

**TROOP 19**



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# Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Dear Troop 19 Family:

I am truly saddened to report that we lost one of the Troop 19 family this quarter. **Cameron Wade Shelton** was a truly wonderful young man who was active in the troop from 1999 - 2007 along with his brother Troop 19 Eagle **Lee Shelton** and his dad former ASM **Barry Shelton**. Cameron died in his sleep on June 22. He was 22 years old. Please join me in keeping the Sheltons to your prayers and thoughts as they grieve for Cameron and come to terms with his passing.



## Banks' Bits

one keep up with the website, and the Troop calendar, our Facebook page, troop handouts and the newsletter to see what is going on. Otherwise, you might miss out.

Well, Summer Camp is over and we are catching our breath before we start the new Scouting year. As usual,

we are planning a busy season, let's be sure all your Scouts are ready. It's going to be very hectic for the 2012 - 13 Troop 19 Scout year - Sr. Camporee, Myrtle Beach, Ft Bragg, Klondike, Summer Camp and cap it all off with the 2013 National Jamboree. With so much to do and so many people to communicate with it is essential that every-

I want to make special mention of all the leaders who assisted and escorted the Troop 19 Scout son their Philmont Treks. Special thanks go to **Mark Chapman** as overall leader and coordinator. Several leaders served as Crew Advisors including **Craig Orr, Darrin Siegler, Dave McDonnell, Matt Fox, Willie Rooker** and **Jamie Redies**.

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**Upcoming Events:**

- OA 3rd Ordeal**  
Aug 24 - 26
- Troop Elections**  
Sept 4
- Sr Camporee**  
Sep 7 - 9
- OA Fall Fellowship**  
Sep 28 - 30
- Fall Court of Honor**  
Oct 2
- Myrtle Beach Camping Trip**  
Oct 12 - 14

## Cameron Wade Shelton 1988 - 2012

Troop 19 is sad to report that one of our family has passed away. Cameron Shelton, a Scout in the troop from 1999 until 2007 died June 22, 2012 in his home in Huntersville, Cameron was a graduate North Mecklenburg High School and was enrolled at UNC-Charlotte. He was set to receive his Bachelor of Arts in Finance in August. Cameron was an avid outdoorsman and fisherman and a talented guitarist. His brother

Lee is a Troop 19 Eagle Scout and his dad Barry served many years as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Cameron's memorial service was held on Thursday, June 28th at Huntersville Presbyterian Church.

Please join us in keeping Cameron's parents Barry & Kay and the entire Shelton family in your thoughts and prayers.



# Eagle Scout Updates

## Tyler Reavis

Troop 19 Eagle Scout Tyler Reavis (2004) graduated from UNCW in December 2011 with a Masters degree in Public Administration. He is currently living in New York City, working as an Advertising Coordinator for The Business Journals. Tyler is engaged to Melissa Cliver who will be completing her graduate studies at New York University in the fall of 2012.



*Troop 19 Eagle Tyler Reavis & fiancé  
Ms. Melissa Cliver*

## *Troop 19 Eagle Jacob Young & fiancé Ms. January Schenimann*

## Jacob Young

Troop 19 Eagle Scout Jacob Young (2003) is getting married on Aug 11, 2012 at Bush Stadium to Ms. January Schenimann and will live in Huntersville. Jacob employed by Duke Energy.

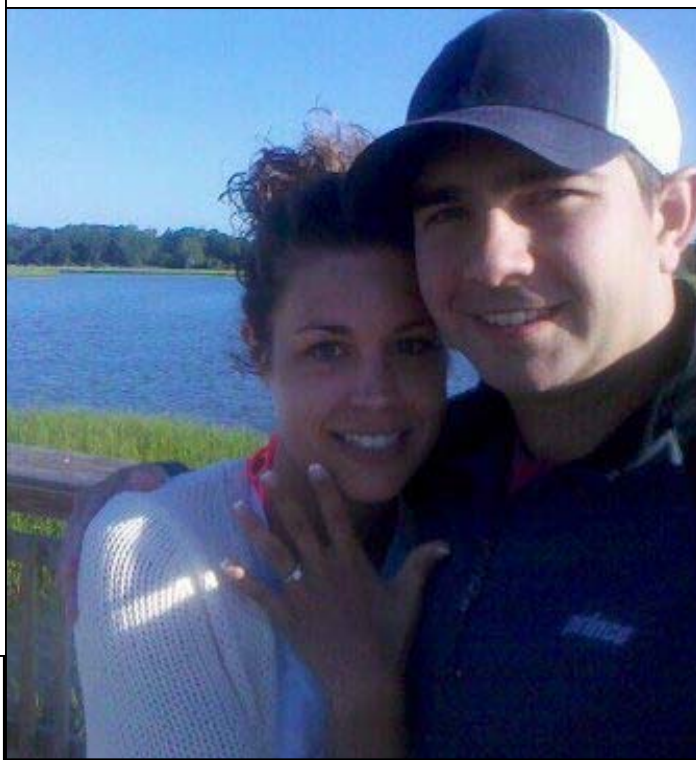


## Chris Johnson

Troop 19 Eagle Scout Chris Johnson (2002) has recently announced his engagement to Ms. Jessica Inman. Chris and Jessica are both graduates from North Mecklenburg, Chris graduated in 2008 from NC State and Jessica is a 2008 graduate of Belmont Abbey College.

## Zach Capets

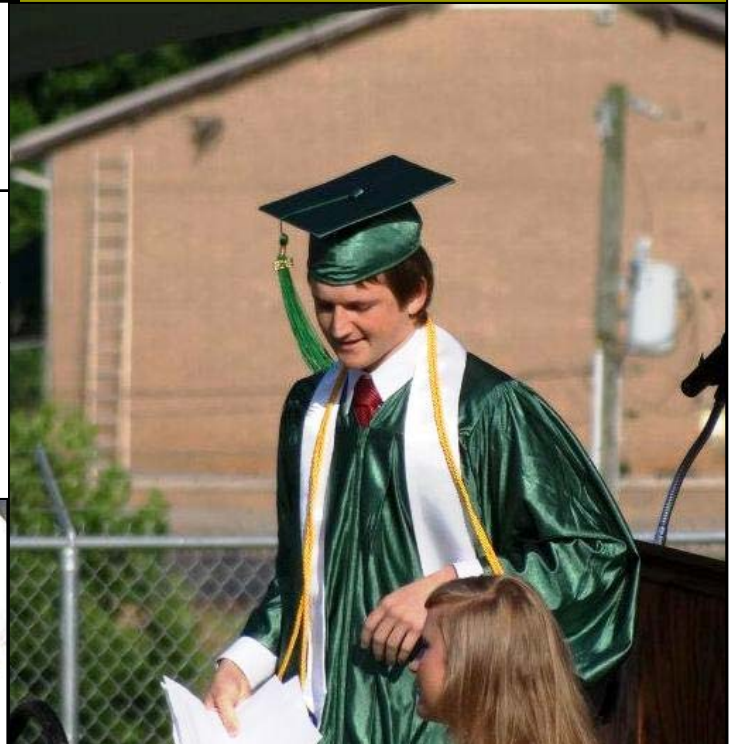
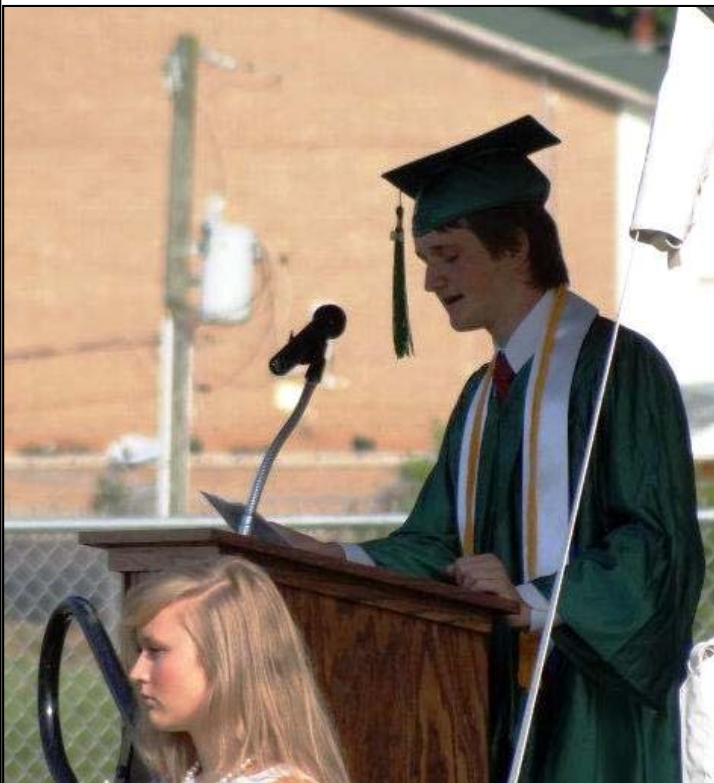
Troop 19 Eagle Scout Zach Capets has graduated from North Carolina State University this past May. Zach became an Eagle in 2008 and was a graduate of North Mecklenburg High School.



