

### **TOP CLOUDS: 5.1.20 edition**

An online edition of this Apache District Newsletter can also be found @ <http://www.mccscouting.org/smoke-signals>

### **Apache Roundtable for Thursday, May 14, 2020**

Please plan to join us for a special Zoom Meeting for the May Roundtable from 7-8 pm.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZUkceigpJliEtLz3CQWqU7cxQyrvspbX42i>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Our youth are obviously forced to utilize greater amounts of screen time these days to stay connected with school, scouting, families and more. But are there limits we can address and properly manage in spite of the current pandemic?

Join us to learn more. Our guest speaker will be Melanie Hempe, Founder of a local non-profit: Families Managing Media ([www.familiesmanagingmedia.com](http://www.familiesmanagingmedia.com)). Her topic will focus on "Managing Screen Time During Quarantine". She will also include information on their "Screen Strong Challenge". Links to her blogs, website and other handouts will also be made available during our live, interactive webinar. Join us to stay "Screen Strong" in these difficult times.

PS - all Districts will be welcome to join us.

### **Canceled -- Eagle Project Reviews, Thursday, May 14, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**

<https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>, then Project Review Information, or [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/176532\\_a901c5127e164caebbb165cb131bb7c7.pdf](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/176532_a901c5127e164caebbb165cb131bb7c7.pdf)

### **NEW – Memorial Day - May 25, 2020**

"And let us never forget that in honoring our flag, we honor the American men and women who have courageously fought and died for it over the last 200 years, patriots who set an ideal above any consideration of self. Our flag flies free today because of their sacrifice.

A radio address from Camp David by President Reagan, June 14, 1986

<https://www.reaganlibrary.gov/research/speeches/61486a>

There is more to Memorial Day than the unofficial start of summer. Memorial Day is the federal holiday we honor and mourn our men and women who have died while serving in the United State Armed Forces. Please take a few minutes and share the real meaning of this holiday with your family and your Scouts. Please thank veterans for their service to our nation.

### **NEW – Fishing news**

Now is a great time to get ready to go fishing. Check out the International Game Fish Association's page at <https://igfa.org/education/>, then click on Online Courses, then click on Intro to Fishing for a free on-line course.

Other resources are posted on Mecklenburg County Council Fishing Committee's website <https://www.mccscouting.org/fishing> and on [Mecklenburg County Council Fishing Committee's Facebook page](#) with information on knots, flies, news, and tips.

Video: IGFA Passports to Fishing Kit - Teaching 100,000 Kids to Fish around the world

Mecklenburg County Council Fishing Committee will host an Area 5 Certified Angling Instructor (CAI) Course in spring of 2021 with dates and camp location to be determined.

### **NEW – Updates for Rank Advancement/Camping Requirements in COVID-19 FAQ**

BSA National has added temporary changes to rank requirements.

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

### **NEW – Eagle Project Reviews during COVID-19**

In lieu of in person reviews of Eagle projects, the districts are following an electronic review of Scouts' Eagle projects. The Scout is to follow the normal protocol of requesting a review via the online district email address identified on the council website located under the "Eagle Scout Project WB Information-Project Review Information". These requests will be distributed to Eagle project reviewers. Once a reviewer has been assigned, the reviewer will contact the Scout (with a copy to another adult to maintain 2-deep leadership) and request that the project be sent electronically to their preferred email address.

In addition to the Proposal, the Scout should send copies of emails verifying approval of the Proposal from the Unit Leader, the Unit Committee, and the Project Beneficiary as required on Project Proposal E of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook. As an alternative, the Scout may send scanned copies of the approval page with the requisite signatures. Note that all of these are required prior to the reviewer's sign off in accordance with national policy. If there are drawings, pictures or other items that are pertinent, these should be sent to the reviewer as well.

Once these have been provided, the reviewer will review and provide any feedback (or possibly request a video conference). During project reviews conducting by video conferencing or by phone calls, Scouts must be accompanied by a parent or Scout leader in the same room to follow BSA Youth Protection guidelines for 2-deep adult leadership. The Reviewer will email the Scout with their current assessment. I.e. Approved, Approved with Recommendations, Not Approved. The reviewer will indicate items that are open to obtain final approval. If the reviewer is unable to scan their signature as approval, their email will serve as approval and a copy of the email should be included in the Scout's final Eagle project binder as evidence of district review.

### **NEW – Eagle Application Packet Processing and Reviews, Update of 4/28/2020**

A Scout or troop leader may drop off a newly completed Eagle application packet during curbside Scout Shop hours, currently Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. The Scout or leader must call the Scout Shop number 704 342 9323 when they arrive at the Council office and let Scout Shop Manager Jennifer Adkins know that have an Eagle packet to leave. She will come out to their car to retrieve the packet. Laura Bachelder of the Council staff will review the application material for completeness and notify the District Eagle Scout Board of Review Coordinator that the application is ready to be picked up. An District Eagle Board Reviewer must call the Scout Shop number 704 342 9323 when they arrive at the Council office and let Scout Shop Manager Jennifer Adkins know that they are ready to pick up an Eagle packet.

As of the date of this publication, the Council Advancement Committee strongly recommends delays in scheduling Eagle Boards of Review for at least a few weeks until some social distancing public health guidelines are relaxed. The Committee endorses the value of a traditional in-person, face-to-face Eagle Board. However, in special circumstances where an Eagle candidate has an upcoming or passed 18th birthday or has imminent military or college commitments where a delay in an Eagle Board would impose hardship, a virtual Eagle Board of Review can be scheduled and is legitimate.

After an Eagle Board, a District Eagle Board Reviewer can return the signed Eagle application and all letters of recommendation to the Council office by following the same schedule and process.

