Well done, Pat. An honor and recognition well deserved.

Finally, I ask that we all keep Co Scoutmaster **Keith Cross** in your prayers as he

Banks' Bits



recovers from his illness. Your thoughts and prayers have been very welcome and have helped Keith and his family during his recuperation.

Folks, its going to another great Scout year.

Yours in Scouting,
Larry Banks
Scoutmaster Troop 19

Upcoming Events:

- Dixie Fellowship**
April 24 - 26
- Beaver Festival**
May Ordeal
May 15 - 17
- Ice Cream Social & Songfest**
May 19
- June Ordeal**
June 5 - 7
- Summer Camp**
June 21 - 27

Troop 19 Camp Grimes Shelter Update

The Troop 19 Shelter at Camp Grimes is taking shape!! The shelter is set to be complete before the start of Summer Camp 2009 and is looking great.



Webelos Crossover 2009



Troop 19 held its annual crossover ceremony with the Webelos II Scouts of Pack 19 on March 7, 2009. At the Crossover ceremony, Troop 19 welcomes the rising Webelos and their families to Troop 19. After the ceremony, the new Webelos become part of Troop 19 and become the newest puppies. The puppies are assigned to their patrols and meet their patrol leader as members of the Viking and Cobra patrols. Troop 19 welcomes all the new Webelos and their families to our family. Welcome to all! The adventure starts now!!



Cobra Patrol

Ben Decker



Matthew Dahlem
Jordan Hardesty
Tyler Key
Anthony Lorenzo
Austin Morris
Nicholas Plumb
Jeffrey Spencer
William Stephenson
Jared Summers
Cobra Patrol Leader is **Hayden Fox.**

Viking Patrol

Tyson Datson
Dylan Fox
Kristopher Harris-Pitton
Lucas James
Alex King
Matthew Mikuleza
Thomas Stephenson
Nicholas Zanzot
Viking Patrol Leader is **Eric Vest.**



Troop 19 conducted Elections for New Officers on March 10. The new officers for Troop 19 are:

March 2009 Troop Leaders

Miles Jahns	Senior Patrol Leader
Cameron Summers	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Attendance
Teddy Jahns	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Games
Taylor Turner	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Health & Safety/Quartermaster
Justin Austinfeld	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Instructors
Wesley King	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Instructors
Sam Orr	OA Representative
Luke Jahns	Chaplain Aide
Harrison Green	Chaplain Aide
Teddy Jahns	Chaplain Aide
Evan Napier	Bugler
Matt Belter	Webmaster
Hayden Fox	Patrol Leader - Cobra
Jesse McDonnell	Patrol Leader - Falcon
Luke Orr	Patrol Leader - Flaming Arrow
Eric Vest	Patrol Leader - Viking
Joshuah Mills	Patrol Leader - Warrior
Anthony Pugliese	Crew President

Troop Elections 2009



Congratulations Scouts and Crew Leaders!!

Eagle Update

Troop 19 Eagle Scout **Al McCreary** signed a National Letter of Intent to accept a four year full scholarship to play football for Concord University Lions of Athens, West Virginia. Al earned his scholarship through his outstanding play as an offensive lineman at Hopewell High School.



McCreary



Al attended a high school senior showcase hosted by Mallard Creek High School on January 19. Concord University coaches attended the showcase and were impressed by Al's strength (400 pound bench press) and intelligence (ACT score of 32). Concord coaches offered Al a scholarship at the showcase and Al formally accepted the offer on February 7. Concord is looking at Al to play center for their team in the near future. Congratulations, Al McCreary!!

Troop 19 Eagle Scout **Nick Capets** competed in the 4A NC State Swimming Championships February 13 - 15 with the North Mecklenburg High School Boys Swim Team. Nick swam on two relays and two individual events. Nick and his North Meck teammates finished first

in the 200 meter freestyle relay and earned High School All American recognition. Nick and his team mates also finished second in the 200 yard Medley Relay in an High School All American time. In his individual events, Nick finished 7th in the 50 freestyle and 10th in the 100 freestyle. The North Mecklenburg boys team went on to win the North Carolina 4A Team Championship and are the first team from the Charlotte area to win the state championship. Congratulations to Nick and the North Meck Viking swim team.

