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# Troop 19 Beaver Tales



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Dear Troop 19 Family,

It has been another awesome summer. I am so thrilled with the way the Scouts did at camp and Sea Base. I marvel at how many great young men and women we have in our Troop.

I want to get started by thanking everyone for their help this summer. Certainly, thanks go to all my adult leaders who assisted with summer camp, NYLT, Wood Badge, Day Camp and Sea Base. I want to especially thank Mr. McDonnell and Mr. Hardesty for serving as Course Directors and Scoutmasters for NYLT and Wood Badge.

I want to remind everyone that the Troop calendar is on the website and available to everyone. The calendar is the most accurate record of the coming events for the Troop. The coming Scout year is going to be incredible with celebrations for the 100th Anniversary of the Order of the Arrow and the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Mecklenburg County Council. We will start preparations later this year for the upcoming Troop trip to Northern Tier in Ely, Minnesota in 2016. 2015 will be action packed and non stop adventure. Stay current with calendar and don't miss a thing.

Finally, as always, I want to remind everyone to be mindful of our men and women serving in our armed forces overseas and throughout the world. Recent events remind us of how fortunate we are in the United States and

## *Banks' Bits*



how our military has been so instrumental in making sure that our liberty and our way of life is protected. Let us never forget the sacrifices our troops endure to make sure we prosper here at home.

I am looking forward to a great 2014 - 15 Scout year and I hope you are too.

Yours in Scouting,

Larry Banks  
Scoutmaster  
Troop 19

**Upcoming Events:**

**Troop Elections**  
Sep 9

**Fall Court of Honor**  
Oct 7

**OA Fall Fellowship**  
Oct 3- 5

**Myrtle Beach Trip**  
Oct 17 - 19

**Troop 19 Creek Walk**  
Oct 26

**Ft Bragg Trip**  
Nov 21 - 23

# Troop 19 Eagle Scout Updates



This Spring three Troop 19 Eagles completed their degrees at North Carolina State University

Troop 19 Eagle Scout **Chris Zaino** recently completed his studies at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Troop 19 Eagle Scout **Nick Capets** also completed his studies at North Carolina State University.

**NCSU Graduate & Troop 19 Eagle Chris Zaino**

Additionally, Troop 19 Eagle Scout **Wesley King** completed his studies at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

**A special welcome to the Napier family as they come back to Charlotte. The Napiers were transferred out of North Carolina in 2012. Father Keith Napier has recently been transferred back to Charlotte and they will be rejoining the Troop 19 family. Welcome back Napiers!**



**Trevor Hehn, JD. & wife, Laura Hehn, MD. at Trevor's graduation from Columbus School of Law.**

On May 23, 2014, Troop 19 Eagle Scout **Trevor Hehn**, a First Lieutenant in the US Army - Infantry, received his Juris Doctor degree from the Columbus School of Law in Washington, DC. Trevor enlisted in the US Army after graduating from North Mecklenburg Senior High School in 2004. He was trained in psychological operations and, after airborne and language training, was deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Upon his return he was accepted into the Army Green-to-Gold program and attended The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC and

# Eagle's Aerie

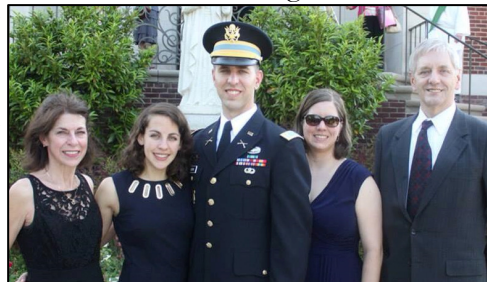
Troop 19 has added another two Scouts to our Eagle's Aerie. **Lucas Jack Jahns** joined the ranks of Eagles on May 6, 2014. Luke becomes our 111th Eagle Scout since the founding of Troop 19 in 1938. Luke is now the 96th Eagle Scout for Troop 19 Scoutmaster Larry Banks.



We also welcome our newest Eagle, **Mitchell Scott Hutula** to the Eagle's Aerie. Mitchell earned his Eagle on July 31, 2014. Mitchell is our 112th Eagle and the 97th for Scoutmaster Banks since 1994.

Congratulations to all our newest Eagles.

drilled with the Hoya Battalion, Georgetown's Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Trevor met his wife shortly after arriving on campus at Catholic. After graduation from Catholic undergrad with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Trevor was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army with deferred reporting for the duration of law school. Trevor is currently preparing to sit for the New York bar exam and is awaiting orders from the Army for reporting to Infantry Officer Basic Course at Fort Benning, GA. His wife is also in the Army performing her medical residency at Fort Belvoir, VA. They currently live in Alexandria, VA.