### **NEW – Eagle Scout Boards of Review Cancelled During COVID-19**

Please be informed that the Council Advancement Committee made the decision, effective as of April 2, 2020, that Eagle Scout Boards of Review will not be routinely conducted during this time of Stay at Home restrictions mandated by state and federal governments to gain control of COVID-19. The reasons are threefold:

1. The impractical task of coordinating the Eagle packet among all that needs to be involved.
2. The impact of scanning documents, obtaining electronic signatures and arranging videoconferencing an Eagle Board of Review.
3. The Council Office being closed and National furloughing over 900 staff some of which are involved with the Eagle application process.

Eagle Scout candidates are encouraged to understand this decision and to maintain all Eagle paperwork in a secure location until an appropriate time it will be needed. The Council Advancement Committee will announce the time that Eagle Boards of Review may resume. Scoutmasters are requested to send to their respective District Advancement Chair the number of Life Scouts in your unit that may be affected by this decision.

Your cooperation and understanding of this drastic decision are certainly appreciated. As additional guidance becomes available regarding COVID-19, the Council Advancement Committee will certainly reassess this decision and will advise.  
Mecklenburg County Council Advancement Committee

### **NEW – Age-Extension Beyond the 18th Birthday for Eagle Requirements during COVID-19**

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/25/advancement-during-covid-19-official-details-about-eagle-extensions-and-more/>

With new national guidelines to adapt to COVID-19, age extensions beyond the 18th birthday for Eagle Scout requirements (and 21st birthday for Summit Award requirements for Venturers) are available for current Life Scouts. These extensions include, but are not limited to, hardships in completing Eagle Projects. Many organizations that are currently the beneficiaries, or may be the beneficiaries of planned projects, may have enacted rules that prevent Scouts from completing their projects before their 18th birthdays. In addition, the Scout may not be able to organize sufficient assistance (or may not be able to enlist the assistance of others due to the social distancing requirements) to allow them to meet the supervisory goals of the Eagle project during this period.

National Advancement Committee has delegated to the local council advancement committee and Scout executive permission to approve age-extensions for the Eagle Scout candidate. This applies to Life Scouts who cannot complete Eagle (and Venturing Summit) requirements prior to the 18th birthday because of the corona virus shutdown. Scouts have three months after their 18th birthday to complete any requirements. Extension requests for more than 3 months beyond the youth's 18th (21st for Sea Scouts and Venturers) birthday must be sent to the National Service Center following the process outlined in the Guide to Advancement. Life Scouts may apply for age-extension approval between now and September 30, 2020, for local approval. After that date, National must grant such approvals. Please email all requests for such local approval to Joel Moser, Council Advancement Chair at

[joelmoser@earthlink.net](mailto:joelmoser@earthlink.net) by using Form 512-077, available at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-077.pdf>

### **NEW – Blue Card and Advancement Report Processing**

Advancement reports (with supporting blue cards and/or summer camp advancement reports) can be mailed in or dropped off at any time in the mail slot at the back door of the office (the mail slot is 1.5 inches tall). Although many troops use Scoutbook for advancement reports, some may use the BSA Advancement form as posted at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34403.pdf>. Blue cards are very strongly recommended to all Scouts and to all troops because blue card records can be invaluable to confirm merit badges for Star, Life, and especially for Eagle Boards of Review.

After the Scout Shop receives the reports and cards, processing may take up to 7 to 10 business days. Troop leaders should please include contact information so that the Scout Shop can call when reports and blue cards are ready for pickup. Pickup can occur during curbside Scout Shop hours, currently Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. If leaders would like to purchase badges, they can note it with the packet delivery or can email a copy of the advancement report to Scout Shop Manager Jennifer Adkins at [jennifer.adkins@scouting.org](mailto:jennifer.adkins@scouting.org) so that badges can be pulled for curbside pickup. Costs for badges can be deducted from unit Scout Shop accounts with express permission from an authorized user or can be paid for by credit card.

### **NEW – Signatures for advancements**

All advancement reports require at least one signature. If any ranks 1<sup>st</sup> Class and above are listed on the report, 3 signatures are still required. Unit leaders can send e-signatures by email to Council Program Assistant Laura Bachelder at [laura.bachelder@scouting.org](mailto:laura.bachelder@scouting.org)

### **Scouting for Food**

Scouting for Food for 2020 has formally ended but the need is on-going and greater than ever in this time of COVID-19. If you wish to donate money on-line directly or through a Virtual Food Drive, please check out options under the green “Donate” tab at <https://loavesandfishes.org/>

### **Merit Badge Information**

More information on local courses, including course Guides, flyers, registration methods, costs, pre-course homework, and appropriate clothing, is available at <https://www.mccscouting.org/around-the-campfire>

Information on regional and national courses is posted at <http://www.meritbadge.info/>  
<http://www.meritbadge.info/mbn/default.aspx>

Current merit badge requirements:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

Optional merit badge workbooks: <http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp>

### **Scheduled Merit Badge Courses**

**Discovery Place Science and Discovery Place Nature have closed for the indefinite future. When those facilities open again, we will post an updated schedule for their merit badge courses.**

**Rescheduled with New Date - Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge**

scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020, at Charlotte AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway has been postponed and rescheduled with new date of **Saturday, June 13**, 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Free entry to Charlotte AutoFair and free parking in the Youth Program area with tickets and parking passes obtained by registration in advance. Scout leaders and parents are welcome to attend.

For updated Merit Badge Guide with information on merit badge homework, optional camping, and registration by email, please click on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vlpd6yXG6T1rmBE0vNfgZ9w9eFlf2G-G/view?usp=sharing>

**Mining in Society Merit Badge**

**Scheduling is suspended during COVID-19.**

Saturdays, June 6, June 20, July 11, July 25, August 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site

9621 Reed Mine Rd, Midland, NC 28107

Website: <https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/reed-gold-mine>

Cost is \$5, which includes ticket for gold panning.

For Merit Badge Guide with information on optional camping, pre-course homework, and registration by phone or email, please click on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lIEgVzzdaEsyJvOW2ZPEQkPAWINGLmZg/view?usp=sharing>

**Postponed – Aviation Merit Badge**

Previously scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Charlotte–Monroe Executive Airport, Aviation Merit Badge has been postponed until fall of 2020, with date and location pending as of 4/29/2020.

