

TROOP 19



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Banks' Bits

This has been another great year for the Troop and the Troop 19 family. Our family continues to grow and prosper thanks to all the hard work of our Assistant Scoutmasters, Troop Committee members, parent volunteers and our Scouts. For all that our Troop family does, we are truly blessed and thankful..

of thanks to Huntersville Presbyterian Church Administrative Assistant **Suzanne Carter**. Suzanne has long been a solid supporter of the troop and has been so helpful to us in working with the church leadership and in strengthening the Scouting program. Suzanne is retiring this spring. Please join me in thanking Suzanne for all she has done for Troop 19 and in wishing her all the best in her retirement.

Dear Troop 19 Family:

Another year has come to a close. I am truly amazed at how fast time seems to go by. I see so many of our Scouts join the troop at the Webelos cross over when they are 11 years old and before you know it, they are aging out at 18. Wow!

2012 is another busy year - summer camp, Philmont, BBQ, Top Gun, S.E.A.L.S., Dixie whew! It is amazing that we can pack it all into one year! Keep a close eye on our website and newsletters for details on all we have coming along. You don't want to miss anything!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Larry Banks
Scoutmaster Troop 19

I wanted to extend a special note

Upcoming Events:

- OA Elections**
Jan 3
- Troop Annual BBQ**
Feb 3
- Year End Court of Honor**
Feb 11
- Klondike Derby**
Feb 24 - 26
- Puppy Orientation**
Mar 3
- Troop Elections**
Mar 6
- Spring Fellowship**
Mar 16 - 18
- Dixie Fellowship**
April 27 - 29



Troop 19 welcomes two more Eagles to the Eagle's Aerie. Joining the ranks of Eagle for Troop 19 are:

Samuel John Orr completed his Eagle Board of Review on October 20, 2011. Sam now becomes the 94th Eagle Scout in the more than 70 years of

history for Troop 19. Troy also becomes the 81st Eagle for Scoutmaster Banks since 1988.

Joining Sam is **Justin Michael Austenfeld** who completed his Eagle Board on November 3, 2011 becoming our 95th Eagle and 82nd for Scoutmaster Banks.

Please join us in congratulating these Scouts on their outstanding achievements.

Eagle's Aerie



*Our Newest Eagle Scout
Justin Austenfeld & SM Banks*

Welcome Letter to the Rising Webelos and Their Families



**1ST YEAR
PUPPY PROGRAM
TROOP 19**

Dear Puppies,

I want to take this opportunity to say that Troop 19 is awaiting your arrival. Starting with the Webelos graduation in March, you will have the time of your life.

Why do we call you “puppies” instead of Rising Webelos? We use this term to bring special attention

to those Webelos who are joining us. Just like young puppies, our “puppies” are full of energy, excitement and enthusiasm. Troop 19 welcomes that spirit and wants to make your transition from Webelos to Boy Scouts a great experience.

We welcome you and look forward to many years of fun, adventure, challenges, opportunities and rewards. Scouts and parents alike will become part of the Troop 19 family. The experience is just beginning.

On the first three Tuesdays In February, February 7, February 14 and February 21, the Webelos will be joining the Troop 19 meetings. The Scouts will get a chance to see the troop in action and meet many of the Boy Scouts who will be teaching, training and helping the new Puppies become members of Troop 19. **Meeting times are from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**

SCOUTS ARE TO ATTEND IN UNIFORM.

I want also to remind parents and Puppies of important upcoming dates.

Puppy Parent Orientation

(Attendance is required. Scouts must be in uniform)

March 3 12:30 - 4:00 PM @
HPC Family Life Center

Webelos Crossover & Court of Honor

March 3 5:00 PM @ HPC Family
Life Center

Webelos Crossover will begin about 5:30 PM

Again, we welcome you and your family to the Troop 19 family.

Lawrence W. Banks, Jr.
Scoutmaster Troop 19

Puppy Parent Reminders

Webelos II Leaders



If you are planning to join the Troop as Assistant Scoutmasters, please contact **Scoutmaster Larry Banks** to discuss training requirements before you join the troop. Mecklenburg County Council offers several position specific training classes this spring that will allow all rising leaders to be fully trained before joining the troop.

If you are interested in joining the Troop Committee, please contact **Troop Committee Chair Eddie Shaner** for details on which committees you would like to assist. See you at the Orientation and at the Webelos Crossover March 3!!!

