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Dear Troop 19 Family,
Another summer has blown by. It is truly amazing how fast the days go by and how fast it seems the start of a new Scout year and school year begins. We have another activity packed year in store for the Scouts and Crew. Beach Camping, Caving and so much more. Make sure you keep up with all the comings and goings of the Troop with the Troop calendar published on the website. Scouts are also given regular updates at the meetings on upcoming events, so be sure you have them check in with the patrol leaders.

I always like to start the new Scout year with recognition of the adult leaders who have given of their time to assist the troop and our program. Without the aid of my Assistant Scoutmasters and the Advisors to the Crew, we could not be successful in bringing the best Scouting program to our Scouts. I want to make special mention of several leaders who have stepped up into important roles in the district, council and lodge.

First, I want to acknowledge the leaders who assisted with the 2013 NYLT training classes. ASM **Dave Ruggles** served as course director this year and had the support of **Dave McDonnell, Dan Tito, Michael Turner** and **Dawn Perrott** as members of the NYLT staff. Thank you all for a job well done! **Dave McDonnell** has agreed to serve as NYLT Course Director for the 2014 NYLT class.

Additionally, I want to recognize **Jordan** and **Dan Hardesty** who have agreed to be 2014

Banks' Bits



Dixie Chairman and Dixie Adviser respectively. **Darren Seigler** has agreed to be Senior Patrol Leader for the 2014 Wood Badge courses, **Ken McCraw** will serve as the Troop's 2014 Summer Camp Coordinator. Good luck leaders!

Finally, I want to thank **Reid Wood** for taking the time and effort to earn his CDL license so that he can assist us in driving the Troop bus to our activities. Having an extra driver is a great addition.

I hope everyone has had a great summer and is looking forward to the new Scout year. I know I am.

Yours in Scouting,

Larry Banks
Scoutmaster
Troop 19

Upcoming Events:

OA 3rd Ordeal
Aug 23 - 25

Troop Elections
Sept 10

Sr Camporee
Sep 6 - 8

Fall Court of Honor
Oct 1

OA Fall Fellowship
Oct 4 - 6

Myrtle Beach Camping Trip
Oct 18 - 20

Troop 19 Scout Updates



William Byerly

Former Troop 19 Scout William Byerly and his family moved to Louisiana several years ago. William was active in the troop until the family move. William has now completed his requirements to earn his Eagle Scout rank. For his Eagle project, he installed trail markers at one of the local state parks. These were destroyed in Hurricane Katrina. Last summer he went to Philmont and attended the 2013 National Jamboree this summer. He is now serving as his troop's senior patrol leader and a member of

the Venture Crew. The Crew is going on a Bahama sailing trip this summer. William is a junior in high school. He plays trumpet and is in the State's talented music program. In his spare time he has been model railroading and playing the card game Magic.

Alex Young

Troop 19 Eagle Scout Alex Young (2006) graduated this Spring from NC State with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. Alex will enter the US Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant and will be going to jet pilot training in Texas. See page 5 of this newsletter for more on Alex.

Sean Gantt

Troop 19 Eagle Scout Sean Gantt (1997), son of long time Troop 19 ASM **Ted Gantt** has announced his engagement to Ms. Shimaa Dessonky of New Mexico. Sean and Shimaa will live in New Mexico. Sean earned his BA at Davidson College in 2003. He earned his MA



*Troop 19 Eagle
Sean Gantt*

PhD in Anthropology at The University of New Mexico. He is specializing in South-eastern U.S. Native American Studies and focusing on economic development, indigenous self-representation, and identity. His dissertation, titled "*Nanta Hosh Chahta Immi?* (What are Choctaw Ways?): Cultural Preservation in the Casino Era," investigates the long-term impacts of tribal economic development programs on the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) reservation in East-Central Mississippi.

Kyle Smith

Troop 19 Eagle Scout Kyle Smith (2008) has completed his studies at Chapel Hill and earned his degree in Pre Med. Kyle will move on to the UNC Med School this fall.

*Troop 19 Eagle Kyle Smith & fiancé
Ms. Rachel Olsen at the UNC
Chapel Hill Graduation in May*



Leon Patillo

Troop 19 Eagle Scout Leon Patillo announced his engagement to Ms. Holli Crawford in July. Leon earned his Eagle in 1995, becoming the 2nd Eagle Scout for Scoutmaster Banks. Leon and his fiancée live in the Raleigh Durham area where he is working and playing music with his band Red's Rhythm. Congratulations Holli and Leon!



Troop 19 Graduates

Troop 19 Scouts graduating this May include the following

Harrison Green who has chosen to attend The Citadel in the fall.

Patrick Crowley who will be attending Duke for the fall term

Sam Orr who intends to study at the University of South Carolina

Jack Buffum who will be studying Engineering at Georgia Tech

Alex Kuhn who will be going to Boone to attend Appalachian State.

Congratulations Seniors and Scouts for your hard work on your academics and good luck in college.



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Congratulations to Troop 19 ASM **Dan Hardesty**. Dan has been selected as the Course Director for the next Wood Badge Course in 2014.