Information: <https://www.aviationcamps.org/>

**Stamp Collecting Merit Badge**

**Please Save This Date**

Saturday, July 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Charlotte Philatelic Society's Annual Stamp Show

<http://www.charpex.info/>

CPCC Central Campus, Worrell Building, formerly Taylor Hall

1228 Elizabeth Ave, Charlotte, NC 28204

**New – Aquatics Merit Badge Days at Belk Scout Camp**

**are being rescheduled from August 3 through 6 to new dates, contingent on national, state, local, and BSA public health guidelines and on availability of staff and facilities.**

The Aquatics Committee hopes to open registration on Monday June 15, 2020, through a link posted at <https://www.mccscouting.org/around-the-campfire>

Please check that page for news on registration and scheduling.

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 16-17-18, 2020 Rail Camp, Railroading Merit Badge**

<https://www.nctrans.org/Special-Programs---Tours/BSA.aspx>

**Winter Camp 2020**

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, December 18-19-20, 2020 **Please Save These Dates**

Belk Scout Camp

### **Snow Sports Merit Badge**

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, February 26-27-28, 2021 **Please Save These Dates**

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

91 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

### **Schedule Your Own Merit Badge Courses**

**Astronomy, Backpacking, Bird Study, Camping, Environmental Science, Fishing, Geology, Hiking, Insect Study, Kayaking, Mammal Study, Nature, Orienteering, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Soil and Water Conservation, Sustainability, Weather, Wilderness Survival Merit Badges, BSA Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP) Award**

at McDowell Nature Center and Preserve

15222 South York Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278

980 314 1128

and

**Backpacking, Camping, Fishing, Hiking, Kayaking, Orienteering, Wilderness Survival Merit Badges, BSA Stand-Up Paddleboarding (SUP) Award**

at Latta Nature Center and Preserve

6211 Sample Rd.

Huntersville, NC 28078

980 314 1129

Patrols or troops may schedule merit badge instruction with minimum group size of 6, up to a maximum of 15, with BSA-registered Merit Badge Counselors. Groups must schedule their programs of instruction **at least 3 months in advance**.

SUP at Latta has a maximum class size of 10 Scouts.

Because of requirements which require pre-course and/or post-course activities, partial completions with a one-day course are possible for Backpacking, Camping, Fishing, Hiking, Insect Study, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Sustainability, and Weather merit badges.

Cost of instruction is \$15 to \$40 per Scout, varying by the course request. Each class must have at least one supervising adult present throughout the class for class size of 9 or less, 2 adults for class sizes of 10 or more. Parents are welcome to attend all sessions.

Camping options are available on-site at McDowell Nature Preserve.

Scouts enrolling in Kayaking Merit Badge and BSA SUP Award courses must complete the BSA Swimmer Test before arrival and bring evidence to participate.

Blue card requirement: Each Scout must present to the counselor a separate blue card signed by their Scoutmaster indicating permission to participate in the course. Scouts should fill out the requirement grid portion of the card and have the Merit Badge Counselor initial this section of the card for each completed requirement. When the Scout has completed all requirements, the Merit Badge Counselor must sign and date the card in 2 places. Each Scout is responsible to obtain these signatures and to turn the card in to their Scoutmaster so that the merit badge can be registered and awarded.

### **Bird Study Merit Badge**

Carolina Raptor Center

6000 Sample Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078

704 875 6521

<http://www.carolinaraptorcenter.org/>



Patrols or troops can call to schedule a Bird Study Merit Badge course with minimum class size of 6.

### **Climbing Merit Badge**

Inner Peaks

10715 Independence Pointe Pkwy., Matthews, NC 28105

<https://www.innerpeaks.com/climbing-for-kids/>

704 844 6677

Mr. Chris Dimatteo of the Inner Peaks staff is a registered Climbing Merit Badge Counselor with Mecklenburg County Council. Courses are offered for a minimum class size of 6, a maximum class size of 18, on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. with 1/2 hour lunch break or on Sundays from noon to 7:00 p.m. Courses cover all requirements except for requirement # 1 covering first aid skills, which Scouts must complete through their home troops.

### **Indian Lore Merit Badge**

Town Creek Indian Mound

509 Town Creek Mound Rd.

Mt. Gilead, NC 27306

<https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/town-creek-indian-mound>

Overnight camping may be available by special permit.

Each troop must have their own merit badge counselor to sign blue cards and to coordinate instruction.

Please call Mr. Daniel Alexi at 910 439 6802 for planning.

### **Mining in Society Merit Badge**

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site

9621 Reed Mine Rd, Midland, NC 28107

Website: <https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/reed-gold-mine>

Cost is \$5, which includes ticket for gold panning.

For Merit Badge Guide with information on optional camping, pre-course homework, and registration for your patrol or troop by phone or email, please click on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lIEgVzzdaEsyJvOW2ZPEQkPAWlNgLmZg/view?usp=sharing>

### **Scouting Heritage Merit Badge**

Hammerstone Scout Museum

2166 Leaflet Church Rd, Lillington, NC 27546

919 618 2965

<https://www.ourstate.com/theres-a-patch-for-that/>

<http://www.dunntourism.org/hammerstone-scout-museum/>

Tours and/or camping on site are available only by appointment. Troops must schedule their visits by calling Mr. Wayne Farrar at the number above.

Camping is also available Raven Rock State Park 8.8 miles away.

Troops must provide their own merit badge counselors.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/edftUjnBBGyCz8Mz8>

### **Scuba Merit Badge**

Lake Norman Scuba LLC

482 River Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28117

Phone: 704 660 3483

Mr. Andrew Katsamas is a registered Scuba Merit Badge Counselor with Mecklenburg County Council.

