

TOP CLOUDS: 9-1-19

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<http://www.mccscouting.org/smoke-signals>

Happy Labor Day to our Scouting Friends and Family
From your Apache District Committee

NEW MCC Woodbadge S5-415-20 Update

For those seeking to participate in Mecklenburg County Council's 2020 Woodbadge course: You will need to submit a Letter of Intent for the Course Director to consider you for invitation to this Premier Leadership Development Course.

This can be done by visiting:

<https://www.mycampgrimes.org/woodbadge/program.phtml?register> OR by submitting the LOI form to Council. The form can be received at the council office or found at:
<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnxzNTQxNXdxb2RiYWwRnZXxneDo3ZDY0NTgzZTgxMDFmNg>

REMINDER - Apache District Adult Leader Roundtable, District Meeting, Eagle Project reviews and Apache Chapter Order of the Arrow meetings will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210

No time changes.

Please don't keep us a secret

With all the new parents coming into our scouting family, please don't keep Smoke Signals, and the Apache District Webpage a secret. We welcome new subscribers and it is easy to do. Also, please share our Apache District

Help Us Spread the Word

Please help us by sharing these links:

Mecklenburg County Council

<https://www.mccscouting.org/>

Apache District Webpage

<http://www.mccscouting.org/Districts/Apache.aspx>

Like the Apache Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ApacheDistrict>

Apache Twitter Account

Be sure to follow us on twitter @[ApacheDistrict](#)

Scouting Wire Volunteer Newsletter - The Official Blog of the Scouting Movement.

<http://scoutingwire.org>

COUNCIL ITEMS:

NEW Merit Badge Counselor Renewal Process

A new system is being developed to make it possible for Merit Badge Counselors to renew their registration for 2020 ONLINE! The website will go live November 1, 2019 and close December

1, 2019. Currently registered Merit Badge Counselors will receive an email from our Council Registrar, Michelle Roberts, in mid-October about this new process!

If you have any questions please direct them to Michelle.Roberts@scouting.org

NEW Woodworking MB Opportunity

Saturdays November 2nd & 9th 2019 scouts may attend sessions at The Harvest Center of Charlotte (formerly known as Jackson Park Ministries) for the Woodworking MB! Those interested **MUST** attend both sessions to complete the merit badge. Sessions will run from 8:00AM – 1:00PM on both Saturdays.

For more information and to register for this course please contact Jim Emery at jemery@theharvestcenter.org

“Mechanics Of Advancement – Scout To Eagle Scout Ranks”

A 4-Hour Training Course to be offered on advancement at the Fall Scouter Success Seminar – September 21, 2018 – CPCC Levine Campus – 8:00 am until noon. The first part is “Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook” – 8:00 am until mid-morning break. **Scouts who wish to know and understand the project workbook process are welcome.** The second part is from mid-morning break until noon. It will encompass the steps from Scout to Eagle Scout.

- Learn about the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and the process relating to it. The Eagle Scout Project Workbook will be fully explained.
- Learn about Boards of Review where participants will be instructed on how to properly conduct Boards of Review. The Eagle Board of Review will be fully covered.
- Learn the "nuts and bolts" regarding the steps that occur after a Scout thinks he has completed all requirements for Scout to Eagle Scout ranks.
- Learn what “being active” means for rank advancement which is most confusing.

Again, Scouts are welcome and encouraged to attend this course, especially from the 8:00 am until 10:00 am session covering the Eagle Scout Service Project.

To be presented by the Mecklenburg County Council Advancement Committee

DISTRICT ITEMS:

NEW Large-scale Eagle Project Tips

Do you have Scouts in your Unit who have dreams of making a huge impact in their community through their Eagle Scout Project? Does the thought of a multi-location project seem to inhibit them from pursuing this dream? For those looking for helpful hints on how to succeed in areas of planning, fundraising, and volunteer recruiting check out the article below from Bryan on Scouting! In the article, Eagle Scout Peter Livengood - recipient of the 2019 Glenn A. & Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award for the Northeast Region, shares how his city-wide project became a success.

https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/08/07/2019-northeast-region-eagle-project-of-the-year-a-smarter-way-to-filter-stormwater/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer8212019&utm_medium=email&utm_content=B

Membership Committee – WE WANT YOU!

Apache District NEEDS you. As the newly appointed Apache District Membership Chair, my goal is to ensure we cover all available programs – Boys, Girls, Adults, Cubs, Venture, Scouts BSA, Special Initiatives and retention/ cross over.

For more information contact Andy Waligowski – awaligowski@icloud.com

ADVANCEMENT:

Project Review Location

All, **effective June 2019**, all Eagle Project reviews will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210. The reviews will continue to start at 5:00. We will provide more details as to room location, etc., as available.

For further Advancement information, please contact your Apache District Advancement Chair or visit <https://www.mccscouting.org/advancement> or <https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>

TRAINING:

NEW Changes to BALOO

Leaders: BALOO date has been changed to September 21-22 @ Belk Scout Camp

Registration is open and the final day to register is 9/18/2019!!

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/2019-fall-basic-adult-leader-outdoor-orientation-baloo/2561957>

As you may know there are online prerequisites for BALOO – four (4) module which will take approximately 60-90 minutes to complete. Instructions for how to complete those, a packing list, event detail and the schedule will be sent to each participant when they register.