**First Lt. Trevor Hehn with family, L to R: Fran Hehn (mother), Laura Hehn, MD, (wife), Jenna Hehn (sister), Rich Hehn (father)**

# Troop 19 Graduates

Troop 19 Scouts graduating this May include the following:

**Christian Smith** who has chosen to attend Virginia Tech on a ROTC Scholarship in the fall.

**Evan Napier** who will be attending the University of Tennessee for the fall term

**Patrick Buffum** who intends to study at the University of South Carolina

**Luke Jahns** will be headed to Mt. Mitchell College

**Wesley King** who will be studying at North Carolina State

**Thomas Chapman** will go to Raleigh to attend North Carolina State

**George James** who also go to Raleigh to attend North Carolina State

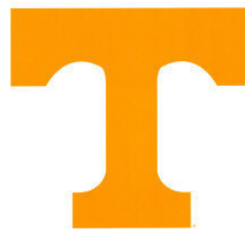
**Wesley Smith** is another Troop 19 graduate headed to North Carolina State

**Hayden Fox** will be attending CPCC this fall.

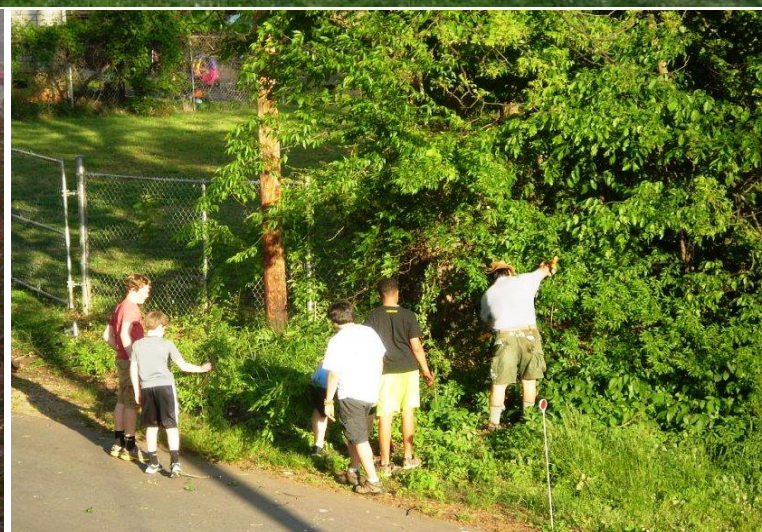
**Eric Vest** will be attending CPCC this fall.

**William Rooker** will be attending CPCC this fall.

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



# *HPC Service Project 2014*



**Troop 19 Scouts and Leaders Clean up the HPC Courtyard**

**I saw the snake. What is the rhyme Mr. Banks taught us?  
Yellow next to black - Friend of Jack  
Red next to Yellow - Can Kill a fellow**

## *98th Mecklenburg County Council Recognition Banquet*



Troop 19 Assistant Scoutmaster **Michael Turner** (3rd from left) Receives the Earl J Gluck Training Award as Outstanding Trainer in Mecklenburg County Council for 2013



Troop 19 Assistant Scoutmasters **Dan Hardesty** and **Michael Turner** receive the Silver Beaver Award for Outstanding Service in Mecklenburg County Council

# Silver Beaver Award



At the 98th Mecklenburg County Council recognition Dinner in April 2014, two long time Troop 19 Assistant Scoutmasters were recognized for their service to Scouts of Mecklenburg County. Receiving the recognition were ASM **Dan Hardesty** and ASM **Michael Turner**.

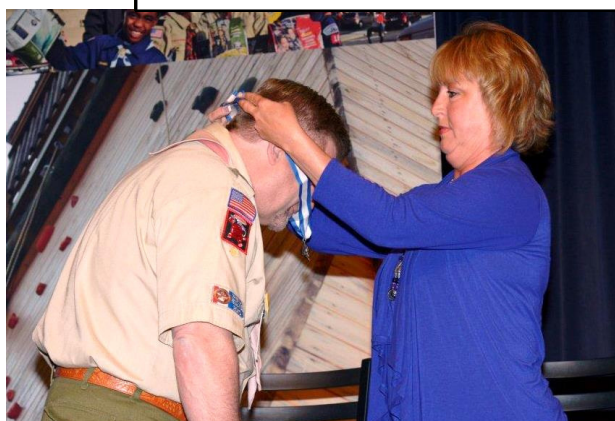
The Silver Beaver Award is the council level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts. Recipients of this award are registered adult leaders who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. The Silver Beaver is an award

given to those who implement the Scouting program and perform community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service.

Please join us in congratulating Michael and Dan for their recognition and in thanking them for all of their service to the youth of Mecklenburg County Council



**Dan Hardesty receives his Silver Beaver Award from his wife Val**



**Michael Turner receives his Silver Beaver Award from his wife Teresa**

# Top Gun 2014

## National Youth Leadership Training

By Tyler Key

Top Gun was a great experience and an even better course. I learned so many new skills throughout the week that will help me not only in Scouting but in life in general.

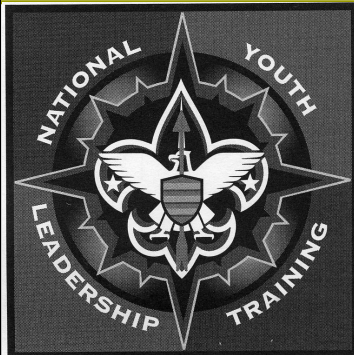


What I really liked about Top



Gun was the fact that the youth staff was pretty much in charge through the whole week and the adults were there to supervise. I thought that the staff altogether did a fantastic job with the course and I would highly recommend it to anyone that is offered.

I would like to thank both the Troop and the Crew for letting me attend the Top Gun course because I feel like I've become a better leader as a whole.