Pre-course requirements:

Completion of Swimming Merit Badge and completion of CPR training

Course completion requires 6 hours of pool instruction each day for 1 weekend and 6 hours of quarry diving instruction each day for 1 weekend and a 1-hour review with the counselor.

### **Schedule Your Own Scouts BSA STEM Nova Award Course**

#### **Scouts BSA STEM Up and Away Nova Award for Engineering**

Scouts BSA members can complete requirements 3, 4, and 5 of the Up and Away Award with a dedicated visit to iFLY Charlotte (Concord).

Website: <https://www.iflyworld.com/charlotte/>

For information on registration, scheduling, and cost, please click on

<https://www.iflyworld.com/programs/boy-scouts/>

For Scouts BSA STEM Nova Award Requirements, please click on

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfTMhH0\\_cEBgt7PO3s9bcYCdHqX-zV9m/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfTMhH0_cEBgt7PO3s9bcYCdHqX-zV9m/view?usp=sharing)

For Scouts BSA STEM Nova Award Video Suggestions, please click on

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfTMhH0\\_cEBgt7PO3s9bcYCdHqX-zV9m/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfTMhH0_cEBgt7PO3s9bcYCdHqX-zV9m/view?usp=sharing)

For information on adult registration and training as a Nova Award Counselor and a Supernova Award Mentor, please click on

<https://www.scouting.org/stem-nova-awards/volunteer-support/>

#### **STEM News**

Scouts and their leaders from Mecklenburg County Council made news with a feature article “**STEM’S Hidden Gem**” in *Scouting* magazine, March-April 2020, pages 28-31, about their adventures at PARI (Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute) in March of 2019. The article and photos are available on-line at

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/scouts-earn-merit-badges-at-stems-hidden-gem/>

#### **WCNC Charlotte Weather School**

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8oZAT4zituAyFscLJOgSv\\_Sdsnrmv6zi](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8oZAT4zituAyFscLJOgSv_Sdsnrmv6zi)

Free, at-home science lessons, applicable for Weather Merit Badge and Hazardous Weather Awareness.

- 11:35 Weather School for April 16, 2020: Trivia and Facts
- 16:35 Weather School for April 15, 2020: Hurricanes
- 12:05 Weather School for April 14, 2020: Hail is our topic today
- 14:35 Weather School for April 10, 2020: The International Space Station
- 16:35 Weather School for April 9, 2020: Topic Tornadoes
- 22:27 Weather School for April 8, 2020: All about the Moon and astronomy
- 13:29 Weather School for April 7, 2020: The seasons
- 15:29 Weather School for April 6, 2020: Weather balloons
- 14:17 Weather School for April 3, 2020: Air pressure and how it works
- 16:37 Weather School for April 2, 2020: Dew point and frost point, what are they?
- 15:51 Weather School for April 1 2020: Maps and fronts!
- 9:24 Weather School for March 31, 2020: Lightning
- 6:08 Weather School for March 30, 2020: Why does fog form
- 12:13 Weather School for March 27, 2020: Weather and gardening



10:17 Weather School for March 26, 2020: Green screen fun  
8:09 Weather School for March 25, 2020: How it rains  
7:54 Weather School for March 24, 2020: Weather instruments  
12:06 Weather School for March 23, 2020: Clouds  
55:06 Weather School with Chief Meteorologist Brad Panovich

## **Opportunities for Service Hours and Eagle Projects**

### **Other Resources for Community Service, Conservation Service, and Eagle Scout Projects**

#### **NEW - "Guidelines for Scout Community Service and Conservation Projects with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department"**

Mecklenburg Park and Recreation Department has developed new "Guidelines for Scout Community Service and Conservation Projects with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department" in collaboration with Mecklenburg County Council Advancement Committee. Park and Rec welcomes Scouts and units to initiate and execute community service and conservation projects at Park and Recreation facilities, including parks, recreation centers, greenways, nature preserves, historical sites. Lists of these facilities and sites are posted at <https://www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec/Pages/Home.aspx>

A link to the new Guidelines is posted at <https://www.mccscouting.org/around-the-campfire>

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site  
9621 Reed Mine Rd, Midland, NC 28107

Website: <https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/reed-gold-mine>

Reed Gold Mine has opportunities for Eagle Projects. For information, please contact Mr. Logan Stamper at [logan.stamper@ncdcr.gov](mailto:logan.stamper@ncdcr.gov) or 704 721 4653.

Rural Hill Farm  
Loaves and Fishes  
Wing Haven

#### **Conservation Project Opportunity**

Although Eagle Projects at the President James K. Polk State Historic Site are currently on hold, there is an opportunity for a Scout Troop to perform a conservation project to assist in the cleanup of the back area of the property. This should be a one to two day project that will involve removal of bulk items and trimming back of overgrown brush that would ideally be performed in late October to early December. Please contact Scott Warren at 704.889.7145, if your Troop is interested in assisting in this project.

#### **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/>

## Advancement News

### **NEW** – COVID-19 FAQ Update of 4/13/2020 with Changes for Rank Advancement and Camping Requirements

<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

### **NEW** - How to conduct a board of review through videoconferencing

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/16/how-to-conduct-a-board-of-review-through-videoconferencing/>

The Mecklenburg County Council Advancement Committee has endorsed and approved Boards of Review conducted through videoconferencing.

### **NEW** – Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/digital-safety-and-online-scouting-activities/>

### **NEW** – Updated Merit Badges

Scouts BSA has updated requirements for several merit badges for 2020. The full list of 137 merit badges and their current requirements are available at

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>.

As always, Scouts that have already started working on a merit badge when revised requirements and a new edition of the pamphlet are introduced, *they may continue to follow the old requirements and use the same pamphlet to earn the badge*. They need not start over again with revised requirements and the new pamphlet.

