



Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Upcoming Events:

- Fall Court of Honor**
Oct 5
- Troop Beach Trip**
Oct 22 - 24
- Veterans Day Parade**
Nov 6
- Virginia Creeper Bike Trip**
Nov 19 - 21
- Merit Badge Workshop**
Dec 18

Dear Troop 19 Family:

As the Christmas season rapidly approaches, let us all be mindful and thankful for our many blessings and the love of our families and all of the Troop 19 family.

There are a few items I need to make sure I communicate to the Troop 19 family. First, I want everyone to be sure and share the Troop newsletter with your sons. We try very hard to make the newsletter chock full of information on the troop and our activities. Secondly, please be sure you check your e mail for the weekly updates. These updates are filled with critical news on upcoming events and troop activities. Finally when the troop has a Court of Honor, we want to welcome the entire family to the event. The Courts of Honor are a celebration of your son's success. Let have everyone on the Troop 19 family there to join in the celebration.

Popcorn sales are into full swing now. We need everyone to SELL, SELL, SELL. The

proceeds from this year's popcorn sales will be used to offset the costs of the summer shelter the troop built at Camp Grimes. We are also selling a 100th anniversary back patch and will use the proceeds for the shelter.

We also want to ask for assistance from all the troop 19 family when our Eagle candidates are working on their projects. These Eagle candidates need help to complete their projects from our Scouts and adults. We ask that folks please volunteer your help when the Scouts send out the call for project volunteers. We also need parents to step up and assist the Advancement Committee with Boards of Review. We need many more parents to help our Scouts advance.

A couple of final reminders - We have some Scouts with incomplete uniforms. Please make sure you wear the proper uniform and insignia. We have a very full calendar between now and Christmas. We sug-

gest that you print out the calendar in the newsletter and place it on your refrigerator to remind everyone of the upcoming events. Check your e mail regularly for updates to the schedule and details on upcoming activities.

Yours in Scouting,

Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.

Scoutmaster Troop 19



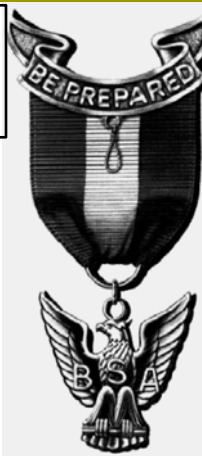
Eagle Update

Troop 19 is proud to announce our newest member of the Eagle's Aerie.

Troop 19's **Stephen Thomas Shenigo** completed his Eagle Board of Review on September 2, 2010. Stephen now becomes the 86th Eagle Scout in the more than 70 years of history for Troop 19. Stephen also becomes the 73rd Eagle for Scoutmaster Banks since 1988.

Stephen's Eagle project was to build a picnic area and four picnic tables for his church, New Salem United Methodist Church.

Please join us in congratulating Stephen on his momentous achievement.



Chaplain's Corps

Courts of Honor and outings.



Chaplain's Corp Leader
Jordan Hardesty

Troop 19 has long been dedicated to the principles of the Scout Law. Of the 12 points of the Scout Law, one of the most important is A SCOUT IS REVERENT. Troop 19 is committed to ensuring that all our Scouts are reverent when they are with the troop on outings and activities.

In keeping this law a regular part of the troop outings and events, Troop 19 has created the Chaplain's Corps. The Chaplain's Corps will be a separate patrol within our standard patrol system. The purpose of the Corps is to provide training and inspiration for our Scouts serving as Chaplain's Aides. The Corps will be responsible for handling worship services on Troop campouts, activities, meetings,

The Chaplain's Corps will be led by **Jordan Hardesty** who becomes our first Chaplain's Corp Leader. Jordan will be assisted in his role as patrol leader of the Chaplain's Corps by newly appointed Junior Assistant Scoutmaster **Sam Orr**.

Scouts interested in the serving in the Chaplain's Corps should contact Jordan or Sam to get more details on how they can become involved and participate in helping the Troop in our obligations and Reverence towards God.

Please join us in congratulating Jordan and Sam on their new responsibilities and thank them for their dedication to the ideals of Scouting.





Camp Cheerio

August 27 - 29, Troop 19 Scouts had a chance to experience Camp Cheerio in Roaring Gap, NC. Aside from camping in the Lodge cabins, Scouts could use the climbing tower, canoe around the water, use the archery

range, swim, run the zip line, hike or play disc golf. Special thanks to **ASM Norris Woody** for organizing the trip and making the outing such a great time for all the Scouts.

For an idea of how the Scouts enjoyed themselves, some of the attending Scouts write of their fun at Camp Cheerio below

Camp Cheerio *By Jacob Goodman*

The cabins were great because we didn't have to set up a tent and overall much more comfortable. Going to the game room and gym was a fun thing to do during free time. On Saturday, I liked the water slide and canoes at the lake. Other than the water slides at water parks, the lake slide was awesome. The lake could have used a heater. Warmer water would have been more fun for swimming but I guess that is what the pool was for because it was perfect. Watching Evan Napier and his friends swamp the canoe was on Saturday afternoon was hilarious. I think having summer camp there would be a lot of fun.

I enjoyed archery. The bows they had were the best ones I have ever used. I got 4 out of 10 bulls eyes! My favorite thing to do was the climbing wall. I made it up the 2 easy walls but the third one I tried was harder and I did not make it all the way. Maybe next time I can conquer it.

Of all the camps I have been to, I think Camp Cheerio was the best.

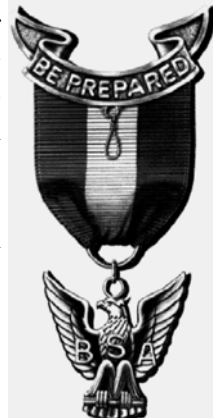




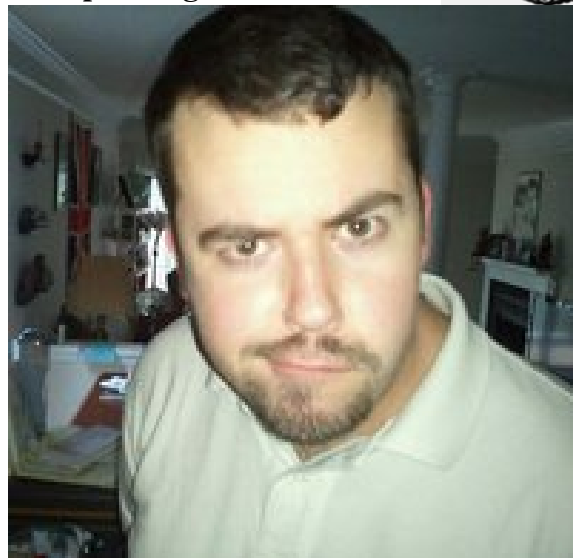
Troop 19 is proud to recognize that Eagle Scout **Allen C. Clark** (2004) graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in May 2010 with a Business major and emphasis in both finance and sales. Allen is now working for the Charlotte Business Journal as a Circulation Executive handling networking, marketing, and sales.