Dan's team will include Scouters from throughout Mecklenburg County and they will be responsible for coordinating the training of leaders from throughout the council in the practical skills and experiences of Wood Badge 2014.



Dan Hardesty

Course Director

S5-415-14



HPC Service Project



Hornets Nest Day Camp



Logan Rees, Hayden Fox, Connor Merson, Zackary Jewell, Drew Hunter served on staff at the 2013 Hornets Nest Day Camp

Gen. Tom Sadler Award

Troop 19 Eagle Scout **Alex Young**, son of Cathy and Ronnie Young of Huntersville, was recently presented with the Major General Robert E. Sadler U.S. Air Force Honor Award at the NCSU annual Air Force ROTC Military Ball on April 27, 2013. This award is a prestigious award that is presented to the top graduate of the five military service academies as well as one Army ROTC Cadet, one Navy ROTC Midshipman, and one Air Force ROTC Cadet. Alex earned this Award by being the top graduating cadet Nationwide from all Air Force ROTC detachments and is only the 23rd Airman to receive this recognition. Alex graduated from NC State on May 11th with a BS degree in Aerospace Engineering as a Valedictorian/ Summa cum Laude. Alex was Commissioned into the Air Force as a Second Lieutenant on May 10th where he was also recognized with



the Air Force ROTC Distinguished Graduate Award. He will be attending Euro-NATO Joint Jet pilot training in Wichita Falls, Texas in August.

Earl J Gluck Training Award



Troop 19 is pleased to announce that ASM **Dan Hardesty** has been selected as the 2013 recipient of the Earl J Gluck Training Award.

This award is given to an outstanding trainer of the year in Mecklenburg County Council. Earl J. Gluck served as Council President of Mecklenburg County Council, was an active member in the Kiwanis Club, and served as President of WSOC radio. This award is in honor of him for his service and dedication to the Council and Scouting and goes to the trainer chosen by the Council who best exemplifies the dedication and service toward training Scouters for the council.

Congratulations Dan!



2013 Troop 19 Top Gun Participants from Left Kevin Thomas, MyKenna Jahns, ASM Dan Tito, ASM Dawn Perrot, Nick Zanzot, ASM Jake Shuford, Ricky Williams, SM Dave Ruggles

Top Gun 2013 Special Thanks

Top Gun requires the help of many youth and adult leaders to make it run well. Top Gun this year was a huge success due to the hard work of many Troop 19 Scouters. A special thanks to Top Gun Scoutmaster Dave Ruggles, ASMs Dan Tito, Dawn Parrott and Jake Shuford, Top Gun Advisors Michael Turner and Dave McDonnell

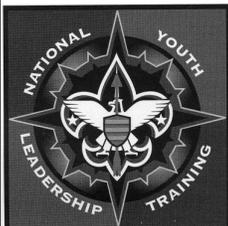


Top Gun 2013



Top Gun Graduates 2013 with Scoutmaster Banks. From left: Kevin Thomas, McKenna Jahns, Nick Zanzot, Rickey Williams

By Ricky Williams



I would like to start off by saying that my Top Gun experience was great. The week flew by with the fun I had. Having gone through SEALS as a participant and as a staffer, I thought I knew some of what I was going to be doing, but the great Top Gun staff proved me wrong by going more in depth than I could have ever imagined.

As we arrived at Top Gun, we went through check-in and then were put into patrols. My patrol was kind of quiet at the beginning until we played the "Who? Me?" game, which is a fun way to get to know everyone in your patrol. After this, my patrol became more talkative and we all became real close friends.

At the beginning of the week, we were guided by our troop guides in what our patrol roles were and how things needed to be done. Later on, our troop guide began to separate himself from the patrol to see if we could do things on our own. I now know that this was a part of the leading E.D.G.E. The EDGE method stands for Explaining, Demonstrating, Guiding, and Enabling. The EDGE method was not new to me, having learned about it in SEALS, but applying it to leading instead of teaching was a new technique.

Leading EDGE was just one of the many presentations taught to us at Top Gun. Other presentations included

Top Gun 2013



communicating well, decision making, note taking, forming a vision, setting goals, making plans, conflict resolution, and many others. At first, the topics of these presentations seemed self-explanatory but, after listening to the presentations, I realized that there are many detailed points that determine the successfulness of leadership skills.

During one part of the week, we were told to think of something that we would like to improve about our troop back home. The idea we had to come up with was called a vision. "A VISION IS WHAT FUTURE SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE!!!" was a common cheer yelled during the week. A vision is not very specific, but the goals that made up the vision are. At the end of the week, we wrote up our visions and the supporting goals for approval.

At the end of the week, although I was ready to get out of there and take a nice shower, I was sad to go. I made some good friends and learned a lot. Everyone that gets the chance to attend Top Gun should take the opportunity because it is a life changing week that really improves leadership skills.

Top Gun 2013



By MyKenna Jahns

I recently had the opportunity to attend Top Gun.

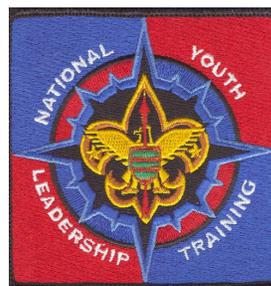
The camp wasn't appealing to me; no shower for six days sounded like a nightmare. But when I got to camp, I realized this camp much different than I had ever imagined.