### **Volunteers Needed – Eagle Projects and Eagle Boards of Review**

Last year 120 Scouts in the Apache District earned their Eagle Rank. In addition, a similar number of Scouts presented had their Eagle Project Proposals to members of the District Advancement Committee for their review of the projects prior to the Scout's commencement of their project. As Scouting grows in the Apache District, so does our need for Project Proposal reviewers and Eagle Board reviewers. Project Proposal reviews occur on Roundtable nights on the second Thursday of each month at St. Vincent de Paul Church beginning at 5:00 p.m. Eagle Boards of Review are usually scheduled on troop meeting nights with the respective Scoutmasters. We will provide the necessary guidance and training. For those interested, please email the Apache Advancement Chair, Dean Elledge at [apache.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:apache.advancement@gmail.com).

Eagle Application Packets with Complete Merit Badge Advancement Records Requested  
Life Scouts and Troop Advancement Chairs: please include a printout of a Scout's advancement record, including all merit badges earned, in the Eagle Application Packet that goes to Council. These records will allow the Troop and the Council to promptly process recognition of the Scout with Eagle Palms, if he or she qualifies.

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>

### Eagle Board of Review Questions

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/09/14/20-questions-to-ask-at-your-next-eagle-board-of-review/>

### Tools for Eagle Projects

Charlotte ToolBank provides inexpensive access to tools for group projects.

<https://charlotte.toolbank.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWqwzlkJWv8>

## Outing in Scouting

Long distance trails in NC

<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/state/north-carolina/article239278463.html?intcid=connatix>

Subscribe for free printable USGS Topo maps

<https://www.natgeomaps.com/trail-maps/pdf-quads>

## Scouting at Home

**Merit badges** for social distancing: 58 badges Scouts can complete at home

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-social-distancing/>

**Movies** that Scouts might watch to fulfill merit badge requirements

Three merit badges include requirements that can be fulfilled by watching movies:

American Heritage

American Labor

Citizenship in the Community

Below are links to lists of movies that may be applicable to requirements from each of these merit badges. Before a Scout watches any of these movies or any other movie, whether for merit badge work or for school or for entertainment, the Scout must receive permission from their parents. Before a Scout watches any movie for merit badge work, the Scout must also have permission from their merit badge counselor.

American Heritage, requirement 5a

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit\\_Badge\\_RegandRes/American\\_Heritage.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_RegandRes/American_Heritage.pdf)

5. Do ONE of the following: (a) Watch two motion pictures (with the approval and permission of your counselor and parent) that are set in some period of American history. Describe to your counselor how accurate each film is with regard to the historical events depicted and also with regard to the way the characters are portrayed.

<https://www.scouter.com/topic/10805-movie-ideas-for-american-heritage/?page=2>

American Labor, requirement 5c

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit\\_Badge\\_RegandRes/American\\_Labor.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_RegandRes/American_Labor.pdf)

5. Do ONE of the following:

(c) With your counselor's and parent's approval and permission, watch a movie that addresses organized labor in the United States. Afterward, discuss the movie with your counselor and explain what you learned.

<https://www.imdb.com/list/ls031955974/>

Citizenship in the Community, requirement 5

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit\\_Badge\\_RegandRes/Citizenship\\_in\\_the\\_Community.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_RegandRes/Citizenship_in_the_Community.pdf)

5. With the approval of your counselor and a parent, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. Discuss with your counselor what you learned from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community

<http://www.eaglecoach.org/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-community-movie-list/>

<http://www.eaglecoach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Citizenship-in-the-Community-Acceptable-Movies.pdf>

<https://scoutermom.com/1244/movies-for-citizenship-in-the-community-merit-badge/>

[http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Citizenship\\_in\\_the\\_Community#Movies\\_With\\_a\\_Meaning](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Citizenship_in_the_Community#Movies_With_a_Meaning)

**100 movies** that every Scout should see, a list published by Boys' Life. (Some suggestions will require parental guidance.)

<https://boyslife.org/hobbies-projects/funstuff/18651/100-movies-for-kids/>

**100 books** that every Scout should read, a list published by Boys' Life. (Some suggestions will require parental guidance.)

<https://boyslife.org/hobbies-projects/funstuff/18215/100-books-for-kids/>

**Podcast**--Listen to Mecklenburg County Scouting from BrandBuilders on Apple Podcasts  
Recorded by Mark Turner, Eric Davis, Jennifer Clutter

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/brandbuilders/id1337132135#episodeGuid=http%3A%2F%2Fdunstangroup.blubrry.net%2F%3Fp%3D503>

## **Remote Scouting**

<http://www.scoutshare.org/>

## **Apache District News and Events**

Attention: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and AOL Dens

**Apache Day Camp** scheduled for Monday through Friday, June 22-26, 2020 has been **rescheduled**.

**Apache, Etowah, and Hornets Nest Day Camps** (combined) all are scheduled for Monday through Friday, August 3-7, 2020 Theme is "Space".

**Registration is open** at

<https://www.mccscouting.org/apache-day-camp>

<https://www.mccscouting.org/etowah-camps>

<https://www.mccscouting.org/hornets-nest-day-camp>

Attention: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Dens

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 9-10-11, 2020 **Please Save These Dates**

**Apache Fall Cuboree at Belk Scout Camp**

Attention: Webelos and AOL Dens and Scouts BSA Troops  
Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 23-24-25, 2020 **Please Save These Dates**  
**Apache Webeloree + Camporee at Camp Grimes**

Fall **Recruiting** is the Beginning, not the End

As a reminder, Units should recruit year-round. Don't just rely on fall back to school. Use local events in your area, at your Charter Organization, and in the schools.

Share Your Recruiting Success

Did you do something new or take a different approach? Did the Choose your own night work better than one common night? What didn't work? What could the District/ Council do differently to support your Unit? Share with Andy Waligowski at [awaligowski@icloud.com](mailto:awaligowski@icloud.com) for a chance to win a gift card at November Roundtable!