*Troop 19 Eagle Chris Johnson & fiancé  
Ms. Jessica Inman*

## Troop 19 Scholastic Honors

Troop 19 Eagle Scout Stephen Shenigo's academic excellence earned him the position of Valedictorian for East Lincoln High School. Stephen presented his speech to his graduation class at the Commencement ceremonies for East Lincoln on June 9. Congratulations Stephen! Well done indeed!



## Troop 19 High School Graduates

Numerous Troop 19 Scouts have completed their high school requirements and are headed off to college in the Fall of 2012. Here is the list of Scouts that we have so far with their high school and the college they are planning to attend:

**Tim Nye** - Hopewell High School  
Appalachian State

**Taylor Turner** - Hough High School  
Appalachian State

**Justin Austenfield** - Lake Norman Charter  
Appalachian State

**Stephen Shenigo** - East Lincoln  
UNC Chapel Hill

**Bradley McDonnell** - Lake Norman Charter  
CPCC

**Teddy Jahns** - Home Schooled  
Mitchell Community College



Please join us in congratulating all of these young men and wish them the best in their college careers.

# *Birkdale Service Project*

## **Birkdale Service Project**

For the eighth consecutive year, Troop 19 and Pack 19 Scouts and Leaders have performed the Honor Guard for the Memorial Day celebration at Birkdale Village. This year more than 30 Scouts and Leaders attended and lined the Memorial walkway during the ceremonies to remember American servicemen and women who served and gave their lives in the defense of freedom for us all.



**Troop 19 Scouts Salute  
and honor the flag at Birkdale**

**ASM Darrin Siegler plays *Taps*  
at the Birkdale Memorial Day  
Services**



**Scoutmaster Banks in  
preparations for the Memorial  
Day Celebration at Birkdale**



**Scottish bagpipes lead the way as Troop 19 forms the honor guard for  
the colors at Birkdale's annual Memorial Day Celebration**



# Hornets Nest Day Camp

Scouts who provide instruction and

Each summer, Cub Scouts in Hornets Nest District gather at Belk Scout Camp for a week of activities and adventure. The week-long day program includes swimming, Scout skills and activities related to this year's theme - Blast Off to Summer!

assistance to all the Cubs attending. Assisting at this year's Cub Scout Day Camp were Troop 19's **Zachary Jewell** and **Logan Rees**. Troop 19's **Brooks Ferguson** drove the Troop Bus for the campers all week. Thanks to all staff members for helping make this year's day camp so successful.



The camp is run by volunteer adults and

By Reid Wood, Asst. Scoutmaster



Troop 19 Assistant Scoutmaster **Reid Wood** has been working to complete his Wood Badge ticket items. Reid and other Wood Badge candidates pledge to complete a series of projects or "tickets" as part of their Wood Badge training program. These ticket items are designed to benefit their Troop, Pack or Scouting in general. ASM Wood is doing the Water Sport Merit Badge this summer for one of his Wood Badge class S5-415-12 ticket items. Reid was part of the Buffalo Patrol.

## Water Sports Merit Badge Weekend

**Josh Pitts**  
**Alex McRae**  
**Connor Merson**  
**Daniel Wood**

Even though the weather was extremely hot, we all had a great time learning to water ski with frequent jumps in the lake to cool down! Water sports merit badge weekend #2 is scheduled for August 10 – 11<sup>th</sup>.



I Can't Look! Is He up?



### The Wateronauts Cool Off in Lake Norman

The first Water Sports Merit Badge weekend was held at Lake Norman June 29 – July 1. The Water Sports Merit Badge requires Scouts to show skills in skiing, slalom skiing or wakeboarding. Scouts attending the initial weekend were :

**Zachary Jewell**  
**Ben Hollister**



The Wateronauts get ready to Ski the Waves

**Troop 19 2012-13 Calendar**

Nov 20 Troop Boards of Review  
 Nov 22 THANKSGIVING  
 Nov 27 PLC

Nov 27 ASM Meeting

**August 2012**

Jul 29 - Aug 4 NOAC - OA members only  
 Aug 9 Hornets Nest Roundtable  
 Aug 15 Deadline 3rd Ordeal - OA members only  
 Aug 27 First Day of School - CMS  
 Aug 24 - 26 3rd Ordeal @ Camp Belk - OA  
 members only  
 Aug 28 Troop Returns

**September 2012**

Sep 3 Labor Day  
 Sep 4 Troop Elections  
 Sep 7 - 9 Sr Camporee - Camp Grimes  
 Sep 7 - 9 District Jamboree  
 Sep 11 Troop Committee  
 Sep 11 A Time to Tell - Puppies  
 Sep 13 Hornets Nest Roundtable  
 Sep 18 Troop Boards of Review  
 Sep 18 Deadline Fall Fellowship - OA members  
 only  
 Sep 22 Scouter Success Seminar  
 Sep 23 Troop 19 Creek Walk  
 Sep 25 TLD  
 Sep 25 PLC  
 Sep 28 - 30 OA - Fall Fellowship, Belk Scout Camp  
 OA members only

**October 2012**

Oct 2 End of Summer Court of Honor  
 Oct 9 Troop Committee  
 Oct 11 Hornets Nest Roundtable  
 Oct 12 - 14 Myrtle Beach Camping Trip  
 Oct 16 Troop Boards of Review  
 Oct 23 PLC  
 Oct 23 ASM Meeting  
 Oct 26 - 28 Catawba Lodge LLDC  
 Oct 29 CMS - No School

**November 2012**

Nov 2 - 4 Troop Camping - Ft Bragg  
 Nov 6 Election Day  
 Nov 8 Hornets Nest Roundtable  
 Nov 9 - 11 S.E.A.L.S. - Belk Scout Camp  
 Nov 9 - 11 Outdoor Leadership Skills - BSC  
 Nov 13 Troop Committee  
 Nov 16 - 18 OA Carolina Ceremony Fellowship

**December 2012**

Dec 1 Puppy First Aid  
 Dec 4 Service at The Oaks  
 Dec 4 Last Meeting of 2012  
 Dec 6 Hornets Nest District Annual Banquet  
 Dec 7 OA Annual Banquet - Belk Scout  
 Camp  
 Dec 8 Merit Badge Workshop  
 Dec 24 Luminaries Project @ HPC  
 Dec 25 CHRISTMAS  
 Dec 21 - Jan 2 CMS Christmas Break