Eagle's Aerie

Troop 19 would also like to extend our congratulations to Eagle Scout **N. Lee Shelton** (2003) on his recent engagement to Ms. Courtney Spear. Lee and his fiancée plan to exchange their vows in the Summer of 2011. Congratulations and good luck Lee and Courtney.



Troop 19 Eagle Lee Shelton



Troop 19 Eagle Scout, **Jonathan F. Weiss** (2009) has signed up for Marine Corps PLC - Platoon Leadership Course. The program is designed as an officer candidate school for students in college. The training takes place in Quantico, Virginia. Jonathan will go for two (2) six week sessions during the summers - the first between his freshman and sophomore year and then the second session between his junior and senior year. During PLC, Jonathan will be rated and paid as an E-5. This training allows him to be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps once he graduates college. Semper Fi, Jonathan!

Camp Cheerio *By William Stephenson*

Camp Cheerio was lots of fun! When we got there we unloaded our gear and put it in the dorms. The beds were very comfortable and the food was good too. I liked the fact that we could make choices about where we wanted to go and the activities we would participate in. Basically, as long as a leader knew what we were planning to do; we had the freedom to go there... (we utilized the buddy system too).

It was different from Camp Grimes, because at Camp Grimes we are there to do spring cleaning, Klondike or summer camp. When we are at Camp Grimes we are there to work on merit badges and the skills that go with them. Camp Cheerio was all about having fun! The ac-



tivity I liked the best was playing basketball with my friends. I look forward to visiting Camp Cheerio again.

Troop 19 News and Notes

Senior Camporee

Thanks to **ASM Matt Fox** and his team of volunteers for their efforts at the 2010 Senior



Camporee. Matt's team did a great job running the events and making the camporee fun for all.

We also want to congratulate the three Troop 19 teams for a job well done. Troop 19's Bob Dole Patrol led by **Trent Almond** placed first in the camporee. Troop 19's **George James** led the Bench Warmer Patrol to a solid performance as did **Teddy Jahns** and his Jersey Shore Patrol. Well done Scouts!!

Camp Cheerio

Thanks to **ASM Norris Woody** for the great job in planning Troop 19's visit to Camp Cheerio. The campout was a huge success and the Scouts had a blast. We look forward to our next visit to Camp Cheerio!

Scouter Success Seminar

Troop 19 would like to thank all the Scouters who assisted with the 2010 Scouter Success Seminar. Troop 19 leaders were involved as instructors and as support staff.

Their efforts helped the Mecklenburg County Council training teams make this one of the best seminars ever produced. Serving on the staff of the Scouter Success Seminar were:

Darren Siegler
Val Hardesty
Dan Hardesty
Mark Chapman
Craig Orr
Juan Lorenzo
Anthony Lorenzo
Tanya Hartje

Thanks to all for your efforts and thanks to Tanya as Scouter Success Seminar Advisor to the Council for such a great Scouter Success Seminar!!

Crew 19 Changes

Crew 19 and Troop 19 would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to **Larry Zaino** who is stepping



down as Venture Crew Advisor.

Larry has served as Crew Advisor since the Crew was founded in 2006. With Larry's guidance Crew 19 has become an outstanding part of Troop 19's Scouting program. Thanks Larry!



With Larry's departure, we welcome our new Crew Advisor, **Ken Jahns**. Good luck Ken!

Congratulations Ben Decker!

Troop 19 like to recognize and congratulate **Ben Decker**, as an outstanding young leader at Lake Norman Charter School. Ben recently competed at the local Mathnesium Triathlon and won at the seventh grade level. We are very proud Ben's success and we wish him well at the State competition at UNC Chapel Hill Oct 15 - 17. Good Luck Ben!

Thanks Again

Troop 19 also wants to extend our thanks to **ASM Bruce James** for planning the Troop's outstanding visit to the Kannapolis Intimidator baseball game. The outing was a lot of fun and our Scouts got to enjoy a little summer baseball in Carolina.! Thanks Ken

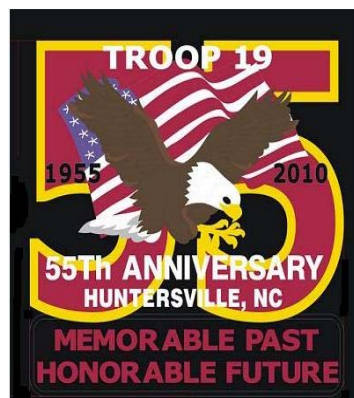
Camp Cheerio

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Troop 19

Fall Elections

The results are in and our new leadership have been elected and selected. The Scouts took over their duties upon completion of their TLD training on September 27. Please join us in welcoming our new Scout leadership.



Teddy Jahns	Senior Patrol Leader
TJ Butner	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Attendance
Jonathan Pugliese	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Games
Alex Kuhn	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Quartermaster
Evan Napier	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Meeting Planning
Thomas Chapman	Asst. Senior Patrol Leader - Meeting Planning
Justin Austenfeld	OA Representative
Matt Belter	Webmaster
Luke Jahns	Bugler
Banks Campbell	Patrol Leader - Cobra
Anthony Lorenzo	Patrol Leader - Falcon
Matthew Mikeluza	Patrol Leader - Flaming Arrow
Will Napier	Patrol Leader - Viking
Matthew Dahlem	Patrol Leader - Warrior
Taylor Turner	Crew President
Jesse McDonnell	Troop Guide - Cobra
Luke Orr	Troop Guide - Viking
Stephen Shenigo	Troop Guide - Falcon
Christian Smith	Troop Guide - Warrior
Sam Orr	Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster - Chaplain Corps
Trent Almond	Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster - Cobra
Connor Young	Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster - Cobra
Tim Nye	Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster - Planning
Danny Ryan	Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster - Viking
Luke Jahns	Troop Instructor - Falcon
George James	Troop Instructor - Falcon
Dillon Sellie	Troop Instructor - Falcon
Luke Stasky	Troop Instructor - Falcon
Lee Ward	Troop Instructor - Falcon
Hayden Fox	Troop Instructor - Flaming Arrow
Wesley Smith	Troop Instructor - Flaming Arrow
Cameron Summers	Troop Instructor - Flaming Arrow
Brock Wesolek	Troop Instructor - Flaming Arrow
Bradley McDonnell	Troop Instructor - Warrior
Zachary Shaner	Troop Instructor - Warrior
Kevin Thomas	Troop Instructor - Warrior