2011 Hornets Nest District Banquet



**Venturing Leader of the Year
Dan Tito - Crew 19**

On Thursday December 1, Troop and Crew 19 were proud to again join with the Hornets Nest District in the annual Banquet. The banquet celebrates the year of Scouting in our district and Mecklenburg County Council. The banquet is also the chance for the district to recognize outstanding Scouts and Leaders for the efforts in 2011.

The following Troop and Crew 19 Scouts and Leaders were recognized by the district:

Golden Nest Awards
Pack 19 - Greg Jewell
Troop 19 - Micheal Hartje
Crew 19 - Shannon Constantino

Venturing Leader of the Year
Dan Tito - Crew 19

SPL Corner

To the members of Troop 19 and their families,

What a year! With it coming to a close, I'm sad that my years as a youth in Scouting are closing. But, I'm ending with a bang! I was not only juggling a sport with my duties as Senior Patrol Leader, but also a second SPL position with the fine crew that ran the two S.E.A.L.S courses in November, and (finally) finished up my Eagle. I may finally have some free time now!!!

That's enough about me. The troop had some major accomplishments and events that it should be proud of! To name a few, we've had 7 Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout, top three finishes in both the Klondike Derby and Senior Cam-

perree, and an overall great year of Scouting. The greatest thing I noticed about the troop over the past few months is how deeply my fellow Scouts have invested their time and effort into the troop. Between teaching instruction, helping other Scouts with tasks, patrol bonding, and simply joining together as a family, I feel like we have all become closer as a troop. It gives me great pride to see these guys coming together as such, especially in a time where most kids would rather be in front of a screen than be outside.

As I end my letter, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me through my journey as a youth in Scouts, as it will come to an end in a few short months. You all have been so helpful in molding these Scouts into fine young men, and you are all saints for doing so.



Happy holidays, and I'll see you all in January!

Justin "Smiley" Austenfeld
Senior Patrol Leader
Troop 19

Wood Badge Beads

During the Annual Hornets Nest Banquet, ASM **Barry Douthitt** was presented with his Wood Badge beads for Wood Badge Course S5-415-11-1. The presentation of the beads comes as formal confirmation that a Wood Badge candidate has completed his or her "ticket" of projects and activities they had pledged to do to benefit Scouting, their troops and their community.

Wood Badge is Scouting's top training course for leaders and committee members seeking to become better leaders and improve their troops, packs and crews. Troop 19 encourages all of our leaders to get Wood Badge training. Barry continues an extensive line of Wood Badge trained Scout leaders associated with Troop 19.

Please join us in congratulating Barry on his earning



ASM Barry Douthitt earns his Wood Badge beads at the 2011 Hornets Nest District Banquet.

his beads and for his continued commitment to our Scouts and the Scouting program.

2011 Order of The Arrow Banquet

On December 2, 2011, Arrowmen and guests joined together at Belk Scout Camp to celebrate another successful year of cheerful service.

**OA Crenshaw Award Recipient
Micheal Hartje**



As part of the program, the following recognitions were presented:

**O. A. Crenshaw
Arrowman of the Year
Micheal Hartje -
Troop 19**

The OA Crenshaw Arrowman of the Year recognized outstanding service and devotion to the lodge and Scouting by an individual Arrowman in Catawba



**Founders Award Recipient
Mark Chpaman**

Lodge.

**Founders Award
Mark Chapman - Troop
19**

The Founder's Award is the highest recognition a local lodge can bestow upon a member. It is recognition of years of dedicated service to Scouting, the Order of the Arrow and the ideals of the Scouting programs.

Please join us in congratulating Micheal and Mark for the recognition and their

devotion and service to Scouting and the Order of the Arrow.





Dixie Fellowship 2012

Dixie 2012 will be upon us before you know it. This year Dixie will be held at Camp John J Barnhardt near New London, NC. The host lodge is Itibapishe Iti Hollo Lodge.

The Dixie Fellowship is a gathering of the 10 lodges in Section SR 5 for fun, fellowship and competitions. The

The 2012 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is one of the most memorable Scouting experiences. NOAC 2012 will be held at Michigan State University from July 30 through August 4, 2012 and is one of the largest in the Order's history with more than 8,000 Arrowmen in attendance.

NOAC will feature a number of unique events, including national competitions for ceremonies, drum, and dance, evening shows, the OA history museum, and awesome recreation competitions such as soccer, basketball, and ultimate Frisbee. Highlights such as the Founder's Day festivities including the Founder's Day Parade, the Grand Hodag (think of free food), and the inter-Region dodge ball battle are some of the exciting events at NOAC.