**January 2013**

Jan 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY  
 Jan 5 Adult Leader Winter Training  
 Jan 8 Scouts Return  
 Jan 8 OA Elections  
 Jan 8 Klondike Derby Training Begins  
 Jan 8 Troop Committee  
 Jan 8 Older Scout Activity Begins  
 Jan 10 Hornets Nest Roundtable  
 Jan 15 Troop Boards of Review  
 Jan 21 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
 Jan 25 - 27 Troop Camping  
 Jan 29 PLC  
 Jan 29 ASM Meeting

**February 2013**

Feb 1 Troop BBQ Fundraiser  
 Feb 2 Scouting for Food  
 Feb 5 Webelos II Visits Begin  
 Feb 9 Year End Court of Honor  
 Feb 10 Scout Sunday  
 Feb 12 Troop Committee  
 Feb 14 Hornets Nest Roundtable  
 Feb 18 PRESIDENT'S DAY  
 Feb 19 Troop Bards of Review  
 Feb 22 - 24 Klondike Derby - Camp Grimes  
 Feb 25 Pack Crossover Meeting  
 Feb 26 PLC  
 Feb 26 ASM Meeting

**March 2013**

Mar 2 Puppy Orientation  
 Mar 2 Court of Honor Crossover

# *Troop 19 2012- 13 Calendar cont.*

- Mar 5 Troop Elections
  - Mar 5 Deadline Spring Fellowship -  
OA members only
  - Mar 5 New Puppies First Meeting
  - Mar 8 - 10 Outdoor Leadership Skills - BSC
  - Mar 8 - 10 S.E.A.L.S. - Belk Scout Camp
  - Mar 12 Troop Committee
  - Mar 14 Hornets Nest Roundtable
  - Mar 15 - 17 OA - Spring Fellowship - BSC  
OA Members only
  - Mar 19 Troop Boards of Review
  - Mar 22 - 24 Wood Badge Session I
  - Mar 26 TLD
  - Mar 26 PLC
  - Mar 29 CMS Closed
  - Mar 31 EASTER
- April 2013**
- Mar 29 - Apr 5 CMS Spring Break
  - Apr 2 No Meeting
  - Apr 9 Troop Committee
  - Apr 11 Hornets Nest Roundtable
  - Apr 12 - 14 Troop Camping
  - Apr 12 - 14 Merit Badge Workshop
  - Apr 16 Troop Boards of Review
  - Apr 19 - 21 OA DIXIE FELLOWSHIP -  
OA members only
  - Apr 27 - 29 Wood Badge Session II
  - Apr 23 PLC
  - Apr 23 ASM Meeting
  - Apr 24 MCC Recognition Dinner
- May 2013**
- May 4 Spring Training for Leaders
  - May 5 Troop Creek Walk
  - May 7 Summer Camp Orientation  
for Puppy Parents
  - May 7 Deadline Beaver Weekend/1st Ordeal
  - May 9 Hornets Nest Roundtable
  - May 12 Mother's Day
  - May 14 Troop Committee
  - May 17 - 19 Beaver Weekend
  - May 17 - 19 Puppy Backpacking
  - May 21 Troop Boards of Review

- May 21 New OA Members Orientation
- May 21 Deadline June Ordeal
- May 27 Memorial Day
- May 27 Service Project @ Birkdale
- May 28 Troop 19 Ice Cream Social
- May 31 - Jun 2 June Ordeal @ Belk Scout Camp -  
OA members only

**June 2013**

- Jun 4 Summer Camp Swim Tests
- Jun 7 CMS last Day of School
- Jun 13 Hornets Nest Roundtable
- Jun 16 Father's Day
- Jun 16 - 22 Summer Camp Session I - Camp Grimes
- Jun 17 - 22 Top Gun - Camp Grimes

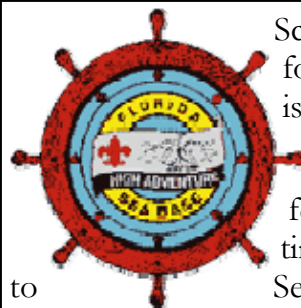
**July 2013**

- Jul 4 Independence Day
- Jul 15 - 24 2013 National Jamboree

**August 2013**

- Aug 6 Deadline 3rd Ordeal
- Aug 8 Hornets Nest Roundtable
- Aug 16 - 18 3rd Ordeal - Belk Scout Camp

## *SEA BASE 2014*



Scouts! Keep your calendar open for a high adventure trip the troop is working on for 2014.

The BSA Florida Sea Base offers an ocean adventure of a lifetime for those Scouts who make it to Sea Base. Troop 19 has applied for the lottery to go to Sea Base in 2014.

If we get selected, we'll begin planning for the adventure in Spring 2013. Our last Sea Base adventure was in 2006 when 15 Troop 19 Scouts and leaders to Islamorada in the Florida Keys for a truly outstanding experience.

Keep a weather eye open for more information in upcoming newsletters and the Troop website. ASM Dave Ruggles is leading the planning for Seabase with assistance from ASM Reid Wood and will update those interested as events get organized.

Top Gun was a week of exciting, tiring, and educational fun that every one should attend. There are some things that I can't tell about because it would destroy the experience. The things that I can tell are about the classes and the learning about backpacking.

The classes, if you have attended S.E.A.L.S., are nothing like them. Their interactive and most, if not all, will have an activity in it. We would either play a game, sing a song, or have a patrol activity. They would be a great deal of fun no matter what we did. But the classes by themselves were a great experience and you will learn a lot about communication, planning, and how to be a great leader.

Now, if you haven't been backpacking and plan on attending, take my



advice - **CONDITION YOURSELF!!!!** It's not a lot of hiking but it's hard if your not prepared to do it.

While out on the daily hikes, you learn about yourself and the members of the patrol that you just met. And even though the patrols first meet at the beginning of the week, you and your patrol will work together great by the end of the week.

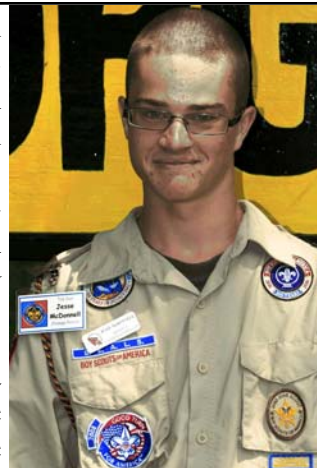
The patrols may be new and you may go through storming stages so unless you are not trying to enjoy it, you'll be a well oiled machine by the end. Also, you learn to see the strengths and weaknesses of people.

Overall, Top Gun is a great experience that I recommend all Scouts go through. I learned a lot and realized you don't have to be in a group of people that you know to be a leader. I

## Top Gun 2012

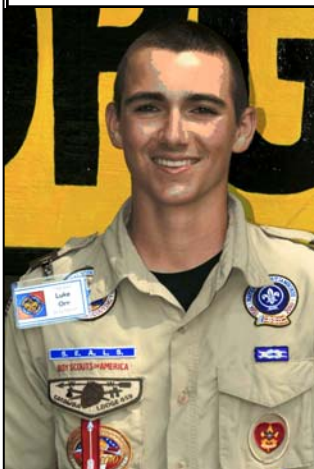
I learned better communication skills and better ways to be prepared in my daily life.

There is a lot more that will be learned if you go. I can't tell you everything in a letter but I hope what I have written shows everyone interested how how great learning in the Top Gun course can be.



**NYLT Graduate  
Jesse McDonnell**

## Top Gun 2012



**NYLT Graduate  
Luke Orr**

Top Gun was a really fun experience for me. This was my first year doing N.Y.L.T but I had already been through S.E.A.L.S. N.Y.L.T stands for National Youth Leadership Training and S.E.A.L.S stands for Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills.