It was very busy; every second of the day was filled with activities and presenta-

tions. I learned many new scout and leadership skills, I made many new friends within my patrol and the troop, and I had a blast along the way.

I can take the leadership skills I learned to improve the crew, as well as the troop.

Top Gun is definitely an experience I'll never forget.



Merit Badge Workshop 2013

Every Spring, Troop 19 holds a Merit Badge workshop at Camp Grimes for our Scouts. This year, the Scouts participated in activities to earn their Archery, Shotgun and Canoeing Merit Badges. The workshop was organized and coordinated with the efforts of Val and Dan Hardesty with the help of an outstanding crew of councilors. Thank you all for a great job and congratulations to all the Scouts who earned these merit badges.



Wood Badge 2013



Troop 19 Participants in S5-415-13 Wood Badge Course (L to R) Top row: T 19 ASM Kenneth McCraw (Antelope Patrol) T 19 ASM Dave Ruggles (WB Troop Guide), T 19 SM Larry Banks (WB Adviser), Jen Bolt P 19 Asst. Cubmaster (Eagle Patrol) Roger Conklin P 19 Asst. Cubmaster (Buffalo Patrol), T 19 ASM Dan Hardesty WB Senior Patrol Leader) Front Row: T 19 Scouts Ricky Williams, Jordan Hardesty WB



Troop 19 Committee Member **Wayne Merson** has completed his Wood Badge

Ticket and has earned his Wood Badge Beads. Wayne was given his beads in a ceremony in May 2013. Wood Badge is a training course for Scouters. It is Scouting's premier training course, designed so that Scouters could learn, in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. It is first and foremost, learning by doing. The members of the course are formed into patrols and these into a troop. The entire troop lives in the out-of-doors for a week, camping, cooking their own meals, and practicing Scout skills. Upon completion of the practical course, Scouters create a ticket listing a series of projects they promise to do to the benefit of Scouting and the community. Please join us in congratulating Wayne on earning his beads.

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Nat'l Jamboree 2013

By Ricky Williams

The 2013 National Jamboree was my first jamboree. For the jamboree, I was a member of troop C-241. The guys in my troop were really cool, and we became friends very quickly. This being my first jamboree, I had no clue what to expect. I did not know how each day would be, or what all would be there for me to do. With all these questions in my head, I tried to picture what the Summit looked like and how my experience would be. Next thing I know, I have to rethink how my experience would be because I was elected to be our troop's senior patrol leader. I was happy that I got the position but was unsure how I was going to lead a troop when I had no clue how jamboree worked. At the next few meetings, I lead the troop and tried to get as much information as I could so I would have a better understanding.

As I got on our troop's bus, I was still nervous about being senior patrol leader but I was looking forward to having a great time at the Summit. The fun actually began before we got to camp. On the bus ride there, we were playing music and having a good time goofing off. When we arrived at the front of camp, all the joking stopped, and we all started looking out our windows and seeing all the cool stuff to do. Once we got to subcamp C-2, we were greeted by our camp commissioner, which was great for me because he filled me in on what we had to do all week. Once we set up our camp, we had a little time to go explore the Summit before we had to cook dinner. I went with some friends up to the Summit Center store to see what all they had. The store was huge and was filled with so much stuff.

The next few days seemed to fly by. While I was there, I was able to go rock climbing at The Rocks where I climbed a 5.10, repelled and also did the leap of faith. The leap of faith is 2 towers with a wire running in between them. You would go to the top of one tower, get hooked into an automatic belay system, and jump off the side. Another day, I went to High Gear. This was fun; we got to ride mountain bikes down a few cool tracks. There were 4 styles of tracks, skill, pump, jump, and slalom. Each track was fun but the best was



the slalom track because it was the fastest track and had nice jumps.

One day, I met up with some friends from another troop to go to The Park, where we got to skate board around a huge park. On another day, I went to The Big Zip with two guys from my troop. We were the only ones to get to do it from our troop because you needed a pass and each troop only got 3. We got to

the bottom and checked-in at 10:30. The hike to the top took 45 minutes. Once we got to the top, we saw all the way down from the launch zone to the landing zone. The zip line was huge, and everyone was saying that it would take a minute to a minute and a half to make it down. We went through orientation and then waited in line. While we were waiting, a storm alert came up three times, which delayed us going down for 5 hours. It took me 1:04 to get to the bottom and I reached 42 mph.

While at the Summit I met some famous people in scouting. These people include: Matt Brown (OA National Chief), Wayne Brock (Chief Scout Executive), Wayne Perry (National President), Tico Perez (National Commissioner), and Larry Pritchard (Jamboree Director).

Saturday was the day of the arena show. Mike Rowe from the show "Dirty Jobs" came and spoke to us. The best part of the show was when 3 Doors Down came out and played. Some friends and I were singing along with the songs. The show was amazing. Most of the troop was standing the entire show, having a great time.

My time at the Summit was great. I had so much fun doing the programs there, hanging out with friends, meeting new people, growing in leadership, getting to watch a 3 Doors Down concert, and getting to experience the first jamboree at the Summit.