September 2010

Sep 17 - 19 Hornets Nest Sr. Camporee
 Sep 21 Troop Boards of Review
 Sep 21 Deadline OA Fall Fellowship
 Sep 22 Schwatu Chpter Mtg - OA members only
 Sep 26 Troop Creek Walk
 Sep 28 PLC - 6:30 PM
 Sep 28 TLD - 7:00 PM

October 2010

Oct 1 Popcorn Show and Sell
 Oct 1 - 3 Fall Fellowship - Camp Belk
 OA Members only
 Oct 5 End of Summer Court of Honor
 Oct 12 Troop Committee
 Oct 14 Hornets Nest Roundtable
 Oct 19 Troop Boards of Review
 Oct 22 - 24 Troop Camping - Beach Trip
 Oct 22 - 24 Puppies Base Camp
 Oct 26 PLC - 7:00 PM
 Oct 26 ASM Meeting
 Oct 27 Schwatu Chpter Mtg - OA members only
 Oct 28 - 29 Basic Leadership Training - SM/ASM
 Oct 29 CMS Closed

November 2010

Nov 2 Popcorn take orders due to
 Troop 19
 Nov 4 Basic Leadership Training
 Nov 6 Veterans' Day Parade
 Nov 9 Troop Committee
 Nov 9 Popcorn Take Orders Due
 to council
 Nov 11 Hornets Nest Roundtable
 Nov 11 VETERANS' DAY
 Nov 11 CMS Closed

Troop 19 Calendar

Nov 12 - 14 Outdoor Leadership Skills Training
 Nov 12 - 14 S.E.A.L.S. Training
 Nov 16 Troop Boards of Review
 Nov 16 OA Annual Banquet Deadline
 OA members only
 Nov 17 Schwatu Chpter Mtg - OA members
 Only
 Nov 19 - 21 Troop Camping - Virginia Creeper
 Trail
 Nov 20 Popcorn Take Order Distribution
 Nov 21 Troop Pick Up Popcorn after Camping
 Nov 23 PLC - 7:00 PM
 Nov 23 ASM Meeting
 Nov 25 THANKSGIVING
 Nov 25 - 26 CMS Closed
 Nov 30 Troop Fun Night

December 2010

Dec 3 OA Annual Banquet - OA members
 only
 Dec 4 Panther Game
 Dec 4 Puppy 1st Aid Merit Badge
 8 - 12 AM @ HPC
 Dec 7 Troop Committee
 Dec 7 Service Project @ The Oaks
 Dec 7 Last Troop Meeting of 2010
 Dec 18 Merit Badge Workshop
 Dec 22 - 31 CMS Winter Break
 Dec 24 Service Project @ HPC
 Dec 25 CHRISTMAS
 Dec 31 New Years' Eve





Troop 19 Philmont 2012!!

How would you like to climb to the top of a 12,440 foot mountain, camp at average elevations of 7800 feet, pan for gold, go rock climbing, race burros, ride horses, shoot skeet, explore mines, participate in pioneer activities all while backpacking your choice of over 330 miles of trails?? Troop 19 is planning to send crews in the summer of 2012 to Philmont Scout Ranch. Scouts will hike and participate in high adventure programs during a 12 day backpacking trek into the wilderness of New Mexico's Sangre de Cristo Mountains. We are in the preliminary planning stages but we realize that it's not too early to start planning for the expense. Anticipated cost per person will be \$1200 to \$1500 with the biggest variable being the cost of the airline tickets. Philmont participants must be at least 14 years of age OR completed the eighth grade AND be at least 13 years of age. This is a Philmont rule and there are no exceptions.

In the coming months, we will be asking for a preliminary head count of those interested, both youth and adults, to make the required reservations. Why so soon? This November is Philmont's reservation time for 2012! Philmont reservation slots for the whole summer always fill up in hours on the opening day of reservations so we can't wait.

This is a great opportunity for your sons and one they will always remember. More details will definitely follow but additional information can be found at this website: <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmont.aspx> .

See Mr. Chapman for questions.

2010 National Jamboree

By T J Butner

Troop 19 sent several of our Scouts to the 2010 Centennial Jamboree celebration at Fort AP Hill. This is the first of several articles from our Scouts on their experiences...

Hello my name is TJ Butner of Troop 19 and Jamboree Troop 1939. I recently came back from Fort A.P. Hill VA.

On our travel night, all the Jamboree Scouts gathered at 11:30 PM at the old Best Buy so we could load up the bus and leave to head up to Fort A.P. Hill. The bus ride down there was 5 1/2 hours. The next morning we unloaded

a trailer that had our personal gear in it and started setting up our own campsite. It took most of the day to set it up. The morning after we were allowed to go out and explore the 12,000 acres of land that where the Jamboree was held.

At the 100th anniversary of Scouting Jamboree, there was a big event called Merit Badge Midway where we could do any merit badge we wanted. Our Scoutmaster gave us an official Jamboree guide that would tell us things we needed to know and where we could explore. In the book, there was a place where we go get stamped off. Each section was where we could earn different rockers that could go around our Jamboree patch we received at our very first Scout meeting.

The morning after that I was walking to Merit Badge Midway and about every other mile I saw people sitting on the side of the road with people crowded around them so I went over and saw that they were patch trading.

When lunch time came around we had these tickets to go claim our meals at a food kiosk station. We had a ticket for each day. On Saturday night, there was a huge celebration get together for all the Scouts and their parents at the arena. There were huge fireworks, music by Switchfoot and Honor Society, Mike Rowe from Dirty Jobs also came and spoke to us.

I enjoyed all my time at the 2010 Jamboree and had the biggest experience of my life.



Streams of Scouts headed to the main Jamboree arena to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in the US.



By Sam Orr

SPL Jamboree Troop 1941

Hello! Just coming back from Jamboree, I would like to give a little bit of my perspective towards it. Late Sunday night July 25th, at midnight, 5 buses rolled out of the parking lot of Dick's - University Area. We travelled all night long and arrived at Fort A.P. Hill in VA at 8 in the morning, July 26th. It wasn't too hot yet in the morning and the set-up process began immediately. Tent's, stoves, canopies, tables, went up as quick as possible. We had some very tough ground and could not drive our tent stakes in! But, after a few hours and a lot of effort everything was set up and ready to go!

Each morning we sent Scouts from each patrol to go and get the mornings breakfast from the food commissary. As soon as they returned, usually about 6:15 AM, the cooking process was underway. After breakfast and clean up, the troop would meet to discuss announcements for the day and then all were dismissed to the Jamboree! This morning process was the same each day.