### My Week at Top Gun

Daniel Wood

My experience at Top Gun this summer was a fun one. I spent the week backpacking and learning new leadership skills at Belk Scout Camp. I enjoyed every day with interactive activities that bonded me with the other Scouts. While spending the entire week with the same people, I got to know the other Scouts very well. I got to know many people I had seen around camp before but never had reached out to in the past. I had the best time at National Youth Leadership Training. We formed patrols and competed for the Spirit Stick every day. I was a part of the Nuclear Tacos patrol. We entertained the course with funny chants such as, "BOOM CRUNCH CRUNCH, BOOM CRUNCH CRUNCH!" and earned the Spirit Stick on the first day.

Besides the exciting atmosphere of the course, I learned new leadership techniques that I plan to bring back to the troop in the coming year. Every day, we had at least two activities that help the members of every patrol learn how to work together and communicate well. These skills I gained at Top Gun will stay with me for the

rest of my life.

What I think that I got most out of the training was spirit. Most of the Scouts in the troop know me as someone who typically isn't very fond of singing and chanting. Since I have gone through Top

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Gun, I have found myself very happy and eager to take part in singing and leading chants. Thank you, Troop 19 for sending me to Top Gun and allowing me to experience the best week of Scout camp I have ever been a part of. It was an honor to be selected and it has bettered me for today and hopefully, the future.

## Top Gun 2014



### National Youth Leadership Training

Jordan Hardesty, Participant

National Youth Leadership Training (Top Gun) was probably one of the most valuable training opportunities I have yet to experience. Although the course was physically rigorous, all of the sweat and tiredness by the end of the days surely paid off.

While there, we each had call signs that represented us. This was a great, creative way of letting the patrols learn about each other in one or two words. The call signs ranged anywhere from the silliness of "Staff Hud-



dle" (coining a phrase used when the Staff had a meeting) to the cleverness of "Tiki" (Troop 19's own Tyler Key). My call sign was appropriately "Fermata" which is a musical symbol.

Top Gun not only covered leadership skills within Scouting, but in all of our future endeavors. We applied leadership skills with who we wanted to be in our lives. We planned and envisioned the future based off of the many first rate presentations delivered by the staff. The course was highly usefully and an experience in my life that will not be easily forgotten.

# Top Gun 2014



**A big thanks to the Troop 19 Youth Staff of NYLT (Top Gun)  
Ricky Williams, McKenna Jahns, Nick Zanzot, Jake Shurford**

**Also thanks to Dave McDonnell who served as Course Director, Dan Tito who served as ASM  
and Michael Turner and Dave Ruggles who served as Course Advisers**



**Top Gun Graduates Daniel Wood, Tyler Key and Jordan Hardesty**





*Hornets' Nest Day Camp Staff 2014*



**Webelos Adventure Camp 2014**  
Troop 19 Scouts Nick Zanzot served as SPL and Zachary Jewell served as Troop Guide.

# Puppy Backpacking at South Mountain



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**Red Rover, Red Rover, Who's going to fall over.....First?!?!**

# Puppy Backpacking

There are a few likes and dislikes about the puppy backpacking trip. First, I will discuss the likes.

The creek my patrol played in was very well used. We boiled the water and had fresh wash water.

Dislikes included hiking with a heavy pack. That was not fun on an uphill. Learning to bring sneakers was pretty obvious. The downhill back had blisters involved. To sum up the dislikes ... there were not many!

The overall trip was great. We learned about first aid and plants. The hike and the camping place is what made it ALL!

I would do it again any-time. This was the most fun I have had in a while!

Lucas Holzen  
May 2014





Puppy Backpacking Trip May 16, 2014  
By: Vaughn Bolt

My experience on the puppy backpacking trip was amazing.

First thing before we even left, when we were waiting to board the bus, a quick rainstorm blew through Huntersville. It was funny watching all the parents scramble for shelter from the rain.

The bus ride to South Mountain was full of excited puppies, talking about what to expect for the weekend. When we got to the drop off location for South Mountain it was sunny and warm. We unloaded all the gear and began our journey. Part way through our hike, it got dark so we completed the hike in the dark, by following the scout in front of you. We arrived in a big open field and waited for further instruction. When I saw the big field I thought it was really cool!

On the hike I did discover that my pack was rather heavy, but I continued on, knowing I would make it through! We set up camp and went to sleep for the

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night to be refreshed for the events on the next day. Saturday morning we woke and prepared breakfast. We then headed out on our day hike and got to see a beautiful waterfall, stunning views, and a huge rock that I think came from Hurricane Hugo or something. We were able to climb up the rock to a certain height, and one of the scouts

thankfully didn't, that would not have been good.

We got to stop for lunch at the waterfall which was really nice and a needed break, because it had gotten hot and muggy. After lunch, we headed back to camp and worked on skills toward rank. We had a couple hours free time to spend at camp and we got to hang out and play in the creek, the water was cold, but refreshing.

We cooked dinner as a Patrol then participate in a campfire where we recapped the day activities. We got in our tents to go to sleep and it started to pour sometime in the middle of the night.

I don't think I've ever slept as well on a camping trip as I did that night. Sunday morning we packed up camp and loaded the bus back to Huntersville. I was so wound up from the fun of the weekend that I didn't even need to sleep on the bus.

I think my favorite thing of the whole trip was the giant rock that we were able to climb on. I can't wait until I'm able to go again to climb even higher. During the closing at the end of the weekend, all the puppies that attended earned their Tenderfoot Rank patch, which was really cool.