Beaver Tales



Troop 19 has added another Scout to our Eagle's Aerie. **Jack Michael Bufum** joined the rank of Eagles on May 4, 2013. Jack becomes our 101st Eagle Scout since the founding of Troop 19 in 1938.

Jack is now the 87th Eagle Scout for Troop 19 Scoutmaster Larry Banks.



Additionally, **Alexander John Kuhn** completed his Eagle requirements and was awarded with his Eagle at his Board of Review on June 9 2013. Alex become our 102nd Eagle and 88th Eagle for Scoutmaster Banks.

Wesley Thomas Smith adds his name to the Eagle's

Troop 19. Harrison earned his award after completing his Eagle Board of Review receiving his award from Scoutmaster Banks. Harrison now becomes our 104th Eagle and the 90th Eagle Scout under the leadership of Scoutmaster Larry Banks who started as Scoutmaster for Troop 19 in 1988.

Congratulations to all our newest Eagles!

Eagle's Aerie



Aerie at Troop 19. Troop Eagle number 103 (Mr. Banks' 89th Eagle) earned his award on August 14, 2013 at his board of review.

Finally, on August 14, 2013, **Harrison James Green** joins the Eagle's Aerie for



Troop 19 delegates to Dixie 2013 Top row: Rick Cardenas, Scoutmaster Banks, Craig Orr, Dan Hardesty, Ricky Williams, Matt Fox Bottom Row: Tyler Ebersold, Jordan Hardesty, Nick Tennant, Luke Orr, Nick Zanzot, Hayden Fox, Darren Seigler

National Jamboree 2013

By Zachary Jewell

My time at the jamboree was an awesome experience.

I tried many new things like skate boarding, and paddle boarding. I also did some familiar things such as mountain biking and archery.

The craziest thing I saw there was patch trading. It was so popular that if you walked down any major road you would see at least five people with patches set up for trading. Patch trading was also a cool way to meet new people. I met people from India via patch trading. I also met people from southern Maryland were I was born.



The jamboree was a great experience and I highly recommended it to any who is even remotely interested.

By Nicholas Zanzot



2013 National Jamboree was a blast! I had such a great time at the Summit along with all my friends. We saw so many inspirational and exciting people throughout the week, including; the King of Sweden, Governor of West Virginia, AT & T President, Mike Rowe (of Dirty Jobs and an Eagle Scout), Three Doors Down,

and many more! The summit also had the best fireworks show I have ever seen! With all of the things to do, there was no way I could do them all, but I definitely made a dent in the National Jamboree's activities! Including rock Climbing, Scuba Diving, BMX, Zip lines, and a X Games worthy Skate Park, you would never be bored!

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One of the most exciting moments I had at the Jamboree would have to be meeting the Chief Scout Executive. While trying to escape the torrential downpour, my friend Ricky Williams and I ran into him. While in disbelief at our luck, we were able to ask him for a picture and a signature on his special Jamboree Patch. After that, we were also able to find the National Commissioner and National President, who we got signed patches from as well. The 2013 National BSA Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family Reserve was definitely an event I will never forget.

The only down side was it rained the last couple of days so we had to hike through a lot of mud. But overall, it was amazing experience to see so many scouts all in one place from all over the world.

Dante Ybarra
Troop 19 / Jamboree Troop A203

National Jamboree 2013

The 2013 National Scout Jamboree was an amazing experience.

There were a variety of things to do over there, amazing food, and I am sure each one met the expectations of the other scouts.

They had three fantastic shows; my favorite was the Jambo Palooza mainly because there was a huge firework show at the end. I also liked the shows because parents could send shout outs through Twitter and watch the show as well.

Although all the activities were fun my favorite thing to do was the barrels and shoot. They had handguns, rifles and shotguns all in one spot. My other favorite was talking to the International Space Station. I collected some really cool patches while I was there too.



National Jamboree 2013

By Joshua Spencer



Hello, I'm here to talk about my jamboree experience up at the Summit, in West Virginia. The thing that makes this special is not only because it is my first Jamboree or Jambo as some people call it but that it is also the first ever Jambo at the Summit, a new high adventure base. So when we first got to the bus to take us there I was anxious about what to expect. We took the 4 to 5 hour drive to the Summit. When we got there, we were at a place called Charlie our base camp. Our site which we would be setting up in was base camp 2 also known as C2.

When we arrived at the top of the hill near the Charlie Wi-Fi tower we got our bags and hiked down the hill to our camp. Now on the first day having arrived at 6:00 pm we didn't have much to do so all we did was set up and get comfortable to best of our abilities.

For the 2nd day we got up early and headed off to our activities that we wanted to do. I went up to action point. At action point there is a conservation bridge, mountain biking, BMX, Challenge courses, and skateboarding. Keep in mind, Action point was just the visitors so the summit offers much more. I went to skateboarding and ended up spraining my wrist 4 hours into it. After doing this I tried to shake it off and went to BMX where I got injured again on my lip, arm and knee. Now having these injuries I just made myself unable to do any high adventure activities for 3 days.

During the next 3 days I did a lot of patch trading trying to get sets from other councils all across the country it was one of my favorite parts. I also went white water rafting during this time and had a lot of fun in the rapids.