Arrowmen can participate in service projects, high adventure opportunities, leadership training, American Indian Activities training, and much more. While enjoying the various activities, Scouts will have a great time meeting new brothers and sharing their experiences with people from around the nation. Visit www.event.oa-bsa.org for more information and to learn about NOAC 2012.

Catawba Lodge is sending a contingent to NOAC 2012 and you won't want to miss out. The estimated cost of the trip is \$1,000. To reserve your slot with the contingent, complete the attached information

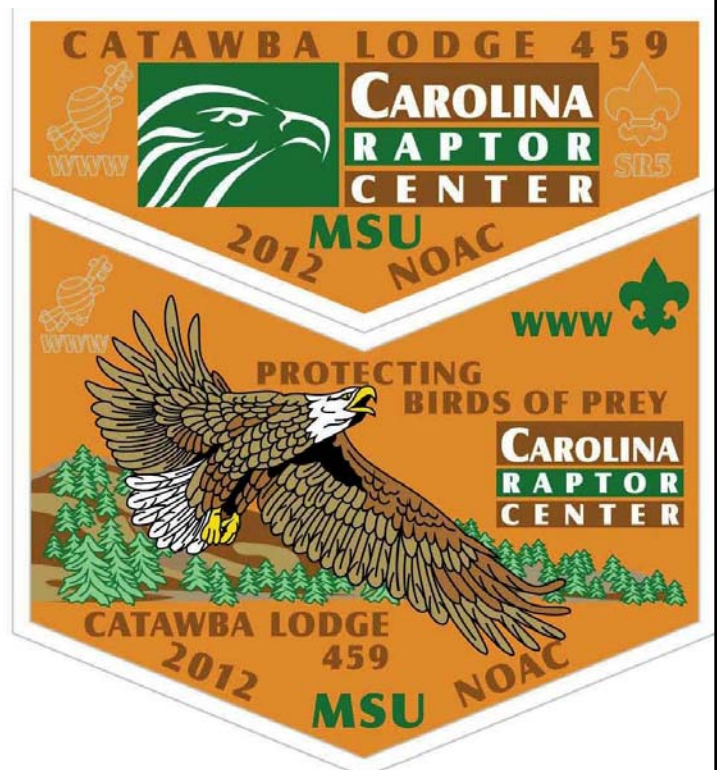
Dixie is the biggest OA event in our area and celebrates all the qualities that make the Order of the Arrow so special.

All Arrowmen who are members in good standing with Catawba Lodge are eligible to attend Dixie. Arrowmen interested in attending must complete their application and submit it to Ricky Williams - Troop 19 OA Troop Representative. Registration checks should be made out to Catawba Lodge. Registration and pre order forms are due by January 11, 2012.

NOAC 2012

sheet and mail with your deposit of \$100 (make checks payable to Catawba Lodge) to:

Danny Ryan
NOAC Chairman



Troop 19 News & Notes



Journey to Excellence Unit Award

“Scouting’s Journey to Excellence” is the BSA’s new council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is replacing the Centennial Quality Awards Program as a means of encouraging excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA. Troop 19 has earned the 2011 Unit Award in the inaugural year of the Journey to Excellence Program.

Summer Camp Staff 2011

Scouts who are interested in working on staff at Camp Grimes this summer need to contact **Scoutmaster Banks** or ASM **Tanya Hartje**. Positions are available and the experiences are tremendous.

2012 Re-charter

The Troop will be completing their re-charter requirements in January 2012. The fee for all Scouts is \$125.00 if paid by check or \$130.00 if paid by PayPal through the troop website. Re-charter fees are due in January. If you have any questions please contact **Tanya Hartje**, Troop 19 Re-charter Coordinator.

Presbyterian Award of Excellence

Troop 19 has been awarded the Presbyterian Award of Excellence for the 8th 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 BSA Quality Unit Award
- participating in the Presbyterian congregation’s Scout Sunday observance
- providing regular worship opportunities on Sundays when the Troop is on camping trips and other outings.

Congratulations to all who help to make Troop 19 successful and in helping our Scouts remain true to the Scout Law - A Scout is Reverent.

Troop Popcorn Sales

Troop 19 would like to extend our thanks to Popcorn Chairs **Juan** and **Tina Ybarra** for all their hard work in planning and running a very successful popcorn drive this year. This is just the second year that we have done popcorn sales and Tina and Juan did a great job in making the sale so successful. Thanks Juan and Tina.