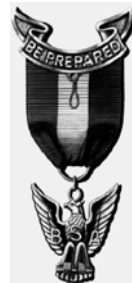


Congratulations are also in order for Troop 19 Eagle Scout **Alex Young**. Alex was recently awarded one of the \$2,500 Mabel and Lawrence S. Cooke Scholarships for 2009. The Mabel and Lawrence S. Cooke Scholarships are awarded annually. Scholarship committees are formed each year in each of the four BSA regions (Northeast, Southern, Central, and Western) to recommend recipients of these scholarships, with



the final determination made by the national NESA Scholarship Committee.

More than 5,000 NESA scholarship applications are received each year, and fewer than 100 are awarded, so the competition is stiff. NESA academic scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts graduating high school and entering college in the year for which they apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded only to those who graduate from high school in the calendar year in which scholarships are presented. Recipients may receive the scholarship one time only. Congratulations, Alex.



Finally, Troop 19 Eagle Scout, **Robert Council** (Eagle - Jun '00) has enlisted in the U S Navy. Robert will be joining the US Navy on April 5, 2009. Good luck Robert. May you always have fair winds and following seas!

Families of Troop 19 Eagles

Troop 19 would like to welcome a new member to the Troop 19 family. On February 12, 2009, **Heath Riley Schwab** was born to proud dad, Troop 19 Eagle Scout, **Jim Schwab** (Eagle Mar '98). The newest member of the Schwab family weighed in at a healthy 9 pounds 5 ounces and is doing well with his parents in Charlottesville, VA. Congratulations Jim & Heather.



Permanent Home for the National Jamboree

Below are excerpts from a press release by the Boy Scouts of America dated February 11, 2009 announcing the status of a permanent home of the National Jamboree.

As an outgrowth of an 18-month process aimed at establishing a permanent home for its iconic event, the national Scout jamboree, the Boy Scouts of America announced recently that it will enter negotiations with sites in Virginia and West Virginia to explore the vision of a National Scouting Center. The National Scouting Center will comprise three major areas of focus: the permanent home for the national Scout jamboree, a new high adventure base, and expanded opportunities for national leadership and outdoor skills training.

The vision for a National Scouting Center evolved from an intensive, highly competitive site selection process that drew 80 proposals from 28 states. The site selection process, referred to as Project Arrow, was overseen by a committee that narrowed submissions to three outstanding finalist proposals from Virginia, West Virginia, and Arkansas. After serious and thorough consideration, the BSA's National Executive Board took action to proceed with further investigation and negotiations with Virginia and West Virginia. Plans call for placement of the permanent home for the BSA's national jamboree in Goshen, Rockbridge County, Virginia, and the new high-adventure base in Fayette and Raleigh counties, West Virginia.

"This new vision of a National Scouting Center represents an incredible opportunity for the BSA, our Scouts, and the nation. In its entirety, the center will offer a new American landmark - a multipurpose, year-round destination for Scouting activities that will become the epicenter for the best that Scouting has to offer," said Jack D. Furst, chairman of the Project Arrow Committee and retired partner of the private equity firm HM Capital Partners. "It will be a dynamic place where people from all over this country and the world come together to share their common values, partake in America's best leadership programs, and challenge themselves through rigorous outdoor activities."

"Serving as the home for the Boy Scouts' National Scout Jamboree is a great honor for the commonwealth of Virginia," said Patrick O. Gottschalk, Virginia secretary of commerce and trade. "We are committed to this process and know that we have a tremendous amount to offer in the long term to this time-honored celebration and the organizational goals of the Boy Scouts."

Kelley Goes, cabinet secretary of the West Virginia Department of Commerce, says her state is eager to continue progress with the BSA. "We appreciate the Boy Scouts' recognition of what our land has to offer with its spectacular and diverse topography. There are opportunities to bring new adventure outlets to Scouts, and we look forward to continuing this discussion."

Experiential learning activities, such as the ones offered at BSA high-adventure bases and the national jamboree, are a core element to fulfilling the BSA's mission of serving America's youth with character-building opportunities. Both the jamboree and high-adventure bases reflect the skills and values of Scouting - appreciation for the outdoors, physical fitness, environmental conservation, and understanding our national heritage.