I am already looking forward to the adventures that I'll have on the next trip.

### SPL Ricky Williams



To say that this year's summer camp was fun, would be an understatement. Although I had the great honor of running the troop for the week, it was by far my favorite summer camp I've ever attended.

The week went by smoothly with very little problems. It wouldn't have gone as well if it weren't for a tremendous effort given by each Scout. I thank each and every one of them for coming with

## SPL Corner

great enthusiasm and high spirit, making the trip even more amazing.

Also, I would like to thank the leaders for their hard work while at camp (although they were caught multiple times snoozing during the day).

Thanks again to all that came up and helped make the trip enjoyable for all. I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you once summer concludes.



## Puppy Backpacking

The puppy backpacking trip was a one of a kind trip. I got to go on this awesome camping trip on the weekend from May the 16th to May the 18th. I learned many things on this camping trip from backpacking to learning the different types of trees by name. I also learned many things that helped me earn my Tenderfoot rank. One of the interesting things that we learned was first aid.

Out of all the things we did on this camping trip the best and funniest part was after our Scoutmaster conference we got to play in the creek. Playing in the creek was fun as long as you didn't step in the creek and get all wet. The funniest parts were when kids got just their shoes a little bit wet they would just go playing around in water that was up to their hips - almost. But there were a few kids from the start who went into the creek as soon as they got and not just on the rocks but in the water.

At our campsite there were the adults and the older and more experienced scouts at one side of the field that we camped in. Then there was the Viking patrol



came and left.

Over the weekend we did our Scoutmaster conferences. Also everyone that did their Scoutmaster conference received their rank award at the church. So it was a great weekend overall and everyone that went had a lot of fun on our first backpacking trip.

Eli Jewell  
Troop 19

about 100 feet from the adult's campsite picnic table which was also near the fire pit. The Cobra patrol's picnic table was about another 75 feet from ours. Even though the patrol picnic tables were spread out the Viking's and Cobra's tents were together just the Vikings were on one side and then the Cobras were just on the other side. Apart from Troop 19 there were other troops



Opening Ceremonies at the  
2014 Dixie Fellowship



Catawba Lodge Team Carving the  
Lodge Totem Pole



Thomas Chapman  
First Place Rope Throw

## Dixie Fellowship 2014



Ricky Williams participates in the Grass  
Dance Competition at the 2014 Dixie



## Dixie Fellowship 2014



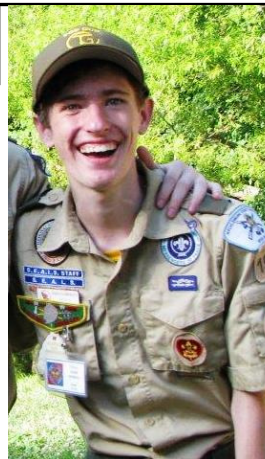
The 2014 Dixie Fellowship Contingent with Troop 19 Scouts

### Dixie Fellowship 2014

Jordan Hardesty,  
Dixie Chairman for Catawba Lodge

Dixie Fellowship 2014 was probably one of the most highly anticipated events in my Scouting career. The contingency planning for this event was definitely a task. From setting goals, to advertising, to relaying information, we were able to complete a majority of the goals I set, including making every deadline.

On the first day of the event, I arrived early to the camp so I could make sure everything was in order like registration and getting information for the next day. On that night, I led a group of one hundred and four scouts to



the opening ceremony and relayed information I had received. That was definitely the hard part of it all.

Catawba Lodge certainly excelled winning the majority of the ceremony events, earning multiple administration and quest event awards as well. Troop 19 took a good majority of Arrowmen in Catawba Lodge.

I look forward to Dixie next year celebrating 100 years of the Order of the Arrow.

## *OA News and Notes*



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

### **Beaver Weekend & Ordeal**

Beaver Weekend was held May 16 - 18 to prepare Camp Grimes for the start of Summer Camp. Troop 19 Scouts did a great job helping place tents and cleaning camp sites. Special thanks to all the leaders and Scouts who assisted in getting Camp Grimes ready for 2014 Summer Camp.

During June Ordeal weekend on June 6 - 8, Troop 19 had seventeen youth and 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:



**Zachary Jewell**  
**Grayson Key**  
**Nicolas Kincaid**  
**Harrison Lowe**  
**Sean MacLeod**  
**Daniel McCraw**  
**Kenneth McCraw**  
**Alexander McRae**  
**Conner Merson**  
**Josh Pitts**  
**Logan Reese**  
**Nicholas Rossini**  
**Carter Ryhmer**  
**Joshua Spencer**  
**Daniel Wood**