The meals at Jambo were horrible. The breakfast and dinners were good but the lunches were little more than a bag of cheap snacks. Most skipped out on lunch and went to

other places to eat. On the 3rd to last day of Jamboree, my dad came up and we spent most of the afternoon walking around and enjoying ourselves. We went to a giant treehouse called the Sustainability Treehouse and learned a lot about how to sustain the environment while upholding our needs. The place was huge and powered by solar wind and geothermal energy. After that we walked across the conservation bridge where you got some nice views of the hills of the Summit. Then we went over to Boulder Cove which at rock climbing and repelling all this was closed so we just at here and continued on. Also at Boulder Cove there was an interesting game called Gaga Ball where many people get into a pit and slap a muddy ball at one another almost like dodge ball.

The next day a friend and I went to the challenge course and got there nice and early so we were first in line. The challenge course had a cargo net you walked up then a series of 20 feet off the ground obstacles. Afterwards we headed to Boulder Cove where we went rock climbing and repelling and bouldering. We then went and played Gaga Ball for a while. Then we headed back to camp and I went patch trading looking for a set I wanted.

Day 5 was my curriculum and I went to The Barrels. It was a very long walk but the rewards were great. We started off doing shot gun for about 1 hour doing sporting shooting and just Clay pigeons. Then we went to duck shot where you shot ducks with a M14 model airsoft rifle. After that we headed to Pistols and rifles here we went through 1 hour of safety briefing before going to shot the .22 rifles and 9mm pistols. My favorite though was getting to shoot the .308 sniper rifle. After this I went back to camp and did patch trading for most of the afternoon. The next morning we woke up early pack up our stuff and headed back home.

Jamboree will truly be an experience I never forget. I just want to thank all the people who made it happen from my family to the leaders who helped us along the way.

Joshua Spencer, Troop C241, Bacon Ninja Patrol

National Jamboree 2013

By Thomas Chapman

The one thing that made my jamboree experience different than any other experience is that it was completely new-never before had I been to this new "Summit," not even West Virginia itself. Never before had I paddle boarded, mountain biked, "dragon boat" raced, or dropped-in on a skateboard (and still I haven't, even after five unsuccessful attempts at the skate park). Never before had I been to an event surrounded by 40,000 boy scouts. I went to the National Order of the Arrow Conference last summer, at Michigan State University, but the event's 8,000 was only 1/5 the amount of scouts at National Jamboree this year. It was a very unfamiliar experience to me, and only through stories other people's experiences could I anticipate what such an event would really be like.

The worst day of the event, was the day we arrived. It was good to get it out of the way. Getting up early, a three hour bus ride, setting up camp in the hot sun, and a 90 minute scoutmaster/senior patrol leader meeting for our subcamp after supper. It was chaotic- but I was anticipating it, and it was nice to get the hardest day out of the way to enjoy the rest of the event. And like I said I was senior patrol leader-which had it's own pros and cons as well.

The second day was great! We got up, cooked breakfast, and went to the opening show. The opening show wasn't quite as what it was talked up to be- but it was definitely compensated for in the action-packed, entertaining closing show. After the opening show, a couple of friends and I went to check out the big skate park, with the simple name of, "The Park." This park was HUGE. It was very scout-proof; It had a very open, safe section for beginners like me, as well as a huge half-pipe and many other rails, ramps, and bowls for the true hardcore skaters. Eventually I made it out of the beginner section and into the intermediate section, with higher ramps and small, round obstacles to go over. This day at the park was not the same day I miserably failed trying to drop in on the quarter-pipe, and surprisingly, I didn't fall at all this day! I stumbled on my board, but did not fall.



After that day we got into a routine of living at the Summit. The cooking/cleaning patrol would get up, go grab the food from camp Head Quarters, cook, we would eat as a troop, and then depart as early as possible to go to what ever activity you wanted to do that day. If we weren't out of the campsite by 7 AM- we would probably get to the activities much later and

have to wait in line for a whole lot longer. It was worth getting up early to stay out of lines in the hot sun. We would pack little lunches in clear plastic bags to take with us and would just eat them wherever we were at lunchtime. If those lunches didn't do it for you-and your parents had supplied you with enough money- there were some pizza/burger stands open you could treat yourself too. I cracked by the end of the week and a half and had to go there for lunch.

Some of the other activities I got to participate in included mountain biking, which I did twice, paddle boarding, a "Wipeout" obstacle course, archery, BMX, rock climbing, oh and most of all, patch trading.

Many people who are new to Jamborees or new to patch trading are overwhelmed when they come to jamboree because of the massive amount of trading going on. Each council creates a "set" of shoulder patches, each patch for a certain troop or role (scoutmaster, staff, etc.). These sets can be as small as 4 or 5 patches but at this year's jamboree there were some with over 10 patches. Our council set contained 6 patches- five shoulder patches and one center. Each set generally had a theme- ours was attractions around Mecklenburg County and around. The patches with the coolest themes were generally the most sought after by the patch collectors. Orange County California's set was a skateboarding theme and each patch

National Jamboree 2013 Cont.

had a different colored neon border- it also contained over 10 patches, making it a very valuable set. The most valuable set that I saw, and witnessed people go crazy over, was from Mobile, Alabama. The theme was the fishing apparel brand, "Guy Harvey," which first of all make very popular t-shirts, but to see them on patches made people drool. Everybody in my troop that was able to get that set held on to it for their dear life.