Every four years, the BSA hosts a 10-day jamboree celebration that draws more than 240,000 Scouts, volunteers, vendors, and visitors. Annually, the BSA's three existing high-adventure bases, Philmont, Northern Tier, and Florida Sea Base, serve more than 50,000 youth - with 20,000 more wait-listed. The new proposed adventure base would complement the existing three and help meet the demand for high-adventure activities with completely new programs not offered elsewhere.

Other criteria considered for a potential jamboree site were to:

- Have spectacular natural beauty
- Have water for recreational activities
- Be at least 5,000 acres and available for donation, long-term lease (100-plus years), or sale
- Be within 25 miles of an interstate or a four-lane divided highway
- Be within 150 miles of a commercial service airport with medium or large hub status
- Be in an area with adequate medical services
- Be accessible year-round via standard modes of transportation

Klondike Derby 2009 Shark Patrol

By Luke Jahns

I was the patrol leader for the Shark Patrol for this year's Klondike Derby. The Derby is a contest where we push a sled packed with Scout gear over the trails at Camp Grimes. On the trail, we stop at stations to be tested on Scout skills such as knot tying, first-aid, fire building, pioneering, lashing, and orienteering. We are judged not only on our skills, but also on our teamwork and our Scout spirit.

We went to Camp Grimes on the Scout bus Friday night and set up camp. The temperature when we got up Saturday morning was 17 degrees, and our stove was frozen. A leader from our station took the stove and warmed it up in his car. We decided to make a fire to warm ourselves. Most of the patrol helped gather wood and Ben Cable got it started. Kyle Summers, Garret Dixon and I got the stove going and started cooking our bacon and eggs for our bacon, egg, and cheese bagel. Oops, well we forgot the cheese. The leaders in our city inspected our breakfast, clean up, campsite and sled and scored us.

After that, it was time to start. Ben Cable, Kyle Summers and Garret Dixon did the most pulling with Cy Moore, TJ Butner, and George James helping as much as they could. Our first station was pioneering. The challenge was to tie certain knots for the station's instructors to judge and then to tie a timber hitch to a log and drag it to a certain area. We scored lower than we should have because not everyone knew their knots. In fact, Cy Moore was the only scout who could tie a sheet bend. Our Scout spirit was still sleepy but improved as the day went on.

Our favorite station was the waterfront. It involved knot tying again, but this time behind our backs and blindfolded. By looking at the examples in our Scout handbooks before trying, we were able to do much better. Ben and George did a great job here with everyone else doing well. The way we worked together improved as the day went on until the last station. By then everyone was tired and ready for the day to be done. We ended up where we started and played basketball until it was time to go to the dining hall to eat.

After dinner, we went to the huge campfire that Mr. Almond and some Scouts built. First, there was the Order of the Arrow call-out ceremony. Then, they started announcing the station awards. There were 28 patrols competing. We came in 10th place and we were only 8 points from first place. Other troop 19 patrols came in 5th and 1st. Congratulations to both the Flaming Arrows and the Falcons for their fine efforts. Mr. Banks doesn't care if we win as long as we work together as a patrol, but I'm pretty sure he is happy when we win or do well because we work together.

All in all, it was a fine weekend and I enjoyed being the Shark Patrol Leader.



Troop 19 News and Notes

Klondike 2009

Congratulations to Troop 19 Scouts and leaders for their efforts at the 2009 Hornets Nest Klondike Derby. It was a great Camporee. Thanks for a job well done to **Matt Fox** for serving as leader of the First Aid Village. Thanks to all the Scouts and Crew who helped on service staff. Troop 19 patrols performed very well, with a 10th Place finish by the Shark Patrol, 5th Place by the Flaming Arrow Patrol. Troop 19's Falcon Patrol was outstanding! - becoming the 2009 Klondike Derby Champions.



with out the guidance of Chip and his team and the parents and Scouts who helped man the distribution tables and sold all the tickets. Thanks too to **Michael Turner** and **Bob Dixon** and their crew for some great BBQ pig!!