Klondike Derby Training

Troop 19 Scouts who have not turned 14 by March 1, 2012 will be participating in the annual Klondike Derby. Training for the derby begins in January and continues through February. The Derby is February 24 - 26 at Camp Grimes. **ASM Matt Fox** and **ASM Craig Orr** will be coordinating Klondike derby for the Troop. Make sure your son makes all the meetings in January and February.

Academic Achievement

Troop 19’s Scout **Dante Ybarra** has recently been inducted into the National Honor Society. Dante is a student at Bradley Middle School and was chosen for the honor based on a combination of extraordinary academics, community service and school involvement. Dante was inducted in the Honor Society on November 15, 2011 in a ceremony at Bradley. Please join us in congratulating Dante on this noteworthy honor.



Operation Homefront

With the guidance of ASM **Michael Turner**, Troop 19 is sponsoring a family through the Operation Homefront program. We have adopted a family with four children a son(15), and three daughters(13)(8)&(5)based at Ft. Bragg whose father is currently deployed and will not be home for Christmas.

With the donations from the Troop, we have purchased several selected items that were on the children’s wish list, such as games, toys, hats, coats, and gloves as well as gift cards to food stores, fuel cards, and Wal-Mart, along with wrapping paper, stocking stuffers. All items will be shipped to their home address. The support from the Troop and ANC will provide this family a huge Christmas and some great memories.

Thank you to all the Troop families who contributed to the Operation Homefront fund and helped the family of one of our nation’s deserving servicemen who give so much in service to our country.

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OA News & Notes

OA Elections



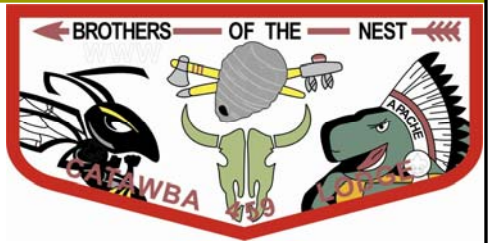
The troop returns to regular meetings on January 3. The January 3 meeting will be devoted to elections for candidates to the Order of the Arrow. To be eligible for election into the OA, Scouts must be 1st Class Rank and meet the camping requirements listed in the Troop Handbook. Scouts must be attendance to vote or be elected to the OA. The Order of the Arrow is the service arm of the Boy Scouts of America. OA lodges are dedicated to service, outdoor skills and camping.

2011 - 12 Catawba Lodge Event Flaps

These Flaps are a new promotion by

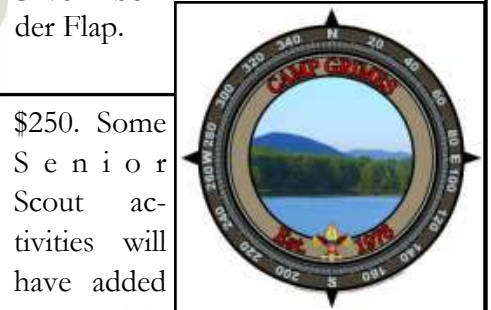
Catawba Lodge to encourage more attendance at events as well as encouragement to stay throughout the whole event. Starting at Spring Fellowship, the Quartermaster Store on Sunday morning after worship service will be selling the red border flaps. You will only be allowed one flap per event and you have to be there Sunday morning to buy it.

In order to get the silver border flap you must attend all lodge events throughout the year (Excluding Dixie Fellowship and NOAC). If you attend all the



events and get your name marked off Sunday morning after worship service, you will receive ONE free silver border flap from the lodge at the 2012 Annual Banquet and you will be able to purchase one more.

You must be Present at all of the following events to receive the silver border flap. Spring Fellowship, Beaver Day, June Ordeal, August Ordeal, Fall Fellowship, and you must be present at the annual banquet in order to receive the Silver border Flap.



Summer Camp 2012

Summer Camp is just around the corner and Troop 19 will be headed to Camp Grimes this summer.

\$250. Some Senior Scout activities will have added costs. We

Troop 19 News cont.

Webelos II Visits

Webelos II scouts from Pack 19 will be visiting the Troop during February. Webelos will attend meetings and meet the Scouts prior to their cross-over from the Pack to the troop. Webelos visit February 7, 14 and 21. Let's make them welcome!



Camp dates are set for June 17 - 23, 2012. **ASM Dan Hardesty** will be in charge of organizing camp this year.