You could patch trade pretty much any time you wanted, with anyone you wanted. At the center of the Summit, known as the "Summit Center," there was one open shelter that became the hub of patch trading, especially after lunch.

As much as I loved to patch trade I still wanted to go and do other stuff after lunch. Typically I would continue to do the high adventure activities or I would explore around with a group of friends. Our troop ate supper at 6:30 everyday- so I eventually had to be back at camp for that.

The closing show for jamboree was amazing. We had a couple national scout leaders talk- then we, for the second jamboree in a row, got an awesome speech from Mike Rowe. His theme this time was instead of the saying, "Work Smart not Hard," he switched it to "Work Smart *and* Hard." He discussed how there is nothing wrong with simple handyman jobs, and they are just as needed as big, business-oriented jobs. After Mike Rowe spoke the phenomenal rock band

Three Doors Down performed, and closed out the show. It was an awesome event.

I have absolutely no regret about going to jamboree. It was a great experience, in several ways. First of all, I got to try many new high-adventure activities that I had never before done. Second, I didn't go in 2010 so this was my last chance to go to a National Jamboree as a participant. And lastly, this was the officially the first major event to take place at the Summit. I am part of history, and being able to say "I was at the first Jamboree at the Summit" is something I will be able to boast about for the rest of my life.



2013 National Jamboree



Scoutmaster Banks and Ricky Williams at the Summit prior to the start of Jamboree to set up the Trading post

2013 National Jamboree



By Harrison Lowe

Virginia, it also has great scenery.

I'd like to start this off by saying that if you ever get the opportunity to go to the Jamboree that you had better take it- otherwise you'll regret it. The Jamboree only comes every four years, which is what makes it so special. I was lucky enough to be included in the first group of scouts to visit the Summit Bechtel Reserve for the National Jamboree. Let me just say that the location of this year's Jamboree was great. Not only is it right next to us in West

My curriculum class was the High Adventure Ropes Courses and it was awesome! Although it was fun, my favorite activity there was shooting the pistols. They offered both a .22 and a 9mm pistol. The people there were from all over, including a neighbor troop from Puerto Rico. The coolest thing about the Jamboree was the show on Saturday. There, we were greeted by "3 Doors Down", the King of Sweden, and Mike Rowe. Easily one of the greatest experiences of my life.



MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL
TROOP A203
2013 NATIONAL JAMBOREE




First Name	Last Name	JBE Unit #	First Name	Last Name	JBE Unit #
Kristopher	Harris Pitton	A 203	Alexander	McRae II	C 241
Harrison	Lowe	A 203	Joshua	Spencer	C 241
Dante	Ybarra	A 203	Nicholas	Tennant	C 241
			Ricky	Williams	C 241
			Nicholas	Zanzot	C 241



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First Name	Last Name	JBE Unit #
Nicolas	Kincaid	B 416
Thomas	Chapman	D 422
Matthew	Dahlem	D 422
Zachary	Jewell	D 422
Kevin	Thomas	D 422



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Troop 19 would like to extend special recognition to two of our Scouts who attended the 2013 National Jamboree and served in significant roles within their troops. **Ricky Williams** was elected to serve as Senior Patrol Leader to Jamboree Troop C241 through the Jamboree. Additionally, **Thomas Chapman** was selected as Senior Patrol Leader for his troop, D422.

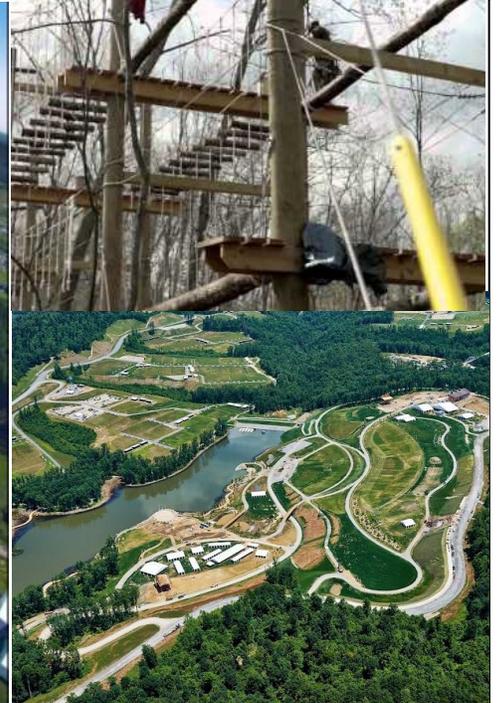
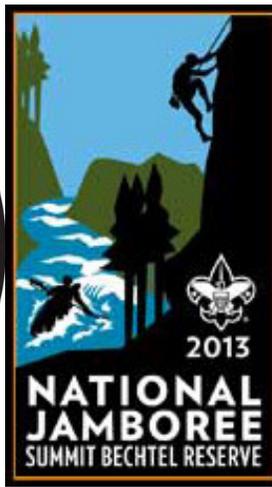
Congratulations Ricky and Thomas!