Troop Barbecue Sales

Troop 19's very successful barbecue was completed with the help of many volunteers and Scouts who made the effort to make the BBQ work so well. In addition to the organizers we recognized earlier, the Troop wants to recognize **Joshuah Mills** as the top ticket salesman in the troop and the recipient of the Annual Troop 19 Barbecue Top Salesman Award - The Pig Trophy. Congratulations to Joshuah and all who made the

Scouting For Food

Troop 19 would like to extend a hearty thank you to **ASM Jamie Readies** for his help in coordinating the Scouting for Food program for Troop 19. Scouts and Leaders of Troop 19 performed outstanding service and helped collect 1,104 pounds of food in our Scouting for Food drive.



fund raiser so successful.

Summer Camp

Summer Camp is just around the corner. Troop 19 will be headed to Camp Grimes this summer. Camp dates are set for June 21 - 27, 2009. **ASM Dave McDonnell** will be in charge of organizing camp this year. The final Summer camp payment of \$200.00 is due by April 30. Please make out all checks to Troop 19.

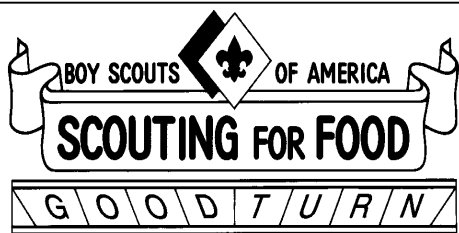
Presbyterian Award

Troop 19 has been awarded the Presbyterian Award of Excellence for the 4th year in a row. The award is given to recognize outstanding Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews that are chartered to Presbyterian congregations and have met the criteria established by the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters including having earned the Quality Unit Award of the Boy Scouts of America, participating in the Presbyterian congregation's Scout Sunday observance and providing regular worship opportunities when the Troop is away from the home congregation on Sundays for camping trips and other outings.



Service to America

Since 2004, Troop 19 Scouts and Leaders participated in the Service to America Program. This year, Troop 19, Crew 19 and leaders contributed 2,200 man hours of service to our community. Thanks to **ASM Bobby Gudger** for helping to organize Troop 19's participation in the Scouting for Food and to all the Scouts who give unselfishly to the Service to America program and our community.



Troop 19 Barbecue

Thanks to **Chip Wildman** and his committee for all their help in planning and executing our very successful 2009 Troop 19 BBQ. The BBQ was a great success and we could not have done it

Wood Badge SR 933

Troop 19 is proud to announce that **Bruce James** and **Valarie Hardesty** have become the newest Troop 19 and Pack 19 leaders to complete their Wood Badge training and receive their beads.



Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course. Designed by Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell so that Scouters could learn, in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting.

It is first and foremost, learning by doing where members of the course form patrols and a part of a troop. The entire troop lives in the out-of-doors for a week, camping, cooking their own meals, and practicing Scout skills. After the practical portion is completed, Scouters develop a series of goals to benefit their personal growth in Scouting and a series of tasks or ticket to benefit Scouting.

For his ticket, Bruce, a member of the Buffalo Patrol, completed the following tasks for his ticket;

- Planned and conducted an event for Pack 19 to camp at Kings Mountain State Park & to earn the Historic Trail Medal at Kings Mountain National Military Park.
- Prepared and updated the equipment and gear manual for Webelos crossing to Troop 19
- Prepared a Map & Compass course for all Webelos at North Mecklenburg Park. This was a two hour event attended by 22 Scouts and 7 leaders. All Scouts earned their Map & Compass belt loop as well as other requirements for rank.
- Established a hiking plan and conducted a 1.5 mile hiking trip and conservation project for all Webelos at Latta Plantation Park. This hike and project satisfied various Webelos requirements and qualified five Webelos II for the World Conservation Award.
- Updated the Webelos Transition Manual and coordinated the crossover for the Pack including assembly

of the Webelos Shadow Boxes and Arrows

In completing her ticket, Valarie, a member of Fox Patrol, completed the following ticket items:

- Created a Pack newsletter for distribution to the Pack 19 family. A twice monthly publication to communicate upcoming events and reminders to help increase Pack member participation (adults and Cubs) by 25%.
- Created an Information Packet for new Scouts and their families to use upon joining the Pack. The packet included such pertinent information as Pack leader contact information, parent involvement opportunities, uniforming, upcoming events and activities for the Pack
- Served as Pow Wow Chief for the January 2009 Cub Scout Pow Wow. As Chief and coordinator, Valarie increased the number of course offerings so that the Pow Wow could increase participation by at least 10%.