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

### **Dominick Cerio**

**Tyler Gass**

**Connor Gray**

**Jaylan Gray**

**Paul Gray**

**Luke Hines**

**Ben Hollister**

**Wesley Johnson**

**Aidan Ostapko**

**Matthew Pitts**

**Logan Rees**

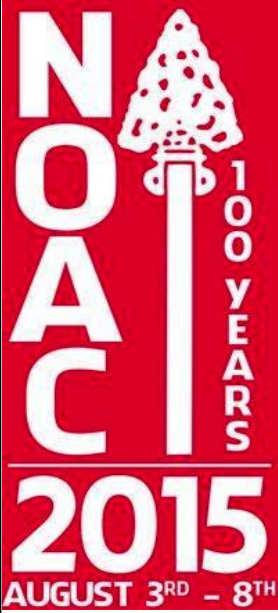
**Nik Westhofen**

**Payton Williams**

**Christopher Wunder**





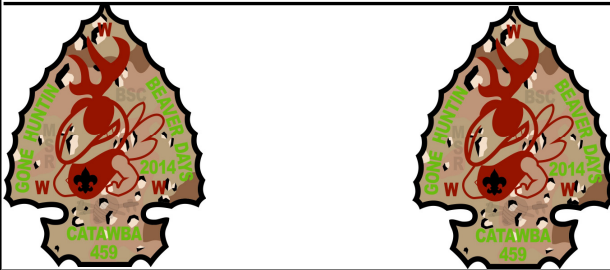


The Order of the Arrow is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2015. The National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is the premier event of the Order of the Arrow, and is Scouting's second-largest national event. In 2015, over 10,000 Arrowmen from across our nation are expected to gather at Michigan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

ning 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!



To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Order of the Arrow, we're plan-



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



**Troop 19 Scouts and Leaders at the June Ordeal**

# Summer Camp 2014

## My First Experience with Summer Camp by Vaughn Bolt

I had an awesome week at summer camp! This was my first time getting to participate in a sleep away summer camp and I was very excited. I am in Michigan every year for a month, so I knew being away from my mom wasn't going to be anything to worry about. I liked getting to shop in the store and the slushies were a nice treat!

My mom sent money with me with the rule of not getting another pocket knife since I had just gotten a new one. I ended up finding a really cool knife with an eagle on it and I wanted to get it for my mom since she was in Eagle Patrol in Wood Badge so I bought it. She was happy and didn't mind that I bought another knife since I got it for her.

My favorite thing was the Swimming Merit Badge. Learning to make floatation devices out of clothes was cool. Getting to swim in the afternoon was also nice since it would get hot. The other time each day I got to swim was for the polar bear plunge every morning. It was something I really looked forward to, even though it meant having to wake up early.

My elected merit badge was Chess. I like that I learned

even more about the sport through taking the merit badge. I learned even more skills that I can use when playing chess against my uncle. The food in the dining hall was really good, which surprised me a lot. My favorite meal out of all of the meals from the dining hall was the spaghetti and garlic bread. Of course, the best meal of all was the Friday night family gathering.

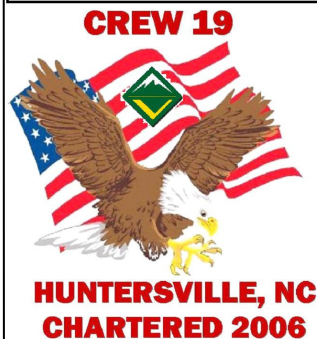
Friday was a great day! Our theme was so much fun, getting dressed up in our beards and heading to the campfire was memorable. I think my most favorite part of Friday though was when my family showed up. I didn't know they were coming so it was a really great surprise when I looked out of my tent and saw my little brother and mom walking up the path to camp.

My tent partner was Josh. He was fun to share a tent with. I found out the platform tents at Grimes are way better than the tents at Belk. I was glad to have not gotten into any poison ivy or chiggers! I am really looking forward to next summer so I can experience even more summer camp fun!



## From the Crew President

company of Timo for the whole year. We had a blast learning new things from him that made us stronger as a unit. We're all gonna miss him so much!



Hello Troop and Crew 19,

I'll be the Crew President for the remainder of Timo Noethels term. We had a great year.



We look forward to going on high adventure trips this year as we move toward advancing as a crew. I'll keep you posted as we grow together as a unit!

Thanks,  
McKenna Jahns

We went on our annual Mount Mitchell trip, we had some interactive fun activities, and most importantly we enjoyed the

# Summer Camp 2014



My name is Ryan Chestnutt and I joined Troop 19 in May. I joined Cub Scouts as a Tiger and I've been involved in Scouting ever since. So over the past 8 years, I've gone camping a lot and to several different camps.

As a Cub, I went to the day camp in Cornelius. That was a fun week. I remember starting the day in that big noisy room, fishing, shooting bow and arrows and rifles. It is much better when you go somewhere and stay for a week, though.

At my old troop, we went to Raven Knob Camp in Mt. Airy, NC every year. The most memorable things about that camp is the Knob Hike. The ASMs wake you up before sunrise and you hike to the "Knob", a high peak with terrific views. The climb is steep and a little challenging. The payoff is the breathtaking view which is unbelievable as the sun comes up. You also get a "Knob" pin and the SM buys you a Slush puppy. You can count on the lake there being really cold, the temperature really hot and it is probably going to rain at the Friday night campfire.

The past trip was not my first to Camp Grimes but the first

time I ever stayed for summer camp. Troop 19 spirit was terrific. I was impressed by how many people participated every day. Everyone was nice and the ASMs were great and seemed to really want me to complete my Merit Badges. I especially appreciated the assistance from Mr. McCraw and Mr. Hardesty. There were other ASMs who helped me but I am still learning their names!

The Troop 19 campsite is amazing. It so big and it has so much stuff. If you've only been to that campsite for camp, you probably can't appreciate how extraordinary it is. I was impressed how organized the events were - movies, ice cream night, pie night and snacks. Mr. Banks and the leaders really make sure everyone has a great week. One of the best things about any camp is coming home, taking a shower and sleeping in your own bed. It's funny how you don't even think about those things until you leave them for a while. And it is always great to come back with so many completed merit badges. It really moves you down the Eagle path.