Troop C241 SPL
Ricky Williams



Troop D422 SPL
Thomas Chapman



From the Crew President



Crew 19 has been very busy lately.

We had a canoe day on the lake where we learned important skills for our canoe trip on the New River. Unfortunately, due to dangerous water levels, our trip was cancelled.

We instead spent a day at the White Water Center in Charlotte. It was a blast!

We did rock climbing, rafting, zip lining, and much more. It was a great time, and I hope we can go back again soon.

If you are interested in joining the Crew, you can contact me for more information, or come to a meeting to check it out.

Sincerely,
McKenna Jahns



OA News & Notes

Beaver Weekend & Ordeal

Beaver Weekend was held May 17 - 29 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 2013 Summer Camp.

During June Ordeal weekend on May 31 - June 2, Troop 19 had four youth 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:

Nick Tennant
Mitchell Hutula
Matthew Dahlem
Tyler Ebersold

Troop 19 also had two Arrowmen serve as Elangomats at the May ordeal. Jordan Hardesty and Wesley Smith served during the Beaver Weekend and provided guidance and Cheerful service to the lodge.

There were also a number of Troop 19 members who completed their ordeal and became members of Catawba Lodge. Completing their ordeal and becoming the newest members of the lodge were

ASM Willie Rooker
ASM Reid Wood
ASM Kenneth McCraw

Dixie Fellowship 2013



Catawba Lodge wins first place once more in the Totem Pole Carving. Three years in a row!



New Ordeal Members of Catawba Lodge from Troop 19.

**Benjamin Decker
Cameron Hardesty
Zachary Jewell
Grayson Key
Nicolas Kinkaid
Harrison Lowe
Sean MacLeod
Daniel McCraw
Alexander McRae
Connor Merson
Logan Reese
Carter Ryhmer
William Rooker
Nicholas Rossini
Joshua Spencer
Daniel Wood**

two Scouts seal their membership after completing their Brotherhood requirements. Joining the lodge as the newest Ordeal member was
Josh Pitts

Sealing their membership as the newest Brotherhood Arrowmen from Troop 19 were

**Banks Campbell
Cameron Callahan**



**Troop 19 Brotherhood Members
(L to R) Banks Campbell & Cameron Callahan**

Congratulations to all our Scouts for the efforts and service to the Lodge.

At the third ordeal in August, three more Troop 19 Scouts took part. We had one Scout complete his ordeal and



Troop 19 Arrowman Josh Pitts

Troop 19 Brotherhood Members

(L to R) Nick Tennant, Mitchell Hutula, Matthew Dahlem, Tyler Ebersold



Summer Camp 2013



Jordan Hardesty and his Limousine ready for the formal opening of Summer Camp!



Roughing it at summer camp USUALLY does not require building a road to get to the camp.



Troop 19 Top Chefs from all over camp and the world compete in the famous Cobbler Baking Contest!

Summer Camp 2013



Somebody promised me an adventure! I'm still waiting for it!

Alright! Who is the first guinea pig, I mean VOLUNTEER to go into the water?!?!?!

Camp Grimes 2013 Summer Camp Awards & Recognitions

HONOR UNIT

CLEANEST CAMP SITE

184 MERIT BADGES EARNED

WINNER - ULTIMATE FRISBEE

SECOND PLACE - SOCCER

SECOND PLACE - BASKETBALL

BSA SNORKELERS

LOGAN REESE
BENJAMIN DECKER
ALDIAN OSTOPKO

MOST IMPROVED ARCHER
MARTIN LAZORE

TOP SHOT
KRISTOPHER HARRIS-
PITTON

GENTLEMEN'S AWARD
HARRISON GREEN

**JONATHAN PUGLIESE
WILLIAM STEVENSON**

TOP CHAPLAIN
BEN DECKER

MILE SWIM
JONATHAN PUGLIESE
WESLEY JOHNSON
ASM WILLIE ROOKER

11 POLAR BEARS

SCOUT OF THE WEEK
MATT DAHLEM

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.



Beaver Tales

I want to start off by saying thank you to all the parents and Scouts that made this year's summer camp possible.

Also I want to thank every scout for helping with our spirit and for the record we beat troop 447.

Finally, I want to give a big thanks to my assistant senior patrol leaders for all the help during the week of summer camp; I couldn't have done it without you guys. I hope everyone is having a terrific summer and although I do not look forward to school starting,

I am looking forward to this coming year for the



SPL Corner

troop. Hope all is well with everyone and I look forward to seeing you soon.

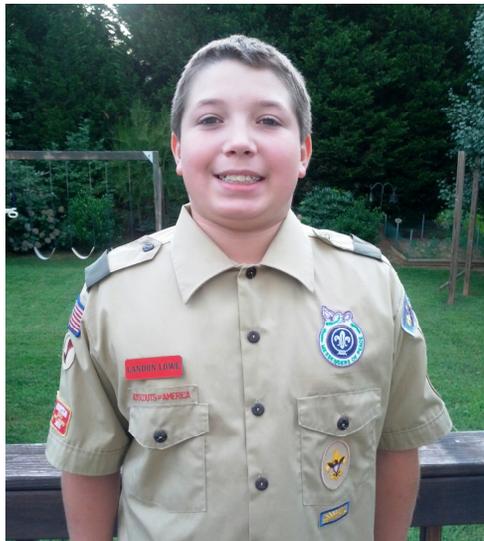
Senior Patrol Leader Orr



Summer Camp 2012

to use each tool and I really enjoyed doing that.