Each one of these programs both teaches the importance of leadership and how to use it. S.E.A.L.S is just for a weekend and N.Y.L.T or Top

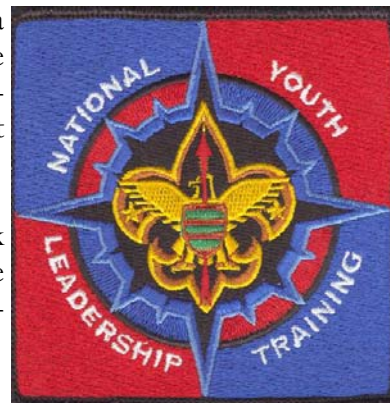
Gun is for a whole week. The cool thing about Top Gun is that it gives you a chance to show your leadership skills because sometimes when you're around

people you know you get shy and are afraid to go out of your comfort zone but at Top Gun you don't know anyone. It allows you to really show your skill and what you're capable of.

My patrol was the Shake and Bake patrol and our guide was Jake Shufford. He was a really cool guy and really funny too.

One of my favorite things of the week was our final hike. It was where the whole course went on this 2 mile hike on the perimeter trail at Camp Grimes and camped in a really old campsite and we all had to use our leadership skills to find it and not argue with each other.

Overall it was a great week and I want to thank the troop for sending me because I got a lot out of it.





Troop 19's Evan Napier was part of the contingent of Scouts from the Troop that made the trek to Philmont in late June. Evan writes of his experiences below.

## *Philmont 2012*

By: Evan Napier

I was elected to be the crew leader for crew 626-D-01 for Troop 19's 2012 Philmont trip. At my side was Matt Dahlem, elected to be Chaplain, and Luke Orr, our Wilderness Gia. The rest of the crew members included Jesse McDonnell, Dylan Sheck, Eric Vest and Hayden Fox. Our Advisors were Mr. Orr, Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Redies.

Our adventure started at 4:00 AM at the airport. From there on we were on our own and getting really excited. When we arrived in New Mexico on the 25<sup>th</sup>, we had a bus waiting for us. On this bus, we toured the city of Albuquerque. It was in Old Town, New Mexico where I made my first mistake as crew leader, I had miscounted as we left, leaving Mr. Fox behind in the heat. But, overall the tour was nice.

After a night of luxury in the hotel, we headed out to Philmont. It was a 3 hour bus ride - full of desert. When we got there and got all checked in we got our ranger, Chris. He was "the man." The next day, June 27<sup>th</sup>, was out first day on the trail.

Our bus left base camp at 10:45 AM and it was a short drive to Zastrow. There Chris gave us some lessons before we hit the trail, teaching us the Philmont ways. The first day seemed to last forever in the dirt, dust and heat,

but at least the hiking was short. The following day consisted of lots of up hill over a mesa to URRACA. There we saw The Admiral, a giant squirrel.

The following morning Chris left us because he trusted us enough to do our own thing. The days really started to fly by. We hiked the Tooth of Time, did challenge events, hiked, climbed spar poles, hiked, attempted to throw the atl-atl, hiked, played horse shoes, hiked, wrangled fake cows, hiked, played cards, hiked, branded our boots, hats, water bottles, hiked and so much more.

However, above all, the weirdest thing on the trail had to have been seeing a Scouter from the past. A few of the older scouts may remember him, Bill Byerly. He was there, in Miners Park, in Philmont, in the desert, in New Mexico, at the same time as us, after he moved to Louisiana. It was crazy.

This was a trip of a lifetime that I, and my crew, will never forget. This trip consisted of just over 100 miles of rugged terrain. Trek 28 will forever be a memory we will share and cherish.



## *The Napiers*

ters and mother Denise was active with the Troop Committee and parent volunteer with troop events.



As mentioned above, The Napier family is moving to Tennessee this summer.

The troop family is saddened by the Napier's departure and know that they will be missed greatly.

The Napiers have been very active in the Troop since Evan joined, followed for a while by his brother William. Father Keith Napier served as one of our Assistant Scoutmas-

Please join me in wishing the Napiers good luck in their new adventures in Tennessee!

# Top Gun 2012



Troop 19 Top Gun 2012 Participants—(L to R) Barry Doughitt - Course Adviser, Ben Worsham - Troop Guide, Jesse McDonnell, Sean Fox - Top Gun SPL (Not in Troop 19), Luke Orr, Hayden Fox - Troop Guide, Dave McDonnell - Course Director, Michael Turner - Co Adviser. Not pictured Dave Ruggles - Asst. Scoutmaster



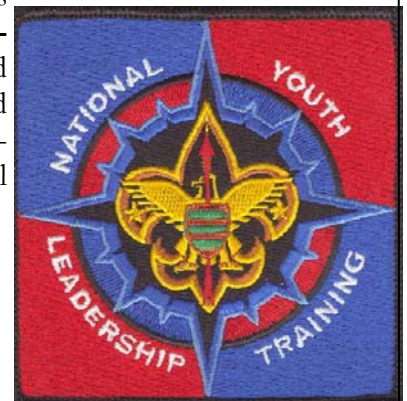
*Top Gun Course Director  
Dave McDonnell*

Top Gun is an exciting week of adventure, fun, hard work and

skills development for young leaders throughout Mecklenburg County. The success of Top Gun depends on a large group of volunteer Scouts and leaders serving in roles that simulate the positions within a troop. All of these staff members and all the Top Gun candidates rely on the Course Director to keep order, plan the activities and make things happen smoothly. This year's Top Gun course was directed by Troop 19 ASM **Dave McDonnell**. The course was a huge success and Troop 19 would like to recognize and thank Dave for all his hard work and dedication to making Top Gun so successful for all the participants.

Well done Dave! Thank you!

## *Top Gun 2012*



## *Philmont 2012*



**Troop 19 Philmont Crew members for Expedition Number 626-D-01 Crew Adviser Craig Orr, Adult Trek member Dave McDonnell, Adult Trek member Jamie Redies, Adult Trek member Matt Fox, Evan Napier - Crew Leader, Luke Orr, Hayden Fox, Jesse McDonnell, Matt Dahlem, Dylan Scheck, Eric Vest**



**It's a heck of a climb but, What a View from the Top!**

**We made it up here! When are you headed to Philmont ?!**



## Philmont 2012



**THIS is why I got up at 6:00 AM every morning for Philmont.**

Troop 19's Luke Orr was part of the contingent of Scouts from the Troop that made the trek to Philmont in late June. The following are excerpts from his daily journal from the trip to New Mexico.

Day 1- 6/26/12

Woke up at the hotel at 6am. Eat breakfast and all that good stuff before heading out to camp. We get to camp at 9:55am, unpacked the bus, checked in, and then met our guide. His name was Chris Tucci, really cool guy. After all that we had our lunch in the dining hall (the last, somewhat, good food we'll have for a while).

After lunch we had to be taught some stuff by our guide like the Philmont way of doing certain things. We had some free time after that so all of us went to explore base camp. I also got a bloody nose but as a crew total we had 23. Had dinner and then went to the opening camp fire. The camp fire was really cool and after that I took the last shower I would take for two weeks and went to bed. And supposedly during the night there was a huge wind storm but I wouldn't know because I slept through it.

Day 2 – 6/27/12

Woke up at 6am again. Ate breakfast in the dining hall for the last time. Got our gear ready for the trail and ready to get on a bus at 10:00 am

to go to Zastrow drop off. After getting dropped off at Zastrow, we hiked about two miles to Rimrock camp. Got into camp at 12:30 pm settled down, put up bear bags and set up camp. Played cards for 3 hours after lunch then started cooking dinner. Looked over our Philmont booklets. Took a wet wipe bath, learn to clean the Philmont way and went over some wilderness stuff before brushing my teeth and then hitting the hay.

That was basically every day just with increasing miles day by day. Also I would try to talk about the views I saw but there is nothing in the world that can describe them. Like when we hiked the Tooth of Time, summited Baldy Mountain at 12,441 ft on July 4th, the highest mountain in New Mexico, and you could see for miles. Also when we were on the trail we would pass through staff camps that had programs to do like shooting, tomahawk throwing, and at-at throwing.