Once we had left camp we could walk or catch a shuttle bus to action center A, our closest center. Here we could fish, BMX, rock climb, rap-

pel, kayak, swim, participate in disability awareness games, and mountain board. We could shoot shotguns and grab some lunch too. NASA also presented a technology quest and there was a very special event called the Mysterium Compass, a sci-fi exhibit. Each day there so was much to do.

On Wednesday morning, the troop made the long trek to the Jamboree Arena, where we would watch the opening show. At the opening show there were skydiving performances, a Miss America appearance, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates spoke, there were WWE representatives there, and many more. The Air Force drill team also performed. It was a great start to the Jamboree.

The week continued to go on and Scouts enjoyed themselves. Many were involved in patch trading that became an important part of the jamboree. There were special appearances throughout the week by Shaun White and author James Patterson. Scouts came from all over the nation and the world. These scouts were from Hawaii, Guam, Mexico, Ireland, and many other places.

Later that week, we attended the closing ceremony of the Jamboree. There were many videos sent by Eagle Scouts or people that would like to say hey! President Obama said hello, so did Olympic Gold medalist Gretchen Bleiler, and many distinguished Eagle Scouts. Mike Rowe spoke about his time in Scouting and the band Switchfoot performed. It was a very cool experience and the night closed with a great fireworks show.

2010 National Jamboree



Even with the closing events, the Jamboree wasn't over, there were still a few more days. Enjoying these last days as they went by, we prepared to go home. We would leave on Wednesday morning August 5th but the night before, in order to speed up the clean up process, we took down all the tents and put away patrol gear and everyone slept under the large canopies that night. Well, it just so happened to storm greatly that last night, making the final clean up very interesting Wednesday morning. And with that, we left the Centennial Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill for the last time and returned home.

It was a very cool experience and I'm very glad to have gone. Next year the World Jamboree will be held in Sweden. And in 2013, the next National Jamboree will be at the Bechtel Summit Scout Reserve in West Virginia. A great Jamboree 2010!

God Bless,
Sam Orr,
SPL Jamboree
Troop 1941

2010 National Jamboree

By Luke Orr

Jamboree was a great time and experience for me. It had every possible thing a Boy Scout would want to do from shotguns to fishing to scuba.

So here's the story, drink a lot of water, always have a buddy, get a fan, and finally practice your walking. You have to walk everywhere; I mean there are shuttle buses but the lines are so long and it's faster to walk anyways.

and fishing. At fishing, they stock a little pond with 20,000 catfish and you can eat them. They have stations where they clean and cook the fish but the lines are also really long. And if you're down at the lake try out the fishing and fly fishing merit badge. I got Fly Fishing it was a lot of fun.

So that leaves shotgun. Not just any shotgun, they had semi-automatic Berretta .12 gauge shotguns. The range takes 50 people at a time and gives them 10 rounds each. And you

The things may think the I did were kick back on .12 shotgun gauges are bad but the new model makes it so there's like no kick! It's awesome and a lot of fun.

I also did Merit Badge Midway and the Army Corps tribute. There was just too much there for one person to handle. I had a great time at the 2010 National Jamboree but I think I'll have a better time at the new spot for the 2013 National Jamboree - the Bechtel Summit in West Virginia.



2010 National Jamboree

By Justin "Smiley" Austenfeld

I had wanted to go to Jamboree since



I had heard about it. Sure, it was ten days of Scout camp, but all the experiences that the older guys had described

made it seem like it was well worth it. And with all the activities and events they had planned for this year, I was really excited about it. I was assigned to Troop 1942, along with **Danny Ryan** and **Brock Wesolek**. I admit that I was nervous after the first meeting because I knew very few others. But by the time the troop left the jamboree shakedown, I had learned everyone's name.

The day before jamboree, my troop, as well as four other jamboree troops

chartered buses at eleven at night. We were supposed to sleep on the bus, but nobody could sleep for long. We were all too excited about what lay ahead, and besides that, one scout randomly yelled out "YEEEEEEEE-HAAAAAWWW!!!" on our troop's bus at three in the morning.

When we arrived, we set up tents, dining flies, tables, and all the necessities for the ten days. After the hard work, however, we were free to roam the camp until dinner. And over the course of the next eight days, that was everyone's game plan. Each day, Scouts traveled to the far reaches of the camp, trading patches, earning badges, and participating in activities. For completing these activities, like shotgun, mountain boarding, and even scuba diving, we got stamps in our guide books, and when enough stamps were accumulated, we earned a small section of a patch that forms a ring around the Jamboree patch.

These daily activities were not the

from Mecklenburg County,

only things Scouts could do. On Wednesday and Saturday, there were stage shows, in which all Jamboree troops went to. These shows were full of fun, including several star appearances, including Ms. America, Sergeant Slaughter, Mike Rowe, and the band Switchfoot. And while most of the Scouts were watching the show, a small amount of Scouts, all from Mecklenburg County Council, got the chance to work backstage, and meet a few of the celebrities.

By the end of the week, everyone was tired, and ready to go home. We loaded everything we had into a huge trailer, in the rain, and hopped onto the buses. Everyone was tired, and quite a few fell asleep. We returned to Belk Scout Camp after 8 hours of sitting on the bus, and spent one last hour sorting and carrying gear to its final destinations.

For everyone reading this letter, I encourage you to visit the 2013 Jamboree. If you're a Scout eligible to go, you will regret saying no to this amazing experience.

2010 National Jamboree

By Dylan Scheck

I was one of the Troop 19 Scouts attending the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. I was part of Jamboree Troop 1940 and I had a blast at Jamboree.

There were many things that I truly enjoyed at Jamboree. My absolute favorite part of the Jamboree was the

stage shows. There were shows going on often but my favorite was the evening stage show. At the big show, I got to see Mike Rowe from Dirty Jobs and hear him speak of his time as a Scout. Later, we got to hear a band named Switchfoot play for us.

It was a great show and the fireworks afterwards was the best I have ever seen.

During the day I was very busy trading and working on merit badges. The patches I collected were really cool and I collected a lot of them!

At the Merit Badge Midway, I spent time earning two badge - Wood Carving and Fingerprinting.

It was a great time and I was glad to be a part of a once in a lifetime experience!

A Day at Eric's Jamboree 2010

Morning:

It was a great experience for me to go and participate in all the things that the Jamboree has to offer. From Merit Badges to fun activities, you are always doing something unique. You wake up, eat breakfast, and get out the camp site with your buddy. I was in Troop 1940 and in sub camp 19 which means I was on the far side of the camp. It was about a 3 mile walk in the morning to get to Merit Badge Midway. Taking the bus took too long because you had to wait in line for a while and then ride the bus making a lot of stops. On the walk, I would stop at Dunkin Donuts for a little bit more to eat because I knew I needed the energy. From there on I walked myself to the Midway and had a hard time trying to decide what I should do - Activities or Merit Badges? One of the fun Activities for me was the inflatable horse racing.