My first Boy Scout summer camp was better than I expected. I had a lot of fun with my scout friends and leaders. When I heard about going to the lake every morning for the Polar Bear Plunge, I was looking forward to it and liked it! It was early to jump into a lake when first waking up, but still fun.



Right after breakfast, we went to Trailblazers. They told us how to properly make a fire; and also told us how to handle axes and knives. We learned how to identify leaves; all of the basic things you need to know.

After lunch we had free time for about two hours. After free time we went to our activity of choice. Mine was leather works. I made a little basket by weaving pieces of leather together. We learned how

We got to earn the swimming merit badge. It was also at lake, and we learned to do different floats and dives. One day we had to jump in with clothes on and fill them with air so we wouldn't drown. I survived-so must have done something right!

I enjoyed having a theme for camp this year. Peace, Love and Troop 19! We all got to dress in crazy Peace clothes and whatever we felt like was from that time.

I was proud to receive one of the Camp Grimes Spirit Awards. I helped to clean up when and where it was needed at camp. I really enjoyed my first year at camp and look forward to many more!

LANDON LOWE



**At Troop 19's Gateway at Camp Grimes
The whole Groovy gang!
Peace, Love and Troop 19!**

Summer Camp 2013

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

Storm Drain Label Project

As part of ASM Greg Jewell's Wood Badge ticket, the troop participated in a program to label the storm drains in the Northstone Community. Wood Badge participants are required to create a ticket with a number of projects designed to benefit Scouting and their community. Here are some of the highlights from Greg's project

Storm Drain Labeling Project April 28, 2013
Troop 19 & Pack 19
NorthStone Neighborhood - Huntersville

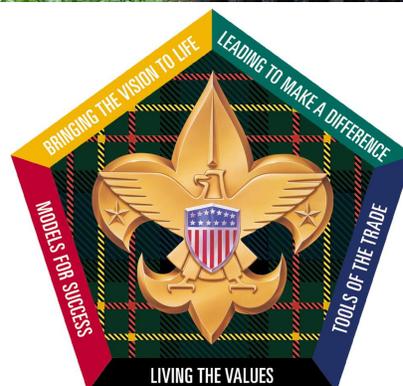




Participants

Store Drain Labeling attendance 4/28/2013

Name	Scout or Adult or other family member	Hours Worked
Andrew Hunter	Troop 19 Scout	2
Brenda Hunter	Adult	2
Daniel Wood	Troop 19 Scout	2
Elijah Jewell	Pack 19 Scout	2
Greg Jewell	Adult-Pack 19 Organizer	6
Jackson Wetherbee	Pack 19 Scout	2
Jeff Wetherbee	Adult	2
Larry Hunter	Adult	2
Matt Creswell	Adult	2
Matthew Creswell	Pack 19 Scout	2
Nathan Hunter	Pack 19 Scout	2
Reid Wood	Adult-Troop 19 Organizer	6
Rob Gass	Adult	2
Tyler Gass	Troop 19 Scout	2
Zacharey Jewell	Troop 19 Scout	2
Total Service Hours		38



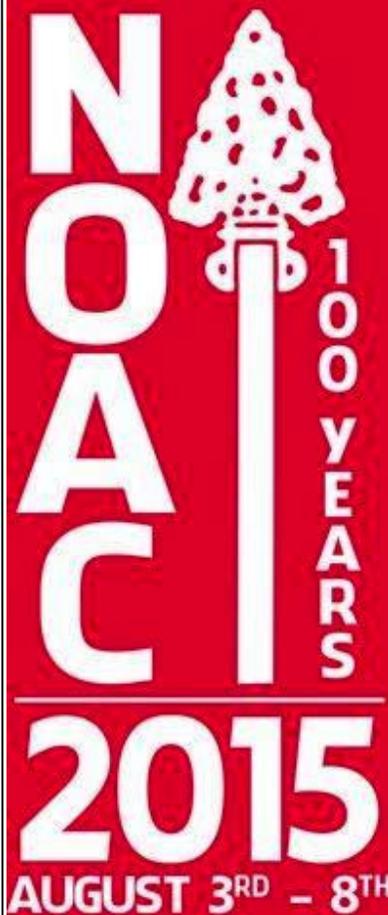
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Huntersville Presbyterian Church
Huntersville, NC 28078

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The Order of the Arrow is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2015. The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow, and is Scouting's second-largest national event. In 2015, over 10,000 Arrowmen from across our nation are expected to gather at Michigan State University.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, we're planning to host the biggest, fun-filled, most exciting National Order of the Arrow Conference in history. We want as many Arrowmen as possible to have the chance to hang out with 10,000 of their closest friends, which is why the Order is launching the Centennial Challenge!