**Six recruiting secrets** from a Scouts BSA troop that doubled in size in the past year  
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/27/six-recruiting-secrets/>

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](mailto:awaligowski@icloud.com)

## **Council News and Events**

**Webelos Adventure Camp (WAC) 2020 at Belk Scout Camp -- Theme is "Luau"**

WAC dates will be:

Session 1: Sunday, July 12 through Wednesday, July 15

Session 2: Thursday, July 16 through Sunday, July 19

Session 3: Sunday, July 19 through Wednesday, July 22

Session 4: Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, July 26

Questions? Please email: Monica Zeleznik at [wacdiretor@gmail.com](mailto:wacdiretor@gmail.com)

## **Programming Change for WAC 2020**

The "Castaway" Adventure will replace the "Webelos Walkabout" because "Webelos Walkabout" is better suited for cooler spring and fall weather. Units may wish to plan their den or pack programs with this change in mind.

## **WAC Email Contact List**

Please help to keep the WAC email contact list current. If you have moved on from your position and someone else should be receiving WAC information, please send email to WAC Camp Director Monica Zeleznik at [WACdirector@gmail.com](mailto:WACdirector@gmail.com)

**WAC Staff Registration is now live!**

<https://www.mycampgrimes.org/wac/staffapp.phtml?apply>

**WAC Council Web Page**

<https://www.mccscouting.org/webelos-adventure-camp>

**WAC Facebook Page**

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

### **Adult Volunteer Registration and Renewals**

BSA National now requires an updated Background Check Form to be submitted with each new Adult Application (along with BSA Youth Protection certificate) and with each adult registration renewal for rechartering units, merit badge counselors, districts and councils. Here are links to information and forms:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/se-packet/2019-09-30/Background-Check-Disclosure.pdf>

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/se-packet/2019-09-30/Additional-Disclosures-And-Background-Check-Authorization-NOT-CALIFORNIA.pdf>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/10/14/rechecks-of-criminal-backgrounds-explained/>

### **Attention: AOL Dens, Scouts BSA Troops Camp Grimes Dates and Deadlines**

<https://www.mycampgrimes.org/dates.phtml?ver=5>

May 1, 2020: Balance of Camp Fees Due

May 6, 2020: OA Beaver Days Registration Deadline

May 15-16-17, 2020: OA Beaver Days

Week 1 June 14 - June 20

Week 2 June 21 - June 27

Week 3 June 28 - July 4

Week 4 July 5 - July 11

Week 5 July 12 - July 18

### **Join the Fun, Join the 2020 Camp Grimes Summer Camp Staff !**

Staff applications for the 2020 summer camp at Camp Grimes are now being accepted. Scouts 14 years old and older as of June 8, 2020, may apply for non-paying camp staff counselor-in-training (CIT) positions. Scouts 15 years old and older as of June 8, 2020, may apply for paid camp staff counselor positions. Go to [www.mycampgrimes.org](http://www.mycampgrimes.org), scroll down to Camp Staff Information, click on Online Application, fill out your application, and hit submit. For fun, for pay, for a rewarding and memorable summer, then Camp Grimes is your place to be. For more information, please contact Camp Director Alan Keiger at [grimescampdirector@gmail.com](mailto:grimescampdirector@gmail.com)

April 15, 2020: Goal for completing full staffing

May 1-2-3, 2020: Summer camp staff training at Camp Grimes

May 6, 2020: OA Beaver Days Registration Deadline

May 15-16-17, 2020: OA Beaver Days

May 29-30-31, 2020: Summer camp staff training at Camp Grimes

June 13, 2020: Camp inspection by Council representatives

### **Trailblazer Day at Belk Scout Camp for new Cub Scouts**

Saturday, September 26, 2020 **Please Save These Dates**

### **Attention: All Girl Scouts BSA Troops**

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 20-21-22, 2020 **Please Save These Dates**

### **Second Annual All Girl Camporee at Belk Scout Camp**

Please contact Stuart Tucker at [stutucker@aol.com](mailto:stutucker@aol.com) if you can help to plan this event. Youth participation in planning is welcome. All emails from youth should be copied to a parent or troop leader to follow BSA Youth Protection guidelines for 2-deep adult leadership.

Theme, structure (competitions vs. skills), budget, stations, activities all await your input.

Mecklenburg County Council COPE and Climbing Committee will have the Climbing Tower open so that participants (and leaders) can rappel to complete one adventure option for Camping Merit Badge requirement # 9b6.

Palmetto Council National Eagle Scout Association members plan to prepare Dutch oven desserts for everyone on Saturday night, a reprise of their delicious performance from 2019.



## **NEW – 2021 National Jamboree (NJ)**



### **Council Recruitment is now OPEN for Scouts, Venturers, and unit leaders**

Council fees \$1,695 for Youth participants and \$950 for adult leaders.

All youth and adults must register online at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>

For more information on participation through a Mecklenburg County Council unit, see link posted at <https://www.mccscouting.org/around-the-campfire>

Scouts BSA will host the 20<sup>th</sup> National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia on July 21-30, 2021. Although the Jamboree is 15 months away, the Council is well along in planning for this event.

Attending a National Jamboree is a pinnacle Scouting experience for youth and adults alike. There is nothing like the rush that Scouts and leaders get from spending 10 days with 32,000 Scouts and 6,000 staff from across the USA making new Scouting friends, taking part in fantastic activities, and seeing incredible world-class talent at the Jamboree Arena Shows.

Mecklenburg County Council will send:

3 Boy BSA Troops (each with 36 Scouts and 4 adult leaders)

½ Girl BSA Troop (with 18 Scouts and 2 adult leaders)

½ Venture Crew (with 18 Venturers and 2 adult leaders)

Each BSA unit will have a Scoutmaster and three assistant Scoutmasters. Each Venture crew will have an Advisor and an Associate Advisor.