Afternoon:

Now its time for some lunch! I pull out my lunch ticket and get in line for the Kiosk. We find a nice place to sit and begin snacking on our lunches and if I did not want my yogurt, all I did was trade it for some pudding - simple as that. After fin-



ishing lunch, I walked down to Merit Badge Midway and take a Merit Badge. The classes range from 1 hour up to about 5-6 hours. Some had long lines to wait to get in. After class, I liked to go on down to the Armed Forces tent only because they just have the COLDEST air conditioning ever, with a free t-shirt when you go. You have to remember that when you are walking around you make a lot of stops just from meeting people and looking at different things. Late afternoon it's time to head on back to my campsite to make dinner. Sometimes I'll stop for ice cream or maybe go to the trading post. Then I'll hop on the green bus that will take me to sub camp 19. From the bus stop I will walk over to the headquarters and play around on the stilts they had out. In camp we had dinner, cleaned, and an hour to rest.

Evening:

This is just the beginning for all the excitement that goes on at night. I head out of the campsite and walk

over to where the patch trading is. It's unbelievable at how many people patch trade. From about 7:00 - 10:00, hundreds of kids are lined up on the side of the road with blankets and tables with patches all in order in sets and colors. From the first day of Jamboree, I was trying to gather the full Elvis Council patch set so I scan each set patches knowing exactly the next one I needed. For the last days, I wanted one thing and one thing only, the gold bordered Elvis patch to complete my set. It was hard to get because it was a Staff patch for adults - who couldn't trade with Scouts. There were some kids who have the full set, but they would not separate the gold patch. So on the last day of patch trading I spot a gold Elvis Staff patch not in a set. I run over to the guy who is trading it and ask if I can trade 3 of the 5 or so of the Mecklenburg set. He thinks about it for a minute while I'm standing there very nervous. Finally he said yes, we end the deal with the hand shake and off I go happy as ever. It was 9:45 so I head back to the showers. After a shower, I go to bed happy I have a nice breeze from the fan I brought.

Eric Vest
2010 Jamboree Troop 1940

2010 National Jamboree Letter

Dear Mr. Banks,

I had an excellent adventure at the Jamboree 2010. At Midnight July 25, I was ready to go. I had all my things packed and loaded and my daypack on my back. In my head I was just imagining what the Jamboree would be like. Then all of a sudden all the shuttle buses arrived. All I wanted to do was get on, so I said my goodbyes to my mom and brother and hopped on the bus. So many questions buzzed in my head, but after a while I thought I will just have to wait and see.



Before I knew it I was there, at the entrance to Fort A.P Hill. As we passed by to get to sub-camp 19, I was deciding which things I would do in the next nine days.

Then we got to a big sign that said *Sub-camp 19*, and I thought "This is it, the place I would have patrol time, meals, and sleep". We then stopped and Mrs. Hartje climbed on the bus to show us around the sub-camp and showed us to the campsite, which I noticed was the farthest back campsite in sub-camp 19. We unpacked everything and within hours we were finished.

The whole week I had the same routine, wake up, fix breakfast, have assembly, leave for activities, come back to fix dinner, have assembly, patch trading, then go to bed. But everyday it was different to me; different meals, different events, and different activities. After day three



it already felt normal doing everything.

On day eight I did something I thought was a fun activity. I went to the Merit Badge Mid-Way and got the Medicine merit badge. It took me two hours but to me it was worth it. I also took a visit to National Exhibits. I

thought that was cool because of all the free patches. As I came back to camp I noticed something I thought was funny. We had a sign that said: ***This is it - you have met the last place at the Jamboree.***

The day we left I didn't want leave but I had to. It was humid and raining which made it worse, but we loaded everything, ate, and left. As I looked out the window on Fort A.P. Hill, I realized I would probably never see it ever again as the Jamboree. On the road we just watched a few movies and talked. But at about halfway there we heard a big BOOM! I looked and there was a big crack in the windshield. The driver said we have just hit a hawk. After that the conversations grew louder all about the bird we had just hit.

When we got back we unpacked and were free to go. I know my memories of Jamboree will always be remembered. And in 2013, my memories will extend with my whole family.

Sincerely,
Jordan Hardesty
Troop 1941

2010 National Jamboree

By Brock Wesolek

To start off, the Jamboree was the best experience I have ever had in my entire life. I got to do so many things that I probably wouldn't get the chance to do again. I made many new friends and had a great time doing things with them.

Some of the things I was able to do were scuba dive, shotgun shooting, kayaking, meet people from around

the country and other countries, and much more.

I know one of the most memorable things is getting to see and get autographs from famous people, one of which was Miss America. I wasn't so sure about going to the Jamboree before I went, and I didn't want to go, but I'm glad I did. I would definitely go to another Jamboree.



My National Jamboree *Trent Almond*

Provided that this was my second time attending the Jamboree (I attended the National Jamboree back in 2005, also as a youth participant), I was quite familiar with many of the processes and events present at the 2010 National Jamboree. That prior experience, coupled with the leadership skills I have acquired throughout my years in Troop 19, were major factors in landing me the position of Senior Patrol Leader for Jamboree Troop 1939.

In my opinion, the easiest way to describe the Jamboree is as an exploded summer camp. One would be hard pressed to find a scouting activity that was not offered at the Jamboree, ranging from the typical shooting sports to BMX, mountain boarding, and even scuba diving! Throw in 40,000 scouts and thousands of acres of land and you've got yourself one heck of a scouting event. Through all the excitement, it was very difficult to figure out what to do most of the time, and, since our sub camp was the farthest away from anything, the day's events needed to be planned out very meticulously before leaving camp.

However, since I participated in the 2005 Jambo and many of the activities were the same, I opted out of spending all my time enjoying the plethora of events. Rather, Brendon Almond (my brother), Wesley King, myself, and a few other scouts spent a large amount of time patch trading. Since this year's Jamboree was the official celebration of the 100th year of the BSA, we wanted to get as many patches as we could to remember the event by. My father (Don Almond, ASM in Troop 19) collected patches throughout his youth in Boy Scouts and because of him I have also developed an interest in patch collecting. This is unusual for a youth, seeing how most boys understandably think patch trading is boring. While it can be dull at times, it presented the Jamboree to me in a completely different way than was the 2005 Jambo.