- As incoming Pack Trainer for Pack 19, Valarie took over the record keeping of the training needs and updates. She created a means to track training records for Pack leaders, identifying additional needs, supplemental training opportunities and information so that the Pack 19 leaders could confirm that they were all 100% trained-to-position.

- Coordinated local CPR/Fist Aid training for members of Pack 19, Troop 19 and

Huntersville Presbyterian Church in order to make sure all leaders and interested adults are certified in these basic life-saving techniques.

Valarie and Bruce received their Wood Badge Beads at the Pack 19 Blue and Gold Banquet on February 23, 2009. Join us in congratulating them both on their hard work and dedication to Scouting.



Klondike Derby Pictures



Falcon Patrol
Patrol Leader Evan Napier
1st Place Patrol
Hayden Fox
Sam Orr
Harrison Green
Luke Orr
Johnathon Pugliese
Eric Vest
Brock Wesolek

Flaming Arrow Patrol
Patrol Leader Will Cable
5th Place Patrol

Zach Shaner
Josh Mills
Dylan Scheck
Luke Stasky
Kevin Thomas
Hayden Gary



Shark Patrol
Patrol Leader Luke Jahns
10th Place Patrol

George James
Ben Cable
TJ Butner
Garrett Dixon
Cy Moore
Kyle Summers



Klondike Derby 2009 Falcon Patrol

By Evan Napier

As many of you may know this past weekend was the Klondike Derby. This rave is not only a physical challenge but a mental one as well. You are tested on basic scout skills and some not so basic ones. Some examples are first aid, knot tying, orienteering, and just teamwork building exercises. But, it is a lot of fun!

My patrol this weekend was the Falcons. The first morning was extremely cold. Everyone's hands, fingers and toes were cold, but that didn't stop us. We had a good breakfast, cleaned up well, and worked great as a patrol.

Soon after we finished, the competition began. We didn't do so good on the first couple of stations but that didn't stop us. As the day went on, we kept on going full speed. We had lots of spirit and great team work all day. We never fought and almost always succeeded. At some stations, we definitely did better than others and we never did horrible on any station. Our patrol all knew our Scout history which really helped to bring our score.



After the Klondike was over, we had some time to relax and then go to dinner. After dinner, it was time for the camp fire. We were all pumped up because we wanted to know how good we did. Patrol after patrol were called and still no call for the Falcons. Finally! - The top three. Third place was called - and it wasn't us. Then, second was called and it wasn't us again! Then we all went wild because we knew we had won. Then we heard First Place - Falcon Patrol Troop 19! We all ran down cheering and we were all so excited that we had won!



Scouting Centennial

Boy Scouts of America Historical Highlights

1910

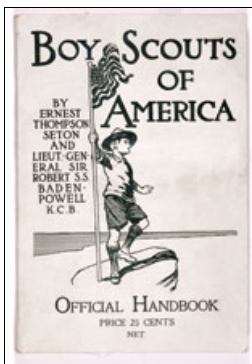
The Boy Scouts of America is incorporated on February 8 under the laws of the District of Columbia by W. D. Boyce.



- On June 21, a group of 34 national representatives of boys' work agencies meet, develop organization plans, and open a temporary national headquarters in a YMCA office in New York.
- Board members include the Boy Scouts of America's founding fathers: Daniel Carter Beard, national Scout commissioner; and Ernest Thompson Seton, Chief Scout.
- James E. West is appointed executive officer.

1911

The first edition of the Handbook for Boys is published. Some 300,000 copies are printed.



- The National Council office is established at 200 Fifth Avenue in New York City on January 2, 1911, with seven employees.
- The Scout Oath, Law, badges, and fundamental policies are adopted.
- The first awards for heroism are presented by the National Court of Honor.

1912

- By 1912, Scouts are enrolled in every state.
- The first Eagle Scout Award is earned by Arthur Eldred in Troop 1 in Oceanside, New York. A few weeks after becoming the first Eagle Scout, Eldred helps save another Scout from drowning and is awarded the Honor Medal for his actions.
- Scouts mobilize for the first of a series of national civic Good Turns, including the promotion of a safe and sane Fourth of July. Other community Good Turns begin.