One of my favorite ones we did was at the camp Pueblano. It was spar pole climbing. It's where you climb a 40ft pole with a belt and metal spikes. You put the spikes around your boots and get harnessed in. Then you put a big leather belt around the pole and hook it to you harness. When you climb you stick the spikes in the pole and slide the belt up the pole...it's kind of scary but really fun.

Overall it was amazing and if I had the chance to do another trek out there, I would probably do it all over again and who knows maybe even be on staff.



**Luke Orr hikes into camp at the end of the day at Philmont**

# Philmont 2012



Troop 19 Philmont Crew members for Expedition Number 626-D-02 ASM and Philmont Trek Leader Mark Chapman, Crew Advisor ASM Darren Seigler, Troop 19 ASM Willie Rooker, Crew Leader Thomas Chapman, Wilderness Pledge Guia Ricky Williams, Wes Smith, Mitchell Hutula, Chaplian's Aide Kris Harris-Pitton, William Rooker, Christian Smith, Patrick Sturm.



Troop 19 Philmont Crewmen at the top of Mount Baldy in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, at Philmont Scout Ranch



## Philmont 2012

**Troop 19's Thomas Chapman was also part of the contingent of Scouts from the Troop that made the trek to Philmont in late June. The following is his story of Philmont.**

Putting 11 days of an adventure down on paper isn't going to be the easiest task. There are some parts of it that I can just make a list of the things we did, and some parts that were too deep to put into words. But I still think people who haven't ever been to Philmont need to hear of the time we had.

Getting to New Mexico and Base Camp was a blur to me, we flew from Charlotte to Dallas and Dallas to Albuquerque, and then toured around Albuquerque. The next day we drove three hours into Base Camp. That day wasn't very good, long and boring getting checked in at Base Camp and receiving our crew equipment. Base Camp wasn't pretty either, it was just in the middle of a dry windy desert. The cool thing about it though was that all the mountains of the Philmont Ranch were right in front of the camp looking down on you. The famous Tooth of Time was also visible and looked extremely close. On our last day of hiking, we found out it wasn't as close as one would think. The opening ceremony was really neat, it mainly talked about the history of the land and how it came to be.

The next day we finally started our hiking. We hiked through a giant staff camp filled with horses, cowboys, and a country western theme called Ponil. We didn't stay there but in a pretty non-staff camp called Sioux. Our female ranger, Stevie, then taught us all the skills we needed the whole trek.

The second day of the trek, we went to a staffed-camp called Pueblano, which was almost unanimously our whole crew's favorite camp. It was themed around a lumber company that actually existed in the area in the late 1800's and early 1900's. They had a great program for the campers, including "Loggerball," Spar Pole Climbing which was really cool, and a really neat campfire. The campfire was a heck of a show.

Our next big task was Mt. Baldy. We hiked 45 minutes from our campsite to the base of the mountain, called "Baldy Town." From Baldy town, we went from 10,000 feet elevation to 12,000 at the top of the moun-

tain. The top of the mountain was about as steep as you could get, but getting to the summit was so much more worth the climb. The last quarter of a mile up was just rocks, no trees. That's why they call it "Baldy." Supposedly the view from Baldy lets you see 10% of New Mexico, which personally I think is mind-blowing.

Trek Day 4, we went to a really pretty non-staffed camp called Upper Dean Cow, and then after that just Dean Cow. I really like Dean Cow, it was a staffed camp centered around climbing. They had a really cool "traverse" climbing wall and at night they had a staff-camper volleyball game. Which our crew lost. But we still had fun.

Our next camp was Harlan, but the hike there was around 9 miles. That was very long and dragging day. However, our campsite there had a great view overlooking the town of Cimmaron, just outside of the ranch boundaries, and I thought that was amazing just being able to sit in our "Crazy Creek" chairs overlooking the city lights and the desert. The city lights taunted us, knowing that in just 3 days we would be there eating pizza, as we sat on the mountainside eating our ever-so delicious trail food.

After Harlan we went to a dried up lake called "Devil's Wash Basin." It was really cool, the lake was now just a field. That was a pretty campsite. Most campsites have water spickets for the crews to use as drinking water or for cooking water or whatever they need it for. Some camps, however, called "Dry" Camps, didn't have any water spickets or creeks, and this was unfortunately one of them. Part of our crew had to hike to a neighboring campsite to get water.

The next day we went to Cimmaroncito, which I enjoyed very much. They had this really cool indoor climbing room, with all the walls covered in little rocks you could climb on. They also had a place to wash clothes and thank goodness, take showers. Luck wasn't with us that day as we tried to wash clothes because it started pouring rain, so nobody really got to dry their clean clothes. At least we got showers.

At Philmont, chipmunks run around everywhere causing problems, and there they are known as "mini-bears." One



## Beaver Tales

day I left a peanut-butter candy bar in my pants pocket. We were gone during that day, and I left my pants out in the open. When I came back to the campsite later that day, I noticed a hole in my pants pocket and a torn up candy bar wrapper on the ground. The crime scene of a mini bear. The day we were at Cimmaroncito, our campsite literally got attacked by these pests. They were running around getting in our pots and bowls, and even got in one person's pack.

After Cimmaroncito we went to Shaefer's Pass, our last campsite. The next day was our hike over the Tooth of Time and back to Base Camp. We wanted to get to Base and over the Tooth as early as possible. We predicted it would take an hour and a half to get to the tooth, and about three or four more to get to Base Camp. We decided as a crew we wanted to get to the top of the tooth to see the sunrise, which meant we had to leave our campsite around **THREE IN THE MORNING**. Which meant we had to get up at **TWO IN THE MORNING**. So we went to bed that night around 7:30.

Getting up at 2 wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be. We were hiking on the right trail by 3:30. This was a very strange but probably the coolest hike of the entire trek. At one point we were on top of the ridge leading up to the Tooth of Time. It was 4:30 A.M., everything was pitch black. It was a full moon, and ahead of us two bright planets dwarfed all the stars in the sky. Looking to



the right we could see the silhouette of a mountain range across a valley, and to the left we could see the city lights from Cimmaron. There were giant rocks and there was a mist, everything felt like it was

in a dream instead of being real, but it was in fact real. We didn't make it to the tooth before sunrise, in fact it was just after, but still the view from the top was amazing. I think I actually liked the view from the tooth better than the view from Baldy. You could see Base Camp from the top, and it was great knowing you would be back down there in simply a matter of hours.

The hike back to base camp was long but it still felt great. We went into Cimarron to get Pizza, which that with Dr. Pepper tasted absolutely amazing after eleven days of trail food and sulfur-tasting water. The closing ceremony was amazing, it totally topped off the whole experience.

People say that Philmont has a "magic" that will always make you come back. I'm definitely not going back any time soon, after all those nights in a tent and sleeping bag now I don't think I'll be able to even leave my comfortable bed at home. I don't know the next time I'll go back, could be in the next couple years with one of their special programs, could be as an adult leader of with my own children some day. But one thing is for sure. I'm going back.

## Micheal Hartje Recognition

Troop 19 ASM **Micheal Harjte** was recognized at the July 19, 2012 Camp Grimes Scoutmaster Dinner for his dedication and passion to the early American Living History and the Frontier Area of Camp Grimes. As part of the recognition, the Micheal Hartje Heritage Arts Building was named in his honor.

Please join us in congratulating Micheal for his recognition and dedication to Scouting and American History.



**Troop 19 Grass Dancers at Dixie 2012**  
Jordan Hardesty (left) and Ricky Williams.



**Catawba Lodge wins Totem Pole Carving for 2nd Straight Year!**



**Dixie 2012 Rope Throw Champion**  
Troop 19's Thomas Chapman and ASM Mark Chapman



## *Dixie 2012 Report*

*Ricky Williams*

This year's Dixie Fellowship was April 27-30 at Camp John J. Barnhardt in New London, North Carolina. Catawba Lodge competed in 3 new events this year. The event went smoothly thanks to Caleb Whitlock, who served as the Dixie Chairman for Catawba Lodge. This year Troop 19 had a total of 18 people, 12 youth and 6 adults, that attended Dixie Fellowship.