Don't get me wrong though, I still participated in many events, and obtained all of my rockers. The Order of the

Arrow had a really neat set up with their Mysterium C o m p a s s . . . " a d v e n t u r e . "

Merit Badge Midway was bustling as always, and the International Exhibits really put things into perspective. However, the most memorable event had to have been the Closing Ceremony. The Jamboree staff really outdid themselves, with many guest speakers including President Obama and Eagle Scout and Television Personality Mike Rowe contributing to the celebration. Fireworks, displays, and games all added up to one very exciting show, all to be topped off by a surprise performance by the band Switchfoot.



Despite many of the goings on of the 2010 Jamboree being similar to that of the 2005 Jamboree, this one was still a completely different experience for me. At first I was worried that it might be dull at times, but that was never the case. There are so many factors that add in to the experience, and no possible way to see them all at once. After attending the event twice, I probably still didn't see but half the excitement! But in the end, it was all a great experience, both times. If you or your son ever gets the chance to even visit, I highly recommend taking advantage of the opportunity and marveling at the wonderfulness of the Boy Scouts of

America. Who knows, there may even be more to see at the next Jamboree when it moves to its new home!

Trent Almond
SPL – Troop 1939



Training News

Tanya Hartje
Troop 19 Training Coordinator



Effective June 1, 2010, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America instituted a mandatory requirement that all registered adults - Scout leaders, committee members, and merit badge counselors - must have current Youth Protection training.

This requirement applies to all adults volunteering in all levels of the program, from Den Leaders through Executive Board members. Professional staff are also required to maintain current Youth Protection training.

All Troop 19, Crew 19 and Pack 19 adult leaders - Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters, adult volunteers, Den Leaders, Pack master, committee members and merit badge counselors are included in the requirement.

We have had good response from the Troop leaders and committee but we need to make sure all merit badge counselors and adult volunteers complete the training as soon as possible.

In Mecklenburg County Council, we offer the training one of two ways. The training is conducted in a classroom setting at each major training event as well as at District Roundtables. Scouting volunteers also have the option of taking the course online. The Youth Protection course is available at www.scouting.org.

If you have any questions regarding this new policy, or questions regarding the training itself, please contact **Tanya Hartje**. Youth Protection training is important. Make sure you complete your certification as soon as possible. Failure to complete training can prevent you from participating with the troop.

Super Trip 2011 - Washington DC

Troop 19 is planning another Super Trip!!

We are planning a Super Trip to visit Washington DC and see the museums, monuments and history of our nation's capitol. Be sure to leave some time in your summer 2011 calendar for this extraordinary trip. The trip is being planned by **TCC Eddie Shaner**

Be sure to watch the newsletter for more details so you can join us in seeing Washington DC and home of our nation's capitol and government.



OA News and Notes

New Ordeal Member

At the August ordeal, Troop 19's Assistant Scoutmaster **Bruce James** complete his ordeal and joins Catawba Lodge as our newest Lodge member.



Brotherhood Members

During the August ordeal, several of Troop 19's Ordeal Arrowmen sealed their membership in the lodge by completing their brotherhood requirements. Sealing their memberships in Catawba Lodge were



Brock Wesolek * George James * Luke Orr



**August Ordeal Brotherhood Arrowmen
Brock Wesolek, George James & Luke Orr**

During the Fall Fellowship two of Troop 19's Ordeal Arrowmen sealed their membership in the lodge by completing their brotherhood requirements. Sealing their memberships in Catawba Lodge were **Anthony Pugliese, Hayden Fox.**

We also want to congratulate **Danny Ryan** who was selected as Memorabilia Chairman of Catawba Lodge at the Fall Fellowship. Good Luck Danny!

**Fall Fellowship Brotherhood Recipients
Hayden Fox and Anthony Pugliese**



Troop 19 Contingent to the Catawba Lodge Fall Fellowship Oct 1 - 3 2010

One Hundred Scouts

The statistics in the following piece are impressive. Often Troop 19 will recite these statistics at an Eagle Court of Honor. The story is a great way to help others understand the challenges and unique nature of earning the Eagle Award.

Of any 100 boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that 30 will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but later in life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.

Of the 100, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the 100 will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these 12 and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the 100 will become pastors.

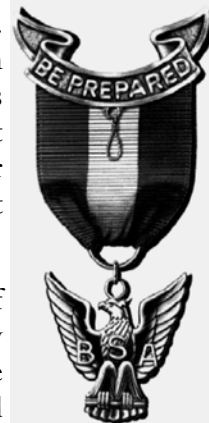
Each of the 100 will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest

throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one half will serve in the military and in varying degrees profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life, and many will credit it with saving their own.

Two of the 100 will reach the rank of Eagle, and at least one will later say that he values his Eagle badge above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the 100 boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only one in four boys in America become Scouts, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders of this nation in business, religion and politics, three out of four were Scouts.

So when we honor one Scout in a hundred, we know the things he has done in the past; imagine what he will do in the future.



Crew 19 working for the Piedmont Appalachian Trail Hikers on the Appalachian Trail at Stony Creek Fork



Venture Crew At the Appalachian Trail



Teddie Jahns, Luke Stasky, Luke Jahns, Eric Vest, Jonathan Pugliese, along with Mr. Jahns, Mr. Tito, Mr. Turner, Mr. Vest, Mr. Zaino, and myself, drove to Stony Creek Fork Camp Ground on Friday night. Our mission was to assist PATH, Piedmont Appalachian Trial Hikers, to perform trial maintenance on

Our group provided over 33 service hours from Troop 19 on the Appalachian Trail, and everyone pitched in for the cause. On the way back to camp, we stopped at an old observation tower to take in the view of Walkers Valley. The adult leaders swore the tower was over 250 feet in height and held onto the rails with white knuckles, and didn't stay very long at the top deck. We later found out the tower was only 120 feet from the base. They had been pretty cool on the trip, so we didn't bother telling them the real height of the tower.



a section of the AT near Walkers Gap.

The Scouts ate their own weight in chicken tenders and triple cheese burgers to kick the trip off and we were on our way. After we arrived at the camp ground, **Luke Stasky** tried to provide Cracker Barrel with a creek caught crawdad, but everyone took a pass....except Luke. The weather was in the high 20"s over night, and the morning wake up call came EARLY. We were simulating trial hiking and food preparation. so we had freeze dried bacon and eggs the next morning for breakfast, and it actually tasted pretty good.

We were off to meet the PATH members and learn of our service project for the day. The project was to mark a section of the trail to provide directions to a water source. The PATH members let us place the trial markers on the trees. The markers we painted on the trees were blue to indicate a water source, which is very important for hikers along the AT. We also raked and cleared debris from the path to provide a better path to follow for the hikers.

It was a nice way to spend the weekend and at the same time provide a service to the people using the AT.