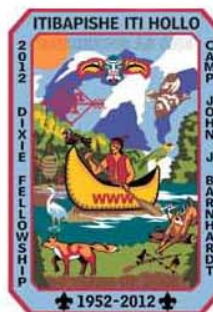
All Troop 19 Scouts and Rising Puppies need to place a **\$20.00 non refundable deposit** with the Troop to reserve your spot at camp.

Deposits are due by the first meeting in January.

Total cost for camp this year is

will have more on these costs later this spring. The council fee for summer camp is \$240.00 plus the troop fee of \$10.00 which adds up to \$250.00. The \$20 deposit will hold your spot and is non refundable. Please turn in all payments - **checks only; payable to Troop 19** - to Mr. Hardesty. Payment in full will be due no later than April 17. A payment plan is available as follows:

- a. February 14th - \$75
- b. March 13th - \$75
- c. April 17th - \$80



Dixie Fellowship 2012
April 27-29, 2012
Camp John J. Barnhardt
44184 Cannon Road
New London, NC 28127

Arrowman,

Dixie will be held at Camp John J. Barnhardt this year. Reserve your spot early as we only have 110 slots for the lodge. The cost is the same as last year and includes Dixie delegate patch, meals and participation pin. Also included is the Catawba Lodge flap, Meck and wicking t-shirt.

Cost \$45.00 per delegate

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record parts A and C are required but a doctor's exam is not required.

If your BSA Health and Medical record are not included with your pre-order form you will be placed on waiting list until I receive your medical record.

Name _____ Youth/Adult _____
Address _____ Phone number _____
City _____ T-shirt size AS AM AL XL 2XL 3XL
Unit _____ Chapter _____ (circle size)
Email address _____

Send the following:

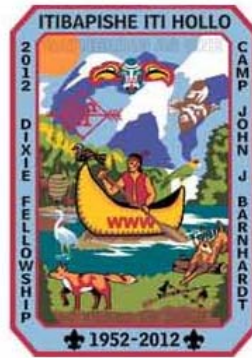
- Sign-up sheet
- Preorder form
- Annual Health and Medical record parts A & C
- Check made payable to: **Catawba Lodge**
- **Due by January 13, 2012**

Payments will not be accepted at the Scout office!!!

Send to Dixie Advisor
Scott Whitlock
4633 Meadowridge Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28226

For questions, contact me at cwhitlock4@carolina.rr.com or 704-995-9340 (Caleb's Cell)

**Dixie Fellowship Memorabilia
Host Lodge
Preorder form**



Item	Qty	Size	Price	Total
Patch (~5.5" tall, ~4" wide) same patch as one provided with registration fee			\$5.50	
Back Patch (~8" tall, ~6" wide)			\$16.50	
Ghost Patch (~5.5" tall, ~4" wide)			\$5.50	
Neckerchief			\$16.50	
Neckerchief Slide			\$5.50	
Chenille (~8" tall, ~6" wide)			\$22.00	
Mug			\$8.00	
Hat			\$13.00	
Hat Pin			\$3.00	
T-shirt (SM-XL)			\$16.00	
T-shirt (2X-3X)			\$18.00	
Hiking Staff Medallion			\$5.00	

**CATAWBA LODGE Memorabilia
Preorder form**

Item	Qty	Size	Price	Total
Meck's			\$4.00	
Lodge Flaps			\$3.00	
T-shirts (wicking) (M-3X)			\$15.00	
Sweatshirt (M-3X)			\$25.00	
Hoodie (M-3X)			\$30.00	

Delegate fee	\$45.00
Dixie Memorabilia	_____
Catawba Lodge Memorabilia	_____
Total Payment	\$ _____



What do you mean "They're out of Chocolate
Frosted Doughnuts!"



Daniel M hauls one in!

Troop 19
Fishing at Myrtle Beach





Nothing can be finer than breakfast in Caroliner - Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, that is!!

Puppies working on their
Second Class require-
ments in Myrtle Beach



If you want me to fish this early, I gotta have Krispy
Kreme doughnuts !



Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year



**From Scoutmaster Larry Banks
&
SPL Justin “Smiley” Austenfeld**



Myrtle Beach Fishing Trip

By Grayson Key

A few weeks ago I went to Myrtle Beach for a camping trip. We had a great time and did a lot of fun things. One of these things was that all of the puppies earned their Second Class rank. Of course, we also got to go fishing at the pier.