Attending Dixie Fellowship for the first time was great. I got to hang out with friends, listen to a cool band, dance in a Pow Wow, and much more. The food was great and the weather was fantastic. Not only was this my first Dixie as an OA member, but, this was my first Dixie as the Catawba Lodge Dance Team Chairman.

As a Dance Team Chairman at Dixie, I had to coordinate the members of the dance team so that we could compete in the dancing events. The Catawba Lodge Dance Team competed in not just one but two events. Those events were the Parade of Braves and Individual

Dance. The team had a total of 6 dancers compete, including me. Out of the 6 dancers, we had 4 grass dancers, a chicken dancer, and a fancy dancer. The Lodge got 3<sup>rd</sup> place in fancy dance for both Parade of Braves and Individual Dance. I had the opportunity to be one of the 4 grass dancers. Competing was fun but dancing in the Pow Wow was the coolest thing at Dixie. Dixie started off great and just kept getting better. I can't wait for the next Dixie Fellowship.



**Troop 19 Contingent to Dixie 2012**

# Crew 19 Backpacking



I would rather have hiked the 51 miles from last summer. It was a very rough climb, almost everyone got stung by bees, and some of us ran out of water before finishing day 2. But we definitely had a great time. When we finished hiking, we swam in the cold waters of the Nantahala River, we got some food, and went rafting. On the way down the river, we got into splash fights with the leaders, and they won. After that, we got some food and headed home. It was a

*Crew 19's Mckenna Jahns and her Crew mates spent part of this summer break on the Nantahala River. She writes of her adventures below:*

great trip and I would love to do it again.

After a long and hot 51 mile hike last summer, we thought hiking 22 miles and rafting 8 miles over three days was going to be a cinch. After yellow jacket/hornet stings, mice, tough climbs, minimal water, and very hot weather, we realized we couldn't be more wrong.

McKenna Jahns  
Crew 19



**MyKenna Jahns**

## Puppy Backpacking 2012 -Hikers at the Ready!





**Troop 19's Newest Ordeal  
Members of Catawba Lodge**

Front row: Mitchell Hutula, Matthew Mikuleza, Dante Ybarra, Banks Campbell, Will Napier. Back Row: Cameron Callahan, Nicholas Tennant

**Troop 19's Newest Brotherhood Members of Catawba Lodge**

(L to R) Dan Tito, Dan Hardesty, Jordan Hardesty, Nick Zanzot, Anthony Lorenzo, Kevin Thomas, Ricky Williams, Juan Lorenzo

***OA News &  
Notes***

Troop 19 had five youth and three adult Arrowmen seal their membership to the Order of the Arrow and Catawba Lodge by completing the Brotherhood requirements during the June Ordeal. Completing their Brotherhood tasks were:

- Jordan Hardesty**
- Nick Zanzot**
- Anthony Lorenzo**
- Kevin Thomas**
- Ricky Williams**
- ASM Juan Lorenzo**
- ASM Dan Tito**
- ASM Dan Hardesty**



**Beaver Weekend & Ordeal**

Beaver Weekend was held May 18 - 20 to prepare Camp Grimes for the start of Summer Camp. Troop 19 Scouts did a great job helping place tents and cleaning camp sites that were damaged in the spring storms. Special thanks to all the leaders and Scouts who assisted in getting Camp Grimes ready for 2012 Summer Camp.

During June Ordeal weekend on June 1 - 3, seven Troop 19 Scouts completed their ordeal for the Order of the Arrow and join Catawba Lodge as Troop 19 newest Arrowmen. Congratulations to:

- Mitchell Hutula**
- Matthew Mikuleza**
- Dante Ybarra**
- Banks Campbell**
- Will Napier**
- Cameron Callahan**
- Nicholas Tennant**

Troop 19 also had two Arrowmen seal the membership at Summer Camp, completing their requirements were:

- Kristopher Harris Pitton**
- Luke Jahns**



**Troop 19 Brotherhood Members**  
Luke Jahns (L) & Kristopher Harris Pitton



## *Camp Grimes 2012*

This was my second year of summer camp in the troop. It started out the same way camp started last year. We all met at Huntersville Elementary and left. When we got to Grimes we unpacked and checked in. We went to orientation at the waterfront and made sure we knew our daily schedules. At night we went to the opening campfire. Since the troop theme was the Hatfields and McCoys we went to campfire in overalls showing our troop spirit.

For the majority of the week I walked all over camp. The merit badges I took this year were Environmental Science, Archery, Basketry, and Pottery. Environmental Science consisted of learning how you affect the environment. Archery involved learning how to make an arrow, shooting a bow and arrow and having to practice for my qualifying score. Basketry educated me on the ways to make a square basket, round basket, and how to weave a stool. Pottery told me how to make pinch, slab, and coil pots. It also told me how to work the pottery wheel and the kiln.



**Troop 19's Daniel Wood**

On Friday we had the closing campfire after the Hatfield family dinner. We dressed out in our overalls, bubba teeth, and straw hats. Even though we didn't win the spirit stick at the closing ceremonies, we did win the camp cleanliness award. We had the cleanest campsite in camp! On Saturday, we packed up, cleaned up, and headed home.

## *Camp Grimes 2012*

*Troop 19 Puppy and Viking Patrol Scout Tyler Gass went to his first Summer Camp this June. Tyler writes of his first camp*

My experience at summer camp was very fun. My favorite part was when my friend and I went down to the rifle range in free time and shot rifles.

My favorite merit badge I took during camp was swimming. I really had fun swimming down at the lakefront.

We had a lot of fun in my merit badge classes. In my leatherworking class, I had my funniest memory of camp. When our teacher started to say "letter" instead of leather, everybody started saying letter too. We all thought that since the teacher said it like that, we all thought it was cool.



Overall summer camp was a great experience and I learned a lot. I'm excited to go again next year!

# Summer Camp Attendees 2012

Youth			Adults
TJ J Butner	Grayson Key	Logan Rees	Larry Banks
Cameron Callahan	Tyler J Key	Logan Reese	Brooks Ferguson
Banks Campbell	Nicolas Kincaid	Tyler Reese	Dan Hardesty
Dominic Cerio	Austin Kriss	Carter Rhymer	Ken Key
Will Dickerson	Jacob Krueger	Nicholas Rossini	Juan Lorenzo
Tyler C Ebersold	Anthony Lorenzo	Timothy Shaner	Kenneth McCraw
Andrew H Elliott	Harrison Lowe	Zachary Shaner	Reid Wood
Quin Ferguson	Michael Lutz	Morgan Hunter Shaw	
Eric Fronzaglia	Sean Macleod	Joseph Skinner	
Tyler Gass	Daniel Mccraw	Thomas A Stephenson	
Jaylan Gray	Alex Mcrae	William Stephenson	
Cameron T Hardesty	Charlie Merryman	Nicholas Tennant	
Jordan S Hardesty	Connor Merson	Kevin S Thomas	
Kristopher Harris Pitton	Matthew Mikuleza	Brock M Wesolek	
Luke Hines	Will Napier	Carter Wesolek	
Ben Hollister	Nate Nortier	Nicholas Westhofen	
Mitchell Hutula	Aidan Ostapko	Kohl Whitfield	
Luke Jahns	Josh E Pitts	Payton Williams	
Zachary Jewell	Lucas Preito	Daniel J Wood	
Wesley Johnson	Jonathan Pugliese	Christopher Wunder	
	AJ Ranson	Dante J Ybarra	



## Camp Grimes 2012



*Troop 19 Puppy and Cobra Patrol Scout Wesley Johnson also went to his first Summer Camp this June. Will writes of his first camp below:*

My week at camp was so much fun!