Adult leader expectations and commitments are:

1. Attend monthly meetings of the Jamboree Steering Committee at the Council office
2. Help interview and classify youth participants for assignment to Jamboree units
3. Attend monthly Scouts BSA National-hosted webinars on the Jamboree
4. Schedule and lead monthly or bi-monthly meetings of their units once participants are assigned to units (planned for October/November 2020)
5. Assist the Council in collecting fees and paperwork from participants as requested
6. Lead their unit at a pre-Jamboree Shakedown weekend camp out (Friday-Sunday) at Belk Scout Camp in April 2021
7. Attend the full Jamboree with departure from Charlotte on July 19 and return on July 30, 2021

If you are interested in interviewing for an adult leader position for the 2021 National Jamboree, please contact Courtenay Miller, Chair of 2021 MCC Jamboree Steering Committee at 980-235-7813 or [cmiller@cplanning.com](mailto:cmiller@cplanning.com).

With the current in-person meeting restrictions, 20-minute Zoom interviews are planned.



### **Recruitment is now open for youth and adult staff for Jamboree Service Team (JST)**

JST have options for 1-week and 2-week sessions of service.

Jamboree Service Team Session 1 – 7/17-7/24 – \$500

Jamboree Service Team Session 2 – 7/24-7/31 – \$500

Jamboree Service Team Session 3 – 7/17-7/31 – \$895

Ages 16-25 - regardless of session - \$450

JST fees are paid directly to Scouts BSA.

All youth and adults must register online at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>

### **Exploring 2020!**

Exploring is for young men and women 14-20 years old (or 13 and have completed eighth grade). Local organizations matched to the interests of young people in the community using the career interest survey. Engaging with career professionals, young adults gain unique, real-life opportunities to experience varied career choices aiding in a more informed decision about future careers. Many times, these programs provide a hands-on experience, which could enhance financial success, career preparation, and college endorsements.

### **Exploring Career Interest Survey**

If you know a young adult that might benefit from **Exploring**, please have them complete this 5-minute survey: <http://bit.ly/exploringsurvey2020>

For assistance on the survey, please email [Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org](mailto:Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org)

### **Visible Commitment to the Welfare of the Community and Organizations**

If your organization or business is interested in starting an Exploring Post or simply wants to learn more about the program and perhaps support as a consultant to one of our Posts, please contact Monica Zeleznik at [Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org](mailto:Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org).

Exploring builds familiarity and trust between communities and organizations by engaging youth and creating opportunities for regular and positive interactions, sharing a mutual interest and getting to know each other in a setting that offers a benefit for the community.

Post sponsors benefit by creating a culture of motivated, knowledgeable, and properly educated future employees while creating a positive impact on the education of youth and families.

### **Attention Key-3 Unit Leaders: Organization Security Manager - Expiration Dates**

Organization Security Manager is a module within [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org). Only Key-3 leaders have access to this module. With this module, Key-3 leaders can assign roles to other unit leaders to give them access to training reports, online registration, advancement, and other functions. Within Organization Security Manager, the default expiration date of the assigned role is the unit's charter expiration date. This means that as a unit's charter is renewed, all unit roles must be renewed in Organization Security Manager and those roles must be re-assigned or extended. If the roles expire, volunteers will no longer have access to the tools in [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) that help them with their position. For example, if the advancement chair role expires, the person who reports a unit's advancements in Internet Advancement 2.0 will no

longer have access to advancement reports. (Please note: these roles do not apply to Scoutbook – only [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).)

To avoid disruption of access, a Key 3 person should follow these steps:

Log in to [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org). Click the **Menu** button in the upper left. Click the **Unit** you need to assign roles for from the drop-down menu. Click **Organization Security Manager**. Beside each role there will be a name listed (if the role has been assigned). Click the **person's name** to edit that role. Click the **person's name again** to edit their **Effective and Expiration dates**. You can choose any expiration date you would like, however; you should make sure it is a date that you will remember. Recharter time is a good option for most units. Click **Save**. Do this for each person assigned to a role.

For more information about how Organization Security Manager works click here:

<https://my.scouting.org/wcf/Utility/Image/Get/8a38e901-0507-4ec3-813f-ca48dac2fbd0/ToolHelp/1576876253843>

For questions please contact Michelle Roberts at [Michelle.Roberts@Scouting.org](mailto:Michelle.Roberts@Scouting.org)

### **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR)**

BSA has revised the AHMR set for health forms with Parts A, B, and C. The new forms are available here:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

BSA does not permit a website to host any version, even a blank version, of the AHMR; rather, websites must show the link to the current form.

Frequently Asked Questions are available here:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/medical-formfaqs/>

Other questions may be directed by email to the Health & Safety Team at

[Health.Safety@scouting.org](mailto:Health.Safety@scouting.org)

Information on How to Review the AHMR is available here:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/how-to-review-the-ahmr/>

AHMR Safety Moment:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/annual-health-and-medical-record/>

Bryan on Scouting

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/12/10/theres-an-updated-annual-health-and-medical-record-to-use-for-2020/>

## **National Scouting**

Sunday - Friday, June 28 - July 3, 2020

VenturingFest 2020, Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV

<https://www.summitbsa.org/venturingfest/>

Wednesday-Friday, July 21-30, 2021

**National Scout Jamboree**, Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV

<https://jamboree.scouting.org>

## **BSA High Adventure Base reservations**

### **Northern Tier**

<https://www.ntier.org/reservations/2020-2021-reservations/>

### **Philmont**

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/registersection/>

### **Sea Base**

<https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x123387abcd>

### **Summit Bechtel Reserve**

<https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/national-high-adventure-base/high-adventure-overview/>

## **International Scouting**

<https://www.scouting.org/international/events/>

June 14 - 20, 2020, Philmont International Conference

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/2020-conferences/>

July 12-20, 2020, Carijam 2020, Caribbean Scout Jamboree

<https://www.scouting.org/international/events/carijam2020-participation/>

July 19-28, 2021, 16th World Scout Moot, Ireland

<https://www.scouting.org/international/world-scout-moot/>

July 27 - August 6, 2020, European Jamboree EuroJam Polska

<https://www.scouting.org/international/events/european-jamboree-2020/>

July 17 - 28, 2021, Central Florida Council International Scouting Jamboree

<https://jamborette.wordpress.com>

2021, 4th Interamerican Scout Moot, Argentina (exact date TBD)

July 17, 2022, Michigan International Camporee

<http://www.micamporee.org>

August 1-12, 2023, 25th World Scout Jamboree, Saemanguem, South Korea

[http://www.2023wsjkorea.org/\\_html/2023wsj.html](http://www.2023wsjkorea.org/_html/2023wsj.html)

European Scout Voluntary Program

<https://www.scouting.org/international/ecamp/>

Participants must be 18 to 30 years old and must commit to serve on camp staff in Europe for at least 6 weeks.