Please send any questions you may have to mccbaloo10@gmail.com

NEW MCC Outdoor Ethics

Boy Scouts of America – Leave No Trace 2019 Fall Trainer Course (LNT-T19-002)

Begins: Nov. 1 @ 6:30 PM **Ends:** Nov. 3 @ 11:30 AM **Cost:** \$60

Audience: BSA Youth age 14+ (Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouts, & Varsity) & Adult Scouters

Course Location: Belk Scout Camp – Learning Development Center

Description: This 16 hour course is designed for those who want to expand their knowledge of Leave No Trace practices and teaching skills, particularly as related to teaching Leave No Trace Awareness courses and understanding basic principles for "FRONT COUNTRY" camping as a Cub Pack, Scout Troop or Venture Crew. This course will cover the seven Leave No Trace principles and discuss wildland ethics, as well as give the participants the tools and techniques for disseminating low-impact skills to recreationists and the scouting community. Upon successful completion of the course, you will be qualified to teach Leave No Trace Awareness courses as well as assist a Master Educator on future Leave No Trace Trainer courses. Also as a Scout, this course will help you to be successful in the BSA leadership position of Outdoor Ethics Guide. As a Scouter this course will help you to be successful as the Outdoor Ethics Guide Advisor to your Troop. It is highly recommended that Scouters participating in this course have completed BALOO and/or Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS).

Curriculum: A Leave No Trace Trainer course emphasizes skills and techniques essential to Leave No Trace minimum impact outdoor ethics and education. Leave No Trace courses are not focused on teaching basic travel, camping or other outdoor skills, nor do they provide outdoor instructor certification.

Registration information will be available at September's Roundtable.

For more information contact Paul R. Summers, MCC Outdoor Ethics Advocate at:

(704) 808-0709 or prshiker@gmail.com

Woodbadge S5-415-20

- July 31 – August 2 (Weekend 1) & August 22-23, 2020 (Weekend 2)

Fall 2019

- September 21: Scouter Success @ CPCC Levine Campus
 - September 27 -29: Wilderness First Aide @ Camp Grimes
- for more info see link for flyer. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XB-Jb6BOMfzXMUChTjlmX_yNvZM3Y1LP/view to register go to <http://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/wilderness-first-aid-2019/2470172>
- This course is for Boy Scout/ Scout BSA Leaders, & Venture Advisors
- November 9 & 10: Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills @ Belk Scout Camp

Going forward:

- Wilderness 1st Aid will always be the last weekend of March, and September @ Camp Grimes
- SEALS & IOLS will always be the 2nd weekend of March & November

Training is also available online @ <https://my.scouting.org> They have CS, BS, Venturing, & Merit Badge Counselor training. The courses are broken down into modules.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne White, Apache Training Chair @ loanamw@carolina.rr.com

KEY APACHE DISTRICT DATES:

Adult Leader Roundtables

September 12, October 10, November 14, 2019, Roundtable will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210

Would you like to be added to the agenda, please contact Brady Drummond-Ryan, Apache Roundtable Commissioner @ bradyryan@gmail.com

ORDER OF THE ARROW:

IMPORTANT – Apache Concession Sales – Fall Fellowship

Our Chapter has responsibility for concession sales during the Fall Fellowship (October 4-6th) @ Belk Scout Camp. We will set up our concession efforts on Saturday / October 4th. All Arrowmen are asked to volunteer a couple of hours, on Saturday, and help with this effort!!

NEW - Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship will be held at Belk Scout Camp on October 4th through 6th. There will be a DUNK TANK at the event where you can dunk your chapter chief. Be sure to come out for a weekend of fellowship, fun, and relaxation. **REMEMBER** – All New Arrowmen would have completed their Ordeal this year can attend Fall Fellowship for **FREE!!!!** Please make sure those Arrowmen are invited and scheduled to attend!!!!

Deadline for registration is September 25th. Register @ <https://www.mycampgrimes.org/oaevents/oaevents.phtml?showevents>

NEW - Lodge and Chapter Officer Positions

If you are interested in taking an active role as an Apache Chapter Officer or an officer in Catawba Lodge, please contact [Mr. Roux](#) or Peter Staffieri NOW, as elections will be held

during Fall Fellowship. If you would like further information regarding available positions, please email [Tony Roux](#).

September Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting is Thursday, September 12th at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (6828 Old Reid Road) @ 7:30 P.M. Please plan to attend, there will be free pizza and drinks for all Arrowmen in attendance.

NEW - MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Sunday, September 29 @ 10:00 am

Chapter Arrowmen – we will be setting up the Chapter TeePee at Belk Scout Camp for Fall Fellowship on the morning of Sunday, September 29. We are requesting 6-8 volunteers at Belk Scout Camp. This process takes about 1.5 hours and “many hands make light work” is very applicable for this effort.

Elangomats Needed!

Ordeals are coming up soon, and Apache Chapter is in need of Elangomats to lead those ordeals. If you are interested in earning volunteer hours, gaining a deeper understanding of the Ordeal, (and getting a really cool patch), please contact Beau Seate bseate@carolina.rr.com

Contact Information

If there are any Arrowmen that should be included in these notifications that are not currently, please let [Mr. Roux](#) or myself know so we can add them to the database. We hope to expand the Apache database even more in this new term of officers.

Link your Lodge Email to your Personal Email

I'm aware some of you may not know how to access your Lodge email account, or are unaware that you have one. Therefore, I put together a set of instructions on forwarding all of your Lodge emails to your personal email account! Please see the following Google Drive link for instructions-

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwrGkVVw08OudS1xSHZlb1RSS1U/view?usp=sharing>

Please follow these instructions to keep up on Lodge Events.

Thank you for reading!

[McNeill Jordan](#)

Chapter Secretary

To Submit a Notice:

If you have any information you would like to share with the district, please send that information to chris.m.1995@live.com and it will be sent to the team to be added. Please make sure you have your contact information included should there be any questions.

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