Taylor Turner
President
VENTURING CREW 19

CREW 19



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2010 FALL FISHING TRIP

MYRTLE BEACH TRAVEL PARK

Quick Facts: **Trip Organizer: David McDonnell**

Fishing questions: **See Mr. Jahns!**

Travel issues: **See Mr. Banks**

Depart: Friday October 22 Bus leaves at 5:00. Meet at church building at 4:45.

Eat before arriving and bring snacks for the trip. It will take at least 4.5 hours each way!

Return: Sunday October 24. (If we leave at 8 we will be back by 1:00 PM)

Destination: Myrtle Beach Travel Park

What to bring:

Normal camping equipment

Sack lunch for Saturday

Snack and drink for bus trip down and back

Fishing pole, all required equipment for SURF or pond fishing

Swim Trunks (There is an indoor **HEATED** pool) WE ARE GOING TO THE BEACH!

Patrol cooking for Saturday AM/PM and Sunday AM. ESTIMATE \$9 PER Scout

COST:

Gas for bus \$15 CASH Only! Great deal! Myrtle Beach and back for \$15!

\$7 for camp site. (\$56 per site with 8 people per site. We are negotiating this price.) MUST pay by 12th!

Patrol food; estimate about \$9 per Scout.

\$5 to \$10 bait if you want fresh bait.

Snacks: (If you do not bring them with you.) There is a snack shop on site.

Rental fishing poles are available. However, it is suggested that you bring your own pole and equipment.)

RSVP via THE TROOP WEB SITE! We must have an accurate number one week before departure. Follow the instructions and the web site will send me an email with your reservation!

Check it out before you go! <http://www.myrtlebeachtravelpark.com/amenities.html>

World Jamboree Sweden 2011



Robbie Hill, a veteran Scoutmaster from Laurens, SC, with many National and World Jamborees behind him has invited Scouts and Scouters from Mecklenburg County Council to join him at the 22nd World Jamboree in Sweden from July 26 (departure date) to August 7, 2011 (return date).

Thus far, 6 Scouts signed up to go from Mecklenburg County Council along with 16 Scouts signed up from western North Carolina and from South Carolina and we are actively recruiting for a total troop of 36. The cost is the \$3,525 (plus a nonrefundable application fee of \$10 plus any travel costs to and from the gateway city from which we will depart and return). Travel cost from the gateway city to Sweden (and back) are included in this total of \$3,525.

Scouts and Venturers between the ages of 14 and 17 on July 27, 2011 – that is, specifically those born between July 25, 1993, and July 27, 1997 – may take part in the 22nd World Scout Jamboree.

For more information, see

<http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/WorldJamboree/Youth/Costs.aspx>

<http://www.worldscoutjamboree.se/>

If you or a Scout you know may have an interest, please register online:

<http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/WorldJamboree/HowToRegister.aspx>

If you have any questions, please let me know.

This communication is being sent to Troops and leaders throughout Mecklenburg County Council. For this World Jamboree troop to be a success, we need Scouts and we need them to sign up soon. Thanks for your help and interest.

Stuart Tucker

Scoutmaster, Troop 55, 2001-2009

Scoutmaster, 2010 National Jamboree Troop 1940



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22nd World Scout Jamboree Sweden 2011
22^{ème} Jamboree Scout Mondial Suède 2011



Troop 19 Camp Grimes Shelter Fundraising Patch

Troop 19 has added a lasting treasure to our campsite at Camp Grimes. So that this can stay here, the troop has to raise the money for it.

If you would like to have this special patch, the cost is \$15 and make checks to Troop 19.



Name: _____

Quantity: _____ x \$15 = _____

Either hand the form to Mr. Banks at any troop meeting or mail this form with your check to:

Larry Banks
10601 Huntersville Commons Dr, Apt. N
Huntersville, NC 28078

SPL Letter

From Teddy Jahns

Again thanks so much and I look forward to the next six months. I don't really call him Larryyet.



Hi I'm Teddy Jahns, your new SPL. Thanks so much for electing me. I have been in a few leadership positions in our Troop. I decided to run for a couple reason - mainly the super cool red fleece, and my dad's gentle persuasiveness.



So far it's been a lot of fun. I strongly encourage any Scout who wants to be a leader run for SPL; it's a great opportunity. Something happened when I was became SPL that I thought would never happen- Mr. Banks is on My speed dial and we talk on a weekly basis. Mr. Banks, or Larry as I call him, is the man.

Popcorn Sales 2010

Troop 19 will begin popcorn sales this October as a troop fundraiser. We are using the funds raised from the Popcorn sales to offset the cost of the Troop shelter built at Camp Grimes. Popcorn Show and Sell began October 1. Popcorn orders are due back to the Popcorn Committee by November 2.

Popcorn will be available to distribute to buyers on November 21. The troop will be returning from the Virginia Creeper Bike trip the morning of November 21. Popcorn distribution will occur after the troop returns from the trip.

If you have any questions, please contact the Troop Popcorn Chair **Juan Ybarra**.



2010 Senior Camporee



Troop 19 Jersey Shore Patrol with Patrol Leader **Teddy Jahns**



Troop 19 Bench Warmer Patrol with Patrol Leader **George James**



1st Place Troop 19 Bob Dole Patrol with Patrol Leader **Trent Almond**

2010 Senior Camporee



By Trent Almond PL - Bob Dole Patrol

Senior Camporee is one of the most fun camping trips our troop participates in. It is very similar to the Klondike Derby, however, it is reserved to "Senior Scouts" (Scouts over the age of 14), we don't have to lug around those encumbering sleds, and the events are of a higher degree of difficulty. This is the one trip in which the extremes of all our scout skills, ranging from first aid to knot tying and spirit, are tested to their fullest, and this would be one to remember.

Talking to many of the members of my patrol, the Bob Dole Patrol, on the way up to Camp Grimes was getting us all very excited. However, we would all be brought back down to earth upon arriving and learning that we were to camp at the Nicholas Shelter at the entrance of camp. This knowledge was followed by a tiresome, night hike to our secluded camping spot, where we set up our tents and went right to bed.

The next morning started off great, being in the cool mountains and watching the sun rise - while eating cold pizza (our glorious choice for breakfast) that provided us with much energy. That energy carried us throughout the day, until about lunch time. The station right before lunch felt like our low point of the day, and almost had us losing hope. But, given some shade and some food, followed by a brilliant pioneering station in which we constructed a 30 foot, free standing flag pole that was suspended off the ground, we were right back in it.