While we were there, we saw about 5 dolphins swimming and leaping around in the water. Another thing that I found interesting was that one of the Scouts caught an octopus!

On the last day we had a dessert competition where all of the patrols made the desserts that they brought in and 3 of the older scouts were judges. Our patrol, the Viking patrol, made Chocolate Chip Halloween cookies. (Thank goodness there were extras!!)

One of the things that we, as a patrol, have to work on is bringing enough food so that there will be enough for the whole patrol to eat.

This trip was by far my favorite and I can't wait for next year.



Sleigh Bells Ring, for BBQ??

Chip Wildman - BBQ Chair

This headline always seems to grab the right amount of attention. Christmas trees, eggnog, and BBQ.. With the Super Bowl approaching in February, that means one thing to me; time for the Annual Troop 19 BBQ. Get ready; this year's sale will be on Friday, February 3rd!

Now in our 5th year, we've experienced an amazing amount of success with our #1 fundraiser. Each year has sold out, and despite crazy amounts of rain this past year (some snow, some ice), we increased sales yet again! This tells us that our advertising, and our reputation, are working to grow the event. Scouts have received their pre sales tickets (15) last week. If not, yours will be in the mail. This will allow for more time to sell these prior to the event. PLEASE treat these tickets just as you would cash! They must all be accounted for when ticket

money is turned in on Tuesday, January 24th.

The BBQ fundraiser is critical to the Troop 19 budget. All Scouts need to be active in selling all of their tickets. Remember, we have plenty more. If additional tickets are needed, inquire with any Scout Leader. One more request; **help!** As we grow, more volunteers are needed throughout the day on Friday. Morning help is needed for food preparation, and afternoon/evening volunteers for sales. Parents; if you are not currently volunteering within the Troop, please consider helping us out on February 3rd. Contact me at kwildman@bellsouth.net if interested. While it tends to get a little crazy, we always make it a great time. Remember, our Troop leadership is purely a voluntary group. It takes all of us to maintain such a strong organization, focused on the growth of our sons.



S.E.A.L.S. 2011-2 Staff & Participants

Barry Douthitt Co-adviser, Dave Ruggles, Larry Banks Adviser, Darren Seigler - Course Director
Ricky Williams, Ben Washam, Thomas Thomas ASPL, Anthony Lorenzo Participant,
Justin "Smiley" Austenfeld SPL

Popcorn 2011



Troop 19 again had a strong showing at the annual BSA Popcorn sale. Troop 19 Scouts worked hard to sell popcorn and help the troop collect funds to pay for the Troop shelter at Camp Grimes.

The individual Scouts were outstanding in their efforts with several Scouts selling more than \$300 worth of popcorn. The top three salespeople were:

Dante Ybarra - \$663
Zachary Jewell - \$496
MyKenna Jahns - \$388

Congratulations to the top sellers and to all the Scouts for their efforts.

We also want to extend our thanks to the Troop 19 Popcorn Chairs - **Juan and Tina Ybarra** on an outstanding coordination effort and an extraordinary result!



Fishing with Troop 19 at Myrtle Beach, SC

By Daniel Wood

My experience of the Myrtle Beach camping trip was fun and exciting.

We arrived at the campsite around 10:30 p.m. Friday night. Once we got there, we set up our tents and went to bed. The next morning was exciting. We set up our kitchen and started cooking. We had breakfast burritos with bacon. After the great breakfast and cleaning up, we got ready to go fishing. Everyone in the troop grabbed their bait and tackle boxes and loaded onto the scout bus.

Once we got to the pier, we headed out to set up. Some of my friends and I didn't go too far out so we ended up not catching anything. One of my friends walked down to the end of the pier and they said it was packed. People were catching lots of fish down there. Eventually we got our rods out of the water and waited until it was time to leave.

When we got back to the campsite we had a study session before we went up for our next rank. Since our last rank was Tenderfoot, we didn't have to do boards of review then. Now we were going for our Second Class.



We needed the Scoutmaster Conference and Boards of review. I liked both of mine and passed. Which was in perfect timing since it was dinner time! Our

patrol cooks had already started cooking when I had finished.

For dinner we had Hamburger Helper. One of the best camping trip meals I have ever had. It was really good. It was time for the campfire. We walked over did our skit, watched a couple other skits, listened to some announcements then it was time for what everyone had been waiting for. It was time to go to Krispy Kreme! You know the deal. We all ate some doughnuts, had a sugar rush, and then it was time to go back to the campsite.