Two things: If you didn't go to camp this year, you need to definitely plan to go next year. I am looking at the ATV class and Wet and High (Whitewater Kayaking, Caving, and Natural Rock Climbing). Also, if you take the Painting Merit Badge, make sure you read the fine print. It has nothing to do with art. You learn how to paint walls. Well, we talked about how to do it. I am going to say that was one of the bigger surprises of a fun week!

## Third Ordeal



Our newest Ordeal members, Tyler Grass and Nick Westhofen. Performing his first duties for the OA Ceremonial team is Jordan Hardesty (center)



Our newest Brotherhood members to Catawba Lodge - ASM McCraw, Harrison Lowe, Sean MacLeod, Grayson Key, Cameron Hardesty and Nick Rossini



## Camp Grimes

By Connor Gray

# Summer Camp 2014

rank.

Camp Grimes is an annual summer camp created for all Boy Scouts who sign up and are one of the greatest times to spend a week with you and your fellow Scouts. I recently attended camp Grimes of 2014 and it was one of the most amazing experiences I have ever had and I have no regrets with attending to this week full of events and fun activities.

I am from Troop 19 and this troop is one of the most fantastic troops I have ever been in, they are very organized, helpful, active, etc. Another thing about this troop that I would like to point out are the leaders, Larry Banks (Scoutmaster), many Assistant Scout Masters, Ricky Williams (Senior patrol leader), all these people help form, organize, plan, and help this troop and they do a very great job doing it. As a troop, all people attending summer camp ride the troop bus A.K.A "The Brownie Wagon" for transportation. By the time you get to camp you're already pretty exhausted, you get time to pick out a tent which are all in your troop's campsite and aligned. After selecting your tent you will have to gather your stuff which is packed in a trunk of your own. This whole weekend you and your tent partner sleep on cots every night but, in the day you have plenty of different activities and merit badge classes to burn your energy with.

These merit badge classes gave me so much information I never even knew about and while learning these cool things you get to do some pretty awesome activities. For example, the Leatherworking merit badge requires you to create a leather product from scratch. All these different merit badges all contribute to your future in many different ways and improve your knowledge so that you can utilize those new skills in the future. Over this week, different Scouts make different ranks to progress towards being an Eagle Scout and I for one earned my Star

rank. These ranks aren't always easy to get especially ranks not too far away from Eagle such as Star and Life. Getting a higher rank will require some studying and not all ranks require the same things to study for. Over the week, I practiced different types of knots and tying them, sometimes asking people who weren't busy to help me out. Later on in the week I had to take my Scoutmaster Conference which was pretty tough and gets you nervous sometimes but if you study you should know what you're doing.

After you complete the Scoutmaster Conference you will take a Board of Review which is easier than the Scoutmaster Conference but your Board of Review will be a bit more personal. After completing both of those then - Congratulations - you've made further progression to Eagle and you are now a Star scout. This is the rank I have made during this exciting week and I was proud of it and your fellow Scouts will proud of you too.

During this week you will be getting three meals a day breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Although the food may not be the best, anything tastes good when your hungry. Besides eating, the first night and last night of camp you will have a night time ceremony at a huge campfire and those are a sight to see. It's a great time to watch other people from other troops or maybe even your own troop provide skits created by themselves. You will also learn about new events going on around camp.

One of the important moments are when the Order of the Arrow candidates are called up to the stage and these times are very cool an example of what you might see are when Order of the Arrow members are dressed in ancient Indian clothing and when other members come to the campfire in canoes from the lake nearby. After that last ceremony you are exhausted and by then it's time to go home. Trust me if you have a chance to go to this camp I would definitely go to it because, I know I had a blast doing many different things and meeting new friends the whole week and I also found out Troop 19 and summer camp are one of the greatest things to ever happen.



## *Beaver Weekend 2014*



Beaver Weekend 2014 was a huge success. The Scouts and leaders from Troop 19 did a great job in getting Camp Grimes looking good for the start of Summer Camp.

Thanks to all who participated in making the camp ready. Campsite Number 11 looks Great!!



# Summer Camp 2014



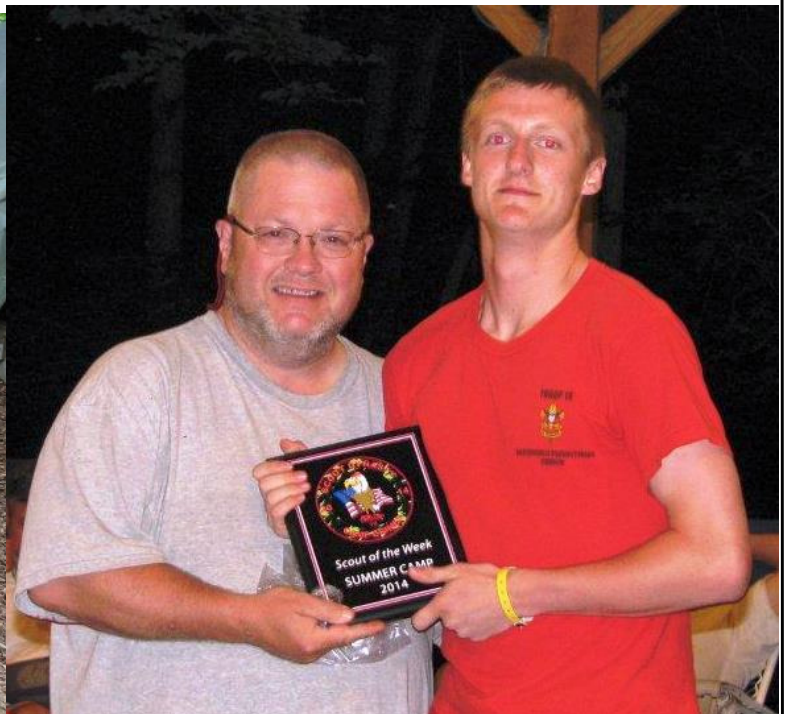
**Hey, we're Welding here! Troop 19 Scouts work on the Welding Merit Badge at Camp Grimes**