Despite enjoying many of the day's stations, which included a relay race, scavenger hunt, pioneering, shooting, first aid, and cooking, we actually did not feel very confident in our performance. We all thought we did mediocre at best. This, in a way, was true. After dinner, all the participants and staff made their way to the normal campfire area of Grimes for the closing camp fire. Not expecting much, neither my patrol members nor I paid much attention to the first few patrol names called out when they began handing out placement ribbons. However, after hearing around 5 be named off and not "Bob Dole" being one of them, we all became inter-

ested. Getting in the top 10 meant we didn't do that bad, so we all became very anxious to find out where we placed. After reaching the top 5 and still being in the race, emotions began to rise. We were no longer ok with anything but first place, and were hoping our hearts out that we somehow pulled off the upset. When it got down to the top 2, we began joking that the Camporee staff must have forgotten about us, because we could not believe we did that good. We all almost needed to be treated for shock once it was announced that the Bob Dole patrol of Troop 19 won! Vast feelings of elation spread throughout the patrol, as we all marveled at the 1st place trophy we won.

Still being somewhat unsure of how we pulled it off, we all listened as Mr. Banks gave his talk to the troop, post campfire. It was during this talk that he shared the cause of our victory; consistency. See, many patrols go in to the first few stations extremely hyped and striving for perfection. It is in this haste that they often overlook the main staples of Boy Scouts that would help them perform well, and would leave with frowns upon a lacking output. Sometimes the hype would work and they would do really well, but then would have no energy for the next station. All the members of my patrol agreed that we did not want to appear as the normal, typical hyped up patrol and took a somewhat laid back approach. We stayed calm throughout the day and didn't let ourselves get too worked up. This, along with a great effort in spirit, nabbed us 22, 24, and 25 (of 30) for every station! When compared to some of the other patrols, with their hit and miss strategy of 9, then 30, then 12, it is easy to see that our consistent, above average performances secured us the victory.

It ended up being a great weekend as expected. Saddened by the fact that it may have been the last Senior Camporee, we can't help but still be enthralled by our victory. What a way to go out with a bang! And, although some people credited the victory to my leadership, I must give a huge thanks to the members of my patrol. It was a team effort, not a singular effort that led us to victory. On a few stations, I actually found myself allowing other members of the patrol to lead the station, because they knew the subject better than I.

And one last thing - I'd like to dedicate this victory to **Teddy Jahns** and the Jersey Shore patrol, who finished dead last in the event. Good effort guys, better luck next time!

Senior Camporee 2010

George James
Bench Warmers Patrol



I was awarded the chance to be the patrol leader for the Bench Warmers at Senior Camporee 2010. When we arrived, we checked in and went to our site. However, the campground had been moved so we unknowingly had some searching to do.

We woke up at six the next day and ate a hearty breakfast of pop-tarts and coca-cola. We worked our hardest at the stations, trying to cheer whenever we needed a job to do. I must

say that our favorite station was station 7, where we assembled a structure that stood over 25 feet tall.

We enjoyed our dinner of chicken and then we went to the campfire. The campfire is always fun, and we had a great time. Following the campfire we walked back to camp, and went to bed.

The next morning we woke up, packed all our things, policed and helped clean in the troop campsite. We went to the church service after cleaning, and then we boarded the bus for a stop at Hardees before the return trip home.

Even though we all enjoyed our trip, I'm sure all of us were ready to be home to rest and prepare for next years' Senior Camporee.



Creek Walk 2010

Sunday September 26, 2010 Troop 19 Scouts and Leaders descended upon Torrence Creek for our annual clean up of the stream. Though the rain made us wetter than usual, the Troop did a great job clearing debris and picking up trash in this important watershed. The Clean Up crews for the 2010 Creek walk were:

Dante Ybarra
Logan Reese
Jesse McDonnell
T J Butner
Logan Reese
Evan Napier
Tyler Key
Josh Pitts
Joshua Spencer
Michael Lutz
Bryce Clegg
Hunter Jones
Hayden Jones
Harrison Lowe
Banks Campbell
Will Napier
Cameron Callahan

Morgan Shaw
Nicholas Tennant
Nik Westhofen
Jacob Hege
Eric Vest
Bradley McDonnell
Teddy Jahns
Jack Buffum
Wes Smith
Jeff Pugliese
Jeff Pitts
Sam Hege
Tom Smith
Jeff Belter
Ken Key
Keith Napier
Juan Lorenzo
Anthony Lorenzo
Jonathan Pugliese
Luke Stasky
Cliff Summers
Kyle Summers
Jarred Summers
Jamie Redies
Larry Banks

Thanks for doing such a great job Scouts and Troop 19!!

Senior Camporee 2010

Teddy Jahns
Jersey Shore Patrol. Leader



The Jersey Shore patrol was a concept that was inspired by the popular TV show. We thought it would give us a few points for being creative. Unfortunately, most of the Scoutmasters are from a generation that does not watch the show. Therefore, they did not quite get our theme.

Saturday 8:00 am the Jersey Shore has just eaten a breakfast of champions: Pop-Tarts.

After we finished breakfast, we put on our costumes, fake tattoos, and one pound of hair gel each which **Jack Buffum**, aka Vinnie, supplied. Now that we were ready, we walked to our first station. The Troop 19 Station designed by Mr. Fox was one we did pretty well on. We may have lacked in spirit but it was early in the morning. At the next village, we were given a few supplies to make a meal. We did very well. Before we left the village we reapplied hair gel and did a few pushups. After that village, the pace slowed down as the day got warmer. One of the villages involved climbing. None of us knew

any of the knots, so we had to bargain with the instructor using what little supplies we had. Our patrol ended up completing two out of the three challenges. As we approached one of the final stations, one thing we had to do was to some knots behind our back which I could not do. In the end, thanks to me, we scored a whopping nine out of thirty points at the two waterfront villages. The final village involved rifle and shotgun, the rifle we did very well on, the shotgun part not so good. But we had fun.

At the camp fire we received the results, the Jersey Shore patrol placed in last place. I'm not quite sure how that happened. But in the end we all had a good time and were ready for Hardees the next morning.



Troop Bike Trip

In November, the troop will take a trip to Abington, VA to bike the Virginia Creeper Trail. The Virginia Creeper Trail stretches 35 miles from Abingdon Virginia thru Damascus Virginia to the NC State Line near Whitetop Virginia. The Virginia Creeper Trail offers outstanding hiking and mountain biking opportunities.

The trail is the former rail bed of the Abington Coal and Iron Railroad Company and passes through the back country of Southwest Virginia. The Virginia Creeper Trail is rich in beauty and regional history. This is a bik-

ing adventure that you and your friends will talk about for a long time. The trip is scheduled November 19 - 21 and is open to all Scouts wanting to enjoy the fun and adventure of the Virginia Creeper Trail. **ASM Jeff Belter** is planning the trip and will have more details for the troop at upcoming meetings.



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Troop 19 Creek Walk 2010