- Sea Scouting for older Scouts starts.
- Boys' Life is purchased to become an official BSA magazine.

1913

- Norman Rockwell is hired as an illus-

trator for Boys' Life magazine. He is soon promoted to art director.

- Scouting, the official magazine for Scouters, is first published.

1914

- The first Scout Sunday observance takes place.
- The first William T. Hornaday gold medal for the conservation of wildlife is presented.
- The BSA's first tree-planting project is held in New York.

1915

- The Department of Education establishes a national office to train all Scouters.
- The Order of the Arrow (OA) is founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council.

1916

- Congress grants the Boy Scouts of America a federal charter on June 15, giving special protection to the name and insignia and limiting membership to American citizens.

1917

- The day after war is declared on Germany, under the slogan "Every Scout to Feed a Soldier," BSA members are urged to plant vegetable gardens. In two plant-growing seasons, 12,000 Scout farms are established. At the same time, the BSA pledges to aid the American Red Cross and promises cooperation with the U.S. Navy by organizing Scout coastal patrols to watch for enemy ships.
- Scouting's full resources are placed at the service of the government as part of the war effort. From 1917 to 1918, Scouts sell 2,350,977 Liberty Loan bonds, totaling \$147,876,902; and war savings stamps, to a value of \$53,043,698. More than 300 million pieces of government literature are distributed, and services rendered include food and fuel conservation and Boy Scout war gardens.

1918

- After the signing of the armistice, the slogan "The War Is Over, But Our Work Is Not" is adopted. Scouts render nationwide service during the influenza epidemic.
- The first service club sponsorship of troops is inaugurated by Rotary International.

1919

- A systematic method of developing cooperation with religious organizations is adopted.
- The first gold Honor medals are awarded by the National Court of Honor for saving life at risk of the rescuer's own.

OA News and Notes

Dixie 2009

The 2009 Dixie Fellowship will be held April 24 - 26 at Camp Bud Schiele near Rutherford, NC. Activities offered range from fire building, a 5k run, tug-o-war, and of course, we'll have totem pole carving and dance teams to watch. This year's Dixie is close to us and is perfect for new Arrowmen as well as Arrowmen whom have been attending Dixie Fellowships since they were children. If you are an OA member and are interested in attending Dixie, contact **Sam Orr**, Troop 19 OA Representative. There is a waiting list for Dixie Fellowship so sign up quickly if you want to get a chance at joining us for Dixie 2009.

New Brotherhood Members

Catawba Lodge and Troop 19 welcome the newest Brotherhood member. Sealing their membership in the lodge at the Spring Fellowship were:

Sam Orr and ASM Craig Orr

New Ordeal Members

During the Spring Fellowship, Troop 19 also had several Scouts complete their Ordeal and become Ordeal members of Catawba Lodge. Completing their ordeal and becoming the newest members of Catawba Lodge were:

Kyle Summers, Hayden Fox, George James, and Justin Austenfeld

Congratulations to you all - Arrowmen!



Troop 19 Scouts in the News

*Troop 19's Star Scout **Christian Smith** performed in the South Central North Carolina Bandmasters Association concert the weekend of Jan 30 - 31, 2009. Christian writes of his experiences.*

The All District Band is an honors band whose members are selected by audition. It brings together the best musicians in the south central district of North Carolina, which covers six counties, for two days. Auditions took place in Gastonia. All instruments are assigned an audition piece and must be able to play all of it very well. The band directors that judge the person auditioning will choose a section for that person to play. They must also know their scales.

Here is a list of the scales needed to get into the All District band: C, B flat, E flat, A flat, F, and chromatic.

All of the scales must be played correctly, with the right speed and with the right volume. If there is stuttering



or the scale is incorrectly played then the auditioning musician loses points and could possibly not make the All District band. On top of this, the person auditioning must play a piece that they have never seen before. This is called sight reading. I did well on all of these categories

except scales. I fumbled on the volume on my chromatic scale. Because of this, I earned the position of "third chair", which means that I am the third best trombonist in the district. 42 trombonists tried out and only twelve people made the cut.