**Four Wheeling at Camp Grimes!**



**Fear the Beard!!  
Ok, Maybe not.**



**Scout of the Week and Troop SPL - Ricky Williams with SM Banks**

# Summer Camp 2014



**Retiring the Colors at Sunset**



**Before we can all scream for ice cream, did you at least turn it on?**



**Y'all are not going to believe what they are planning to serve for lunch!**

# Summer Camp 2014



**Climbing up on Pizza Mountain!**



**Camp Grimes Staffer  
and Troop 19 Scout  
Anthony Lorenzo**



# Coming to Troop 19



100th Anniversary of the  
Founding of the Order of  
the Arrow

Troop 19 is headed to  
Northern Tier in Ely, Min-  
nesota in Summer 2016 Are  
you prepared!



100th Anniversary of the  
Founding of Mecklenburg  
County Council

# Summer Camp 2014



Scouts		Adults	Polar Bears
Vaughn Bolt	Harrison Lowe	Larry Banks	Vaughn Bolt
Benton Cassam	Landon Lowe	Ricky Cardenas	Cory Clinard
Ryan Chestnut	Michael Lutz	Mark Chapman	Matthew Creswell
Cory Clinard	Sean Macleod	Brooks Ferguson	Matthew Dahlem
Matthew Creswell	Daniel McCraw	Paul Gray	Cameron Fox
Matthew Dahlem	Alexander McRae	Dan Hardesty	Matthew Gass
Cameron Fox	Connor Merson	Ken Key	Kristopher Harris Pitton
Dylan Fox	Matthew Mikuleza	Roger Kincaid	Jeffrey Haymore
Matthew Gass	Joseph Mushyakou	Martin Lazore	Lucas Holzen
Tyler Gass	Joshua Perez	Juan Lorenzo	Mitchell Hutula
Connor Gray	Lucas Prieto	Kenneth L McCraw	Elijah Jewell
Jaylan Gray	Christopher Rees	Willie Rooker	Zachary Jewell
Cameron Hardesty	John Rees		Hunter Kaminski
Kristopher Harris Pitton	Nicholas Rossini		Joseph Mushyakou
Jeffrey Haymore	Kyle Scavo		Joshua Perez
Luke Hines	Abhishek Singh		Christopher Rees
Benjamin Hollister	Joseph Skinner		Kyle Scavo
Lucas Holzen	John Swinea		John Swinea
Mitchell Hutula	Nicholas Westhofen		Matthew Wunder
Andrew Hunter	Samuel Wheeler		Roger Kincaid
Elijah Jewell	Payton Williams		
Zachary Jewell	Ricky Williams		
Hunter Kaminski	Daniel Wood		
Grayson Key	Christopher Wunder		
Tyler Key	Matthew Wunder		
Nicolas Kincaid	Dante Ybarra		
Martin Lazore	Nicholas Zanzot		

# Camp Grimes 2014 Summer Camp Awards & Recognitions

## HONOR UNIT

197 MERIT BADGES EARNED

SECOND PLACE - BASKETBALL

## MILE SWIM

THAD (THADPOLE) WHEELER

## SCOUT OF THE WEEK

RICKY WILLIAMS

9 SCOUTMASTER MERIT BADGES

## SPIRIT OF GRIMES AWARDS

These awards are given by the Senior Patrol Leader for excellent spirit and attitude during the entire week of camp. 2014 award winners are:

DANIEL WOOD  
TYLER KEY  
MITCHELL HUTULA

KRISTOPHER HARRIS PITTON  
NICK KINCAID  
HUNTER KAMINSKI  
JEFFERY HAYMORE  
LUCAS HOLZEN  
JOHN SWINEA

## 20 POLAR BEARS

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. Special thanks to Mr. McCraw for his organization efforts and guidance. Thanks, too, to all the adult leaders who came out and spent time at camp with the Scouts.



LITTLE DID YOU KNOW...