My favorite part of camp was going to the waterfront. We would take our morning merit

badge—Pottery, then when we were finished, we all hiked down to the lake for our Swimming merit badge class. It was a great place to be on a hot day.

Summer camp was a great experience and I can't wait to go again next year.



Troop 19 had three members assist with the annual Webeleos Adventure Camp at Belk this summer. Assisting this year were

- Zachary Jewell
- Ricky Williams
- Micheal Hartje

Thanks to the hard work of the staff the Webeleos Adventure was another great success.

Thanks for all your hard work and your willingness to volunteer to help the Webeleos Scouts!

## Webelos Adventure Camp 2012

# Camp Grimes 2012

camp. It gave us a chance to incorporate US History while still having a great time with friends. The Hatfield dinner on Friday night also eased my anxiety since I got to see my family and show them around camp.



**Troop 19's  
Will Dickerson**

Summer camp was a new and interesting experience for me. It being my first time at summer camp, I had a lot to learn. But fortunately, the camp staff and leaders of Troop 19 made that very easy.

My favorite daily activity was spending time with friends and leaders and growing strong friendships and relationships among the people around me. And fortunately, I had a lot of time to do this. But as I mentioned earlier, we did have a lot of activities that kept us busy.

My favorite of these was working on my Space Exploration Merit Badge. I learned about some of the people in my class and those who have journeyed into space. I especially enjoyed getting to build and launch my own rocket!

I had never been away from my whole family for this long, and to be honest, given the choice, I

I must admit, my least favorite activity was swimming. I don't mean to say they didn't do a good job of teaching it; swimming is just not really my thing.

would have stayed home. I was very anxious and somewhat excited at the same time. I enjoyed the fact that summer camp kept me busy and on my toes, so I didn't have time to be homesick. The Hatfield and McCoy theme was one of my favorite parts about summer

Overall my experience here at Summer Camp was more enjoyable than I thought it would be and I'm glad that I went. I hope that next year will be even better.

# My First Boy Scout Summer Camp

By Dominick Cerio

My 1<sup>st</sup> Boy Scout camping trip was to Camp Grimes and it was an interesting experience! One of our daily tasks was to go to the waterfront and do the Polar Bear Plunge. It was really fun! The coolest thing about it was feeling the warm water and then the cool air when you got out. I really liked that!

outhouse! We got to wear overalls, wear ugly teeth and carry a wooden gun!



When our troop was walking up to the mess hall to get breakfast, lunch and dinner, we would sing songs like "The Son of a Gun Colombo" and "My Turtles Swim Sideways." Even though the singing part was fun, the waiting for the food was my least favorite part of the trip because it was so hot out!

Another daily activity we did was Trail Blazers, which was fun at times, but sometimes it was boring. Some of the activities we did at Trail Blazers were a 5-mile hike the first day and learning to build a fire. I helped build the fire and it was entertaining!

We did other things like swim, earn merit badges, go fishing, watch a movie, eat pizza, go to the Trading Post, have free time, see our parents Friday night, and stay up all night Friday!

The theme of our camping trip was the Hatfields and McCoy's. We were the Hatfields and another troop was the McCoy's. The props the Troop leaders brought were awesome! There was a still and even an



All of these activities were just a part of the fun I had at my 1<sup>st</sup> Boy Scout camping trip. I can't wait for the next one!

# Summer Camp 2012

*Sometimes summer camp is a bit more of an adventure than originally planned. First Class Scout Zachary Jewell writes about his 2012 Summer Camp below:*

My summer camp this summer was the best summer camp I've ever had even though I had a lot of bad things happen to me.

First I fainted. I fainted because it was too hot and I didn't have enough water. Then later on the same day, I got hit in the head with a rock/ Later in the week, on Thursday, I broke my glasses.

The worst thing that happened was when I was climbing a tree and I fell out. I had to go to the hospital for that one. My dad had to skip dinner with my mom to



**Adventure Camper  
Zachary Jewell**

Summer camp was great!

come get me.

The doctor said that I sprained my back. I certainly learned that if you ever get an idea like climbing a tree at summer camp - don't do it at all!

But even though I had all these problems that week, I still had the best weekend ever. I got to hang out with my friends and work on all the merit badges that I wanted to do - and I earned them all!



## Camp Grimes 2012 Summer Camp Awards & Recognitions

## *Banks' Bits Cont.*

### HONOR UNIT

### 184 MERIT BADGES EARNED

### MILE SWIM

**Jonathan Pugliese**

### OA BROTHERHOOD

**Kristopher Harris-Pitton**

**Luke Jahns**

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

Thank you to all the adult leaders who gave up 2 weeks of their vacations so that these Scouts could have the adventure of their lives!

Finally, I want to take time to recognize the leaders and adults. Particularly ASM **Dan Hardesty** for spearheading the team that made Summer Camp so successful and **Grillmaster Mike Turner** for feeding the whole group on Parent night.

Have a great summer and we'll see you in September.

Yours in Scouting,

Larry Banks

Scoutmaster Troop 19

Thank you, to everyone who made my term as Senior Patrol leader so great. First off, I would like to give Luke Jahns a special shout out for filling in and doing a great job at summer camp. But mostly I would like to thank the whole troop for not making my job harder than it needed to be.



## SPL Corner

your time to shine. All the scouts, especially the younger ones, look up to you as a leader and it is just an overall great experience. I would suggest that if you even remotely want to be the SPL just to go for it. I wasn't elected my first time, but that didn't stop me.



SPL Evan Napier

Anyways, I am ending my term early due to an unfortunate move to Nashville. I am leaving July 13<sup>th</sup>. However, I will be back to complete my Eagle project so, if anyone out there misses me, needs service hours, or is just plan bored come out and help. Dates will be announced at a later time.

Thank you all for all of my years in scouting with Troop 19.

Being Senior Patrol Leader is more than just a position where you can tell anyone to do something. It's

Hello Troop 19!

I wanted to send a quick note to thank everyone for helping make 2012 Summer Camp a success. You should be very proud of your boys and Troop. They all seemed to have a great time.

## Summer Camp Recognition

A lot goes into preparing for camp so I thought I would give some shout outs to some of the key members: Our all week leaders were Mr. Banks, Mr. Key, Mr. Lorenzo, Mr. Wood, Mr. McCraw, Mr. Ferguson and myself. Thanks to Mr. Jahns for coming up for a partial week.

Leaders that came up mid week to assist with setup and activities in the afternoon were Mr. Chapman, Mr. Rooker, Mr. Sokely, and Mr. Seigler. Thanks to the cook team on Friday night: Mr. Turner, Mr. Ruggles, and Mr. Orr. Thanks to Mr. Douthitt for letting us borrow his horse trailer to transport equipment..



Thanks to Mr. King, our treasure for coordinating with me on the payments. Accounting for a Troop our size takes a lot of work. And a special thanks to all the parents for helping with ice cream makers, cookies, snacks and drinks. This was much appreciated by the boys and leaders.

If I have forgotten anyone I do apologize for missing your name. As you can see, Troop 19 has a lot of dedicated leaders, so please take the time to thank them for all they do to provide a Scouting Program for our boys!

If you have any comments or suggestions on improving the camp registration for the Troop, please feel free to reach out to me so I can pass this on to the next Camp Coordinator.

Have a great summer and we will see you in August.

Mr. Hardesty

**Plannings done! It's time for Mr. Hardesty to take a well deserved rest!**





**At Troop 19's Gateway at Camp Grimes  
The whole Huntersville Hatsfield clan sits awaitin' those McCoys  
and Summer Camp Counselors!  
Bring 'em on! We're ready for um!**

## Summer Camp 2012

*Troop 19 Scout Alex McRae writes of his first summer camp with Troop 19.*

Dear Mr. Banks:

When I went to summer camp, I had several things to look forward to: merit badges, camp fire and hiking around camp.