The next morning we all woke up, took our tents down, and then went to the worship service. Afterwards we looked for trash and then ate breakfast. We had oatmeal. It was a long ride home. When we got to the church we had closing and it was time to go home. This camping trip was fun and I am ready to go again next year.

The Bike Trip

By Daniel Wod

This is my experience of the 2011 bike trip. When we got to the New River Bike Trail we were all excited. It was late and time for bed. We set up our tents and went to sleep.

The next morning we were all cold. It had gotten down into the 20's the night before. Once we were all awake, we got our kitchen, water, hutch, and table out of the trailers. The Cobras cooked and ate with the Vikings this campout since both patrols had a small attendance. After we ate and cleaned up it was time to go biking.

We all loaded onto the Brownie Wagon and headed to the start of the bike trail. We took some pictures, got our bikes ready, and started off. We had started out 25 mile bike ride. It wasn't that hard at first for me but then I discovered that there was lots of mud. It got harder but we all tried our best. When it was lunch time we all stopped and ate. I was with some of the first people in line so we ended up waiting a while for a couple other people.

Once we started riding again it seemed it was just a long

mud trail. It was very muddy in the second half of the ride. The last 6 miles were the hardest. We kept riding all the way up to the Shot Tower, stopped a while and then kept riding back to the campground.

When we got back to the

campsite we rested a little bit to regain our energy. Once our whole patrol was back, we started dinner. For dinner we had a one pot meal. After dinner we cleaned and went to bed. The next morning we woke up, cleaned up, and packed up. We loaded our gear onto the trailer and went to the worship service. Then we got on the bus and went to breakfast. The best breakfast buffet ever! Shoney's!

When we got back to the church and had closing. This was probably my favorite trip so far because we got to go biking.



By Dante Ybarra

The 2011 Bike Trip

This year the bike trip was held at New River State Park.

Once we were dropped off, our troop had to bike 28 miles to get back to our campsite. My experience was exciting but really tiring.

I arrived on Saturday morning because I went on my school field trip on Friday and the bus

even biked through two caves, that was pretty awesome.

Overall the trip was amazing and fun. I had a great time and look forward to next year's bike trip.

was very late getting back. Once I got there and got my tent set up it was time to go biking.

The trails were mostly flat with a few hills, but the view of the river and streams were tremendous. We



New River Biking Trip

By Tyler Ebersold

When we first got to the camp ground, it was dark and cold so we put up our tent and went straight to bed. The next morning, my camping partner and I saw frost on my tent. We got up, made a fire, and started to eat breakfast.

When we were done, we got our bikes and helmets and went to the top of the mountain. We biked 29 miles back to the camp site. The trail was tough, it had rained there a few days before so it was muddy and made our bikes harder to pedal. But thankfully, my Dad and I had my bike serviced before the trip so it made it a bit easier to go through.

I was the fifth person to finish the trail because I kept thinking to myself “just a little bit farther.” After everybody had finished in my patrol, we started the fire up again, and kept it going for the rest of the night. When everybody went to bed, we thought the fire was put out for good, but it flared back up and the Scoutmasters had to come and put it out three times! I thought that was

quite funny.

When we woke up the next morning, I had to bring our trash bag to the dumpster. When I got there, I looked carefully and saw a giant raccoon trying to sleep! I put the trash in very slowly so the raccoon wouldn't jump up and attack me. It was really cool because I had never seen one in a dumpster before. After the Troop church service, we went to breakfast at Shoney's. I think the biscuits and gravy were the best thing on the breakfast bar!

I learned that I can bike 29 miles if I have to in one day. My favorite thing of the trip was getting a picture of the raccoon lying in the dumpster.



Troop 19 on the New River Trail State Park 2011



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Salisbury Trail Hike 2011



Troop 19 Scouts ventured through the history of North Carolina while hiking through Salisbury, NC.

The historic trail traces the history of the town through the years especially the years around the Civil War when a prison operated by the Confederates held Union prisoners captured at various battles in the South.

National Cemetery in Salisbury. Dedicated in 1874, this is the final resting place for veterans of all wars. Buried in 18 trench graves are 11,700 Union soldiers who died at the Salisbury Confederate Prison during the Civil War. Including

Medal of Honor recipient, Lorenzo Deming who served on the U.S. Picket Boat No. 1, incarcerated at the Prison at the age of 20. Deming's family was presented the Medal of Honor after his death in 1865 by President Andrew Johnson.