Three weeks after the audition, the clinic began. For one full day the qualifying musicians practiced their new music from eight in the morning till nine at night. The next day, Saturday, the band practiced from nine till twelve then played it's concert for the parents of the band members. It was a great performance. It was great to be surrounded by people that were interested in music and were focused on the performance. The

band also played a completely new piece that had been commissioned specifically for the All District band. I'm sorry that I was unable to come help on barbecue day but this was almost as much fun and a lot more work.

Troop 19 conducted our annual Year End Court of Honor on February 7 at Huntersville Presbyterian Family Life Center. At the Court of Honor, the troop recognized several of our Scouts for outstanding service and devotion to the ideals of Scouting. The following Scouts were honored:

EF "BERT" KUMM SCOUTS OF THE YEAR

**Trent Almond
Cory Gudger**

Awarded to the active Scouts who best exemplify the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.

BENJAMIN "BENNIE" CROSS PACESETTER OF THE YEAR

Johnathan Pugliese

Awarded to the 1st Year Scout who best displays the energy, enthusiasm and spirit of the Scouting program during their first year with the Troop.

LEADERSHIP CORPS

**Jake Augspurger
Dalton Basinger
Zach Capets
Anthony Pugliese
Kyle Smith
Matt Vice**

Awarded to Senior Scouts in the Troop who have shown consistent leadership as a youth in the troop and who have become role models for the younger Scouts in the troop.



**PATROL OF THE YEAR
Cobra Patrol**

Awarded to the Troop 19 patrol members who best exhibit the teamwork, spirit and ideals that make the Troop

2009 Year End Court of Honor

19 Scouting program so successful



GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD

The God & Country award is earned by working with your pastor and meeting the requirements for the award. The requirements are designed to allow a Scout to better understand his faith and his role within his faith.

2008 God and Country Award

**Troy Daniel
Luke Orr**

**Adult God & Country
Craig Orr**

DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT

Craig Orr

JAMES E WEST FELLOWSHIP

Pat Levesque

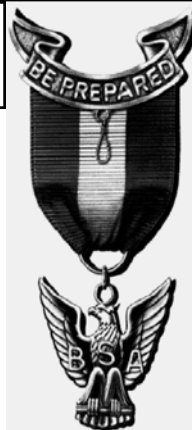
Congratulations to all the winners. And thank you to all the Scouts and Troop 19 parents who give to the Troop to make our program so successful.

Special Thanks to Sonja McCreary for all her hard work in making the Year End Court of Honor and the Puppy Orientation such a success. We also want to welcome Denise Napier who will be taking over for Sonja in 2009. Thank you, Sonja, for all your help.

Troop 19 Eagle Scout

Troop 19 would like to welcome our newest Scout to join the Eagle's Aerie. Cory Wayne Gudger becomes the troop's 73rd Eagle Scout since 1938 and the 60th for Scoutmaster Banks since 1994. Cory completed his Eagle Board of Review on March 16, 2009.

For Cory's Eagle project, Cory created an outdoor center for the purpose of retiring aged American flags. The



ceremonial site includes seating and a fire ring. The work is located at the Cornelius VFW Hall.

The date for Cory's Eagle Court of Honor has not yet been set. Please join us in congratulating Cory on his outstanding achievement.

Troop Calendar 2009

February 2009

- Feb 3 Puppies Visits Begin
- Feb 3 Klondike Training Continues
- Feb 7 Scouting for Food
- Feb 7 Year End Court of Honor
- Feb 10 Troop Committee
- Feb 12 Hornets Nest Round Table
- Feb 17 Boards of Review
- Feb 20 - 22 Klondike Derby
- Feb 20 - 22 Crew Cold Weather Training**
- Feb 24 PLC/ASM Meeting
- Feb 25 Schwatu Chapter Meeting -
OA members only
- Feb 28 Puppy Orientation
- Feb 28 Crew Bike Trip - Fisher Farm**