When we arrived, everyone rushed out of the bus to claim a tent and to get ready to get their trunk. For most of the week, between merit badges (seventh session/after lunch) I would play card games with other people in my troop. A couple of days I went fishing and managed to catch a fish. A friend of mine accidentally

hooked a common mud turtle. I rushed it to the Eco lodge where they pulled the hook out and kept it to make sure it was ok.

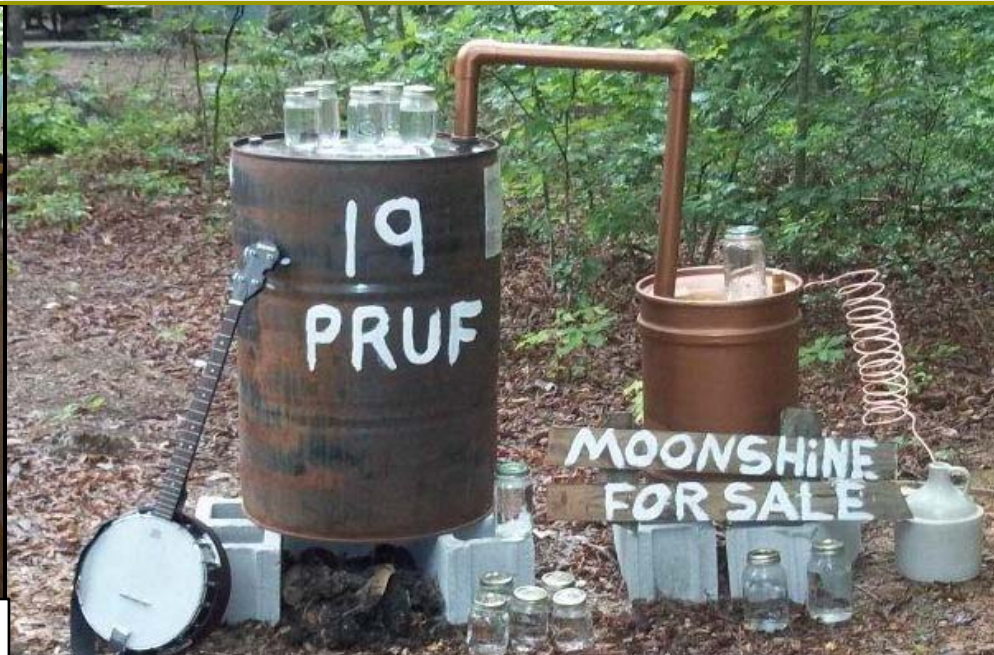
At the last day of summer camp we shot off rockets on a cloudy/semi-rainy day. After all merit badges were completed, it was Parent Day and our parents came to eat BBQ dinner with us. Then the troop got into their hillbilly outfit and took a picture at the red gate. A little while later, we went to campfire where everyone did their skits and the staff said their good byes and left.

That was my wonderful week at summer camp.

Sincerely,  
Alex McRae



Zachary Jewell displays the troop's new Independence Day Parade Uniform

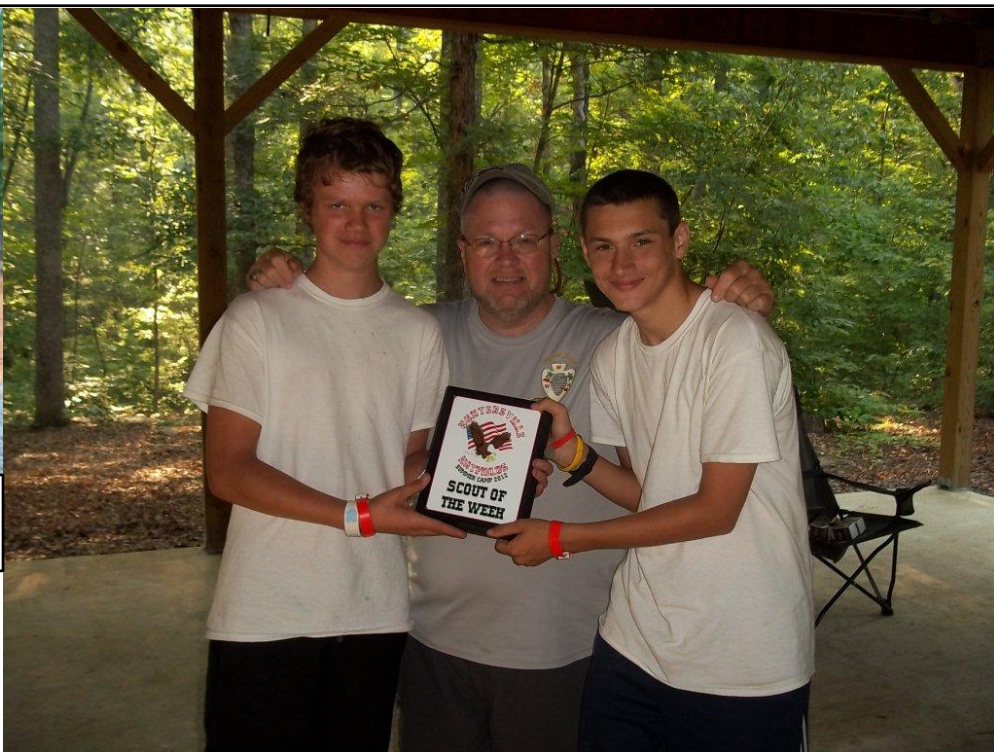


Now we know why the Hatfields don't want trespassers!  
Thanks to Mark Chapman for the Still and Signs

## *Summer Camp 2012*



'Nuff Said!



Scouts of the Week

Kristopher Harris Pitton (L) and Mitchell Hutula  
with Scoutmaster Banks





I love Pizza Night but Avocado and Pineapple?! Really!



Daniel aka "Snaggletooth Hatfield" and Reid aka "Moonshine Hatfield" Wood

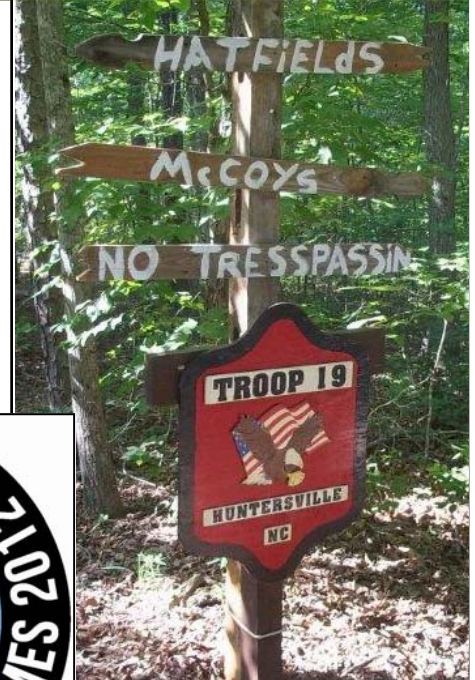


With his dazzling smile, Austin Kriss can make friends with anyone - even this Camp Grimes lizard

Thanks to Michael Turner for cooking the feast dinner at camp also to Mark, Lynn & Thomas Chapman for helping with the gateway & dinner. Thanks also to Willie Rooker on helping with camp set up



## Summer Camp 2012



Will Dickerson Demonstrates the  
New Double Glove Scout Salute!

Careful! Trespassers  
Ain't Welcome!



McCoys Ye be Warned - No Tresspassin' on Hatfield Lands!  
Thanks to Eddie Suddreth who built the outhouse and did the signs

## *Summer Camp 2012*

**Grillmaster Turner delivers another fantastic Troop 19 Summer Camp Feast!**



**Tyler Key takes aim  
at the Camp Grimes Gun Range**



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**Puppy Backpacking Trip 2012**