THE MOST  
IMPORTANT OBJECT  
IN BOY SCOUT  
TRAINING IS TO  
EDUCATE, NOT  
INSTRUCT.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell  
British Army Officer

# *Troop Calendar 2014*

Sep 27 Scouter Success Seminar  
Sep 30 Fun Night

## June 2014

Jun 3 Summer Camp Swim Tests  
Jun 6 - 8 June Ordeal @ Belk Scout Camp -  
OA members only  
Jun 10 CMS last Day of School  
Jun 15 Father's Day  
Jun 22 - 28 Summer Camp Session I -  
Camp Grimes  
Jun 23 - 28 Top Gun - Camp Grimes

## July 2014

Jul 4 Independence Day  
Jul 7 - 11 Troop 19 SUPER Trip  
Jekyll Island, GA  
Jul 25 - 27 Wood Badge Weekend I

## August 2014

Aug 10 - 17 Florida Sea Base Crew 1  
Aug 12 - 18 Florida Sea Base Crew 2  
Aug 16 - 18 Wood Badge Weekend II  
Aug 22 - 24 OA 3rd Ordeal Belk Scout Camp  
Aug 25 School Begins Charlotte Mecklenburg  
Aug 26 Scouts Return

## September 2014

Sep 5 - 7 Hornets Nest Sr Camporee  
Sep 9 Troop Elections  
Sep 9 Troop Committee  
Sep 19 Shoot for Joy Training  
Sep 20 Shoot for Joy Fundraiser

## October 2014

Oct 3 - 5 OA Fall Fellowship  
OA members only  
Oct 7 Troop 19 Fall Court of Honor  
Oct 17 - 19 Myrtle Beach Trip  
Oct 26 Creek Walk

## November 2014

Nov 14 - 16 SEALS Training  
Nov 14 - 16 Outdoor Leadership Skills  
Nov 21 - 23 Ft Bragg Trip  
Nov 27 THANKSGIVING

## December 2014

Dec 2 Service at the Oaks  
Dec 2 Christmas Village  
Dec 2 Last Scout Meeting of 2014  
Dec 4 Hornets Nest Annual Banquet  
Dec 5 Catawba Lodge Annual Banquet  
Dec 6 Puppy First Aid  
Dec 13 Merit Badge Workshop  
Dec 25 CHRISTMAS



## Summer Camp 2014

Hi Mr. Banks!

Leatherworking was my first merit badge. I made a large knife pouch with some of my friends including Hunter Kaminski and Christopher Rees. When I was leatherworking, I found out that my knife pouch kit did not have the correct string that I needed, so I used thicker string that was harder to use. Then I found the right string and it was confusing because I didn't know which string to continue using or start using. I decided to use the correct string that came with the kit. My project came out GREAT! The knife pouch works really well! I'm glad I got the merit badge!

My second merit badge was Swimming and the funny thing was there were a few kids who were great at swimming and some not as good, but some of the not as good kids did better than the great swimmers. In the morning we did the polar plunge, which was you'd get up at 6:30 in the morning and jump in the lake. The lake was warmer than I thought it was so I kind of stayed tired, defeating the reason (the polar plunge was meant to wake you up in the morning). I got my Swimming merit badge too!

Lastly, the merit badge I got through the Trailblazers course was my First Aid merit badge. For First Aid, we



did examples of what to do in different kinds of emergencies. We pretended to make a brace out of grass and two sticks. It worked pretty well. We learned about what to do in certain events including heart attack, no breathing, choking -- all of the "hurry" cases. The scout who played the "patient" changed each time but most often it was Kyle Scavo, Christopher Rees or Matthew Creswell.

I also got my Totin' Chip and my Fireman's chip.

The overall camp experience was GREAT! I'm going to definitely go back this year and next year! It was really fun doing the merit badges. I really liked that I was learning more about Camp Grimes. I also liked that we don't have to do polar bear plunge after our second year!

Your friend in Scouting,

Lucas Holzen



**Be Prepared...** the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.

**(Robert Baden-Powell)**

# Wood Badge 2014



## MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL



**Wood Badge Staff and Participants - Darren Seigler SPL, Larry Banks Course Adviser, Val Hardesty Scribe, Matt Dhalem Youth Staff, Dan Hardesty Course Director, Jason Morris (Pack 19) Bobwhite Patrol, Rob Gass, Eagle Patrol, Jordon Hardesty, Youth staff, Cameron Hardesty, Youth Staff, Jenn Bolt, Troop Guide, Marcie Gardner (Pack 19) Fox Patrol**

The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light.

Robert Baden-Powell

# Eagle Scout Letter

*This letter comes to Scoutmaster Banks from Troop 19 Eagle Scout and US Army Lt. Trevor Hehn writing to us from his base in Georgia*

Mr. Banks!

I must apologize, I've neglected to respond to every request you've made to be in touch with me that my dear father dutifully passed along. There is no excuse for it. I am sorry!!

I hope all is well with you. I successfully reported to active duty last Thursday to serve my second tour of duty as a commissioned officer in the infantry. I couldn't be more proud about how things have turned out for me. It was a long, brutal, and toilsome road to get here. There were many joyous moments along the way, each one motivated me to make it to the next one. But now that the formative part of the journey is mostly behind me, I am thrilled to return to duty as an infantry officer (in spite of earning my law degree and not securing a selection from the Army JAG Corps).

Before I get into my training, which starts Monday, I wanted to reach out and let you know I was thinking

about you. I'd love to find time to catch up over the phone. Have a great day!

Best,  
Trevor Hehn



Scouting is not an abstruse or difficult science: rather it is a jolly game if you take it in the right light. In the same time it is educative, and (like Mercy) it is apt to benefit him that giveth as well as him that receives. - Robert Baden-Powell

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**Huntersville Presbyterian Church**  
**Huntersville, NC 28078**

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OF AMERICA**



# Puppy Backpacking 2014