Chambers house and Wells house, homes built in the early years of the United States before the Civil War.

The trail wound through Salisbury's historic homes including the Maxwell



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For the past 22 years, Troop 19 Scouts and Leaders have made an annual visit to the Oaks Center. Scouts sing and share their holiday spirit with the staff and resident seniors living at the Huntersville facilities.

ASM **Ken Jahns** handled organizational duties for the annual Service project and did a great job in getting the entertainment program together for the Troop

We had a large turnout of Scouts and hopefully brought some holiday cheer and fun to the Seniors and the staff members at the Oaks, Scouts who assisted had a lot of fun while earning service hours to apply to towards the service requirements for their ranks. Well done, Scouts!



Service at The Oaks



Troop Calendar

2011 - 12

December 2011

Dec 1 Hornets Nest District Annual Banquet
 Dec 2 OA Annual Banquet - Belk Scout
 Camp
 Dec 3 Merit Badge Workshop
 Dec 6 Service Project at the Oaks
 Dec 6 Last meeting until January
 Dec 10 Salisbury Trail w/Webelos
 Dec 24 Service Project @ HPC
 Dec 25 CHRISTMAS
 Dec 19 - CMS Christmas Break
 Jan 2

January 2012

Jan 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Jan 3 Scouts Return
 Jan 3 OA Elections
 Jan 3 Klondike Derby Training Begins
 Jan 3 Webelos II Visits Begin
 Jan 7 OA Cold Weather Training
 Jan 10 Troop Committee
 Jan 10 Older Scout Activity Begins
 Jan 12 Hornets Nest Roundtable
 Jan 16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
 Jan 17 Troop Boards of Review
 Jan 20 - 22 Troop Camping
 Jan 20 - 22 LNT Class
 Jan 23 CMS Closed
 Jan 24 PLC
 Jan 24 ASM Meeting
 Jan 25 Schwatu Chapter Mtg - OA members
 only
 Jan 31 Troop Fun Night

February 2012

Feb 3 Troop BBQ Fundraiser
 Feb 4 Scouting for Food
 Feb 11 Year End Court of Honor
 Feb 12 Scout Sunday
 Feb 14 Troop Committee
 Feb 16 Hornets Nest Roundtable
 Feb 20 PRESIDENT'S DAY
 Feb 20 - 21 CMS Closed
 Feb 21 Troop Bards of Review

Feb 22 Schwatu Chapter Mtg - OA members
 Only
 Feb 23 Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner
 Feb 24 - 26 Klondike Derby - Camp Grimes
 Feb 27 Pack Crossover Meeting
 Feb 28 PLC
 Feb 28 ASM Meeting

March 2012

Mar 3 Puppy Orientation
 Mar 3 Court of Honor Crossover
 Mar 6 Troop Elections
 Mar 6 New Puppies First Meeting
 Mar 6 Deadline Spring Fellowship
 - OA Members only
 Mar 9 - 11 Outdoor Leadership Skills - BSC
 Mar 9 - 11 S.E.A.L.S. - Belk Scout Camp
 Mar 13 Troop Committee
 Mar 15 Hornets Nest Roundtable
 Mar 16 - 18 OA - Spring Fellowship - BSC
 OA Members only
 Mar 20 Troop Boards of Review
 Mar 23 - 25 Philmont Shakedown
 Mar 23 - 25 Troop Campout - Grayson Highlands
 Mar 27 TLD
 Mar 27 PLC
 Mar 28 Schwatu Chapter Mtg - OA members
 only
 Mar 30 CMS Closed
 Mar 30 - Wood Badge Weekend I

Apr 1

April 2012

Apr 2 - 6 CMS Spring Break
 Apr 3 No Meeting
 Apr 8 EASTER
 Apr 10 Troop Committee
 Apr 12 Hornets Nest Roundtable
 Apr 13 - 15 Troop Camping
 Apr 13 - 15 Xtreme Weekend
 Apr 13 - 15 Webelos Camping
 Apr 17 Troop Boards of Review
 Apr 21 - 23 Woodbadge Weekend II
 Apr 24 PLC
 Apr 24 ASM Meeting
 Apr 25 Schwatu Chapter Mtg - OA members
 only
 Apr 25 MCC Recognition Dinner
 Apr 27 - 29 OA - DIXIE FELLOWSHIP - Camp
 Barnhardt, NC OA Members only

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&
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**From the Troop 19
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