March 2009

- Mar 3 Troop Elections
- Mar 6 Scouting in Action Set Up
- Mar 7 Scouting in Action
- Mar 7 Puppies Crossover
- Mar 10 Troop Committee
- Mar 10 Spring Fellowship Registration
Deadline
- Mar 13 - 15 SEALS Training
- Mar 13 - 15 Outdoor Leadership Skills
Adult Training
- Mar 13-15 Crew Backpacking**
- Mar 17 Boards of Review
- Mar 20 - 22 OA Spring Fellowship
- Mar 25 Schwatu Chapter Meeting -
OA members only
- Mar 27 - 29 Merit Badge Workshop @ Grimes
- Mar 27 - 29 Webelos I & Dad's Campout
- Mar 28 Crew Mt Mitchell Day Hike**
- Mar 31 Troop Fun Night

April 2009

- Apr 3 - 5 Wood Badge Week End # 1
- Apr 6 - 10 CMS Spring Break
- Apr 7 No Meeting - SPRING BREAK
- Apr 14 Troop Committee
- Apr 16 Hornets Nest Roundtable
- Apr 18 Crew White Water Center Trip**
- Apr 21 Boards of Review
- Apr 22 Council Recognition Dinner -
Leaders Only
- Apr 22 Schwatu Chapter Meeting -
OA members only
- Apr 24 - 26 Dixie Fellowship Camp Bud Schiele
- Apr 28 PLC/ASM Meeting
- Apr 28 Crew Fun Night**

May 2009

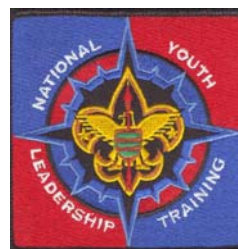
- May 9 Adult Leader Specific Training
- May 12 Troop Committee
- May 12 Parents & Puppies Summer Camp Mtg
- May 15 - 17 Beaver Fest and May Ordeal
- May 15 - 17 **Puppy Backpacking with Crew 19**
- May 19 Boards of Review
- May 19 Ice Cream Social & Song Fest
- May 25 Memorial Day Service @ Birkdale
- May 29 - 31 **Crew Beach Trip**

June 2009

- June 2 Summer Camp Swim Checks
- Jun 5 - 7 OA June Ordeal
- June 8 Annual Planning Mtg
- Jun 21 - 27 Summer Camp @ Camp Grimes

July 2009

- Jul 5 - 11 Top Gun - NYLT



S.E.A.L.S. Training

S.E.A.L.S. is a Council Wide training opportunity designed for SCOUTS EXCITED ABOUT LEADERSHIP SKILLS. It's a Friday night to Sunday morning adventure at Belk Scout Camp, in which youth leaders work and eat with new patrol members, while attending presentations ranging from 'How to Take Notes', 'Communications Skills', 'Planning Effective Meetings', the how and why of having an 'Interfaith Worship Service'; to campsite sanitation, and running 'Start, Stop, Continue' sessions. After the training, the Scouts get to put all these new skills into practice throughout the weekend.



Mecklenburg County Council conducted the most recent S.E.A.L.S. Training course on March 13 - 15 at Belk Scout Camp. Troop 19 had several Scouts participate in the S.E.A.L.S. training as well as staff for this program.

Participating in the training were:

- Wesley Smith**
- Eric Vest**
- Cameron Summers**
- Hayden Fox**
- Lee Ward**
- Luke Jahns**

Serving on staff were:

- Al McCreary**
- Wesley King**
- Sam Orr**
- Scott Sokley**

A SEALS participant learns about Scout Spirit and becomes versed in skits and songs appropriate for their troop events. At the end of the class, he comes away with a "contract" indicating how he intends to use these new skills to help his patrol and troop.

Thanks to all staff members for your hard work. Congratulations to all the S.E.A.L.S. participants and good luck with your contract.

Troop 19's Pat Levesque Awarded The Silver Beaver

Troop 19 is proud to announce that one of our Assistant Scoutmasters has earned the Silver Beaver for 2009. The **Silver Beaver Award** is the council level Distinguished Service Award. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.

It is our honor to announce that Assistant Scoutmaster **Pat Levesque** has been awarded the Silver Beaver for his years of service to the council and the Scouts of

Mecklenburg County Council. Pat currently serves Troop 19 as the Star/Life to Eagle Coordinator and has served as a District Commissioner for Hornets Nest District.

Pat will receive his award as the annual Mecklenburg County Council Recognition Dinner on April 22.

Please join us in congratulating Pat on his recognition and join us in thanking him for all his hard work and dedication to Scouting.



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