Kandersteg International Scout Centre

<https://www.kisc.ch/>

First Quarter 2020 International Newsletter

[https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/InternationalBSA\\_20Q1.final\\_.pdf](https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/InternationalBSA_20Q1.final_.pdf)

International BSA Blog  
<https://www.scouting.org/international/international-adventure/>

Council Tools and Resources  
<https://www.scouting.org/international/resources/>

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW – APACHE CHAPTER**

Greetings Brothers,  
Just a few things I'd like to draw to your attention for May.

### **IMPORTANT - Ordeal Weekends - BEAVER WEEKEND: POSTPONED**

Unfortunately, due to extended Stay at Home orders from the Governor and safety concerns within the Lodge, Beaver weekend has officially been postponed and the Lodge is planning to reschedule at a later date. Those who signed up for this ordeal will still be given the option to complete their ordeal when this date is rescheduled, and also have the option to sign up for our June and September ordeal dates. We encourage you to visit the [Lodge website](#) for the most up-to-date information on this event, as well as other important announcements.

### **Troop Virtual Elections**

Apache is now able to administer online virtual elections for each Troop! Following the Election team meeting on April 1st, Catawba Lodge has implemented a safe and innovative system which allows for Troops to hold an OA election through Zoom. If your Troop is still in need of an election, please contact the Vice Chapter Chief Kevin Easley ASAP @ [easley.kevin@hotmail.com](mailto:easley.kevin@hotmail.com). The sooner we hear from you, the sooner we can reserve your election date, space is limited!

### **May Chapter Meeting - Zoom**

Our next Apache Chapter Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14th @ 7:30PM through Zoom, the link to the meeting can be found [HERE](#). Come join us to find out what's going on in the Chapter, as well as learn more info about events and Covid-19 response!

### **Apache Chapter Remind**

Get in the Know! Join the Apache Chapter Remind below to receive announcements and news updates about important information within the chapter.

- **Text @apachecha to 81010 to join**

### **Contact Information**

If there are any Arrowmen that should be included in these notifications that are not currently, please let Chapter Adviser [Mr. Roux](#) or Chapter Secretary 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**

Some of you may not know how to access your Lodge email account, or may be unaware that you have one. You can find instructions on forwarding all of your Lodge emails to your personal email account at

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

Please follow these instructions to keep up on Lodge Events.

### **National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)**

Monday-Saturday, August 3-8, 2020

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

<https://noac2020.org/>

<https://oa-bsa.org/noac2020>

Registration information: <http://www.catawba459.org>

### **OA High Adventure Opportunities**

Summer, 2020

OA Canadian Odyssey (Northern Tier)

OA Ocean Adventure (Florida Sea Base)

OA Summit Experience (Summit Bechtel Reserve)

OA Trail Crew (Philmont Scout Ranch)

OA Wilderness Voyage (Northern Tier)

<https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure>

### **Order of the Arrow, Southern Region, 2020 National Leadership Seminars**

Sept 25-27, 2020, Greensboro, NC

Nov 13-15, 2020, Little Rock, AR

<http://southern.oa-bsa.org/nls/>

### **Training**

**SEALS** and **IOLS** courses at Belk Scout Camp are planned for the second weekend of March and for the second weekend in November on an ongoing basis.

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/>

### **National Youth Leader Training (NYLT, AKA "Top Gun") at Belk Scout Camp**

**Sunday-Friday, June 28 (noon) - July 3, 2020**

Registration opened January 1, 2020.

<http://topgun.mcc-bsa.org/home-1>

### **National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont**

June 21-27, 2020

June 28-July 4, 2020

July 5-11, 2020

July 12-18, 2020

July 19-25, 2020

July 26-August 1, 2020

For information and link to online registration and payment, please go to

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/nayle/>

### **National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Summit**

Session 1 Staff Training: June 14 – 20, 2020

Session 1: June 21 – 27, 2020

Session 2 Staff Training: June 28 – July 4, 2020

Session 2: July 5 – July 11, 2020

For information and link to online registration and payment, please go to



<https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/seven-day-conferences/nayle/>

**Philmont Training Center Conferences [for adult volunteer training]  
BSA Family Adventure Camp**

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/2020-conferences/>

**MCC Wood Badge S5-415-20 at Belk Scout Camp**

Friday, July 31, 2020, 7:00 am through Sunday, August 2, 2020, 5:00 pm and  
Saturday, August 22, 2020, 7:00 am through Sunday, August 23, 2020, 5:00 pm

This course is currently filled but is accepting registrations for the wait list.

Please register online at <https://www.mycampgrimes.org/woodbadge/program.phtml?register>

OR by submitting the Letter of Intent (LOI) form to the Council office. Here is the link to the LOI form: <https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnxzNTQxNXdvb2RiYWWRnZXxneDo3ZDY0NTgzZTgxMDFmNg>

**BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) [for adults] at Belk Scout Camp**

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday, September 18-19, 2020 Please Save These Dates**

BALOO is an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program.

**Scouter Success Training [for adults]**

**Saturday, September 19, 2020 Please Save This Date**

CPCC Levine Campus

**SEALS - Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills [for youth] at Belk Scout Camp**

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 13-14-15, 2020 Please Save These Dates**

<https://sites.google.com/site/mccseals/home>

**IOLS - Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills [for adults] at Belk Scout Camp**

**Saturday-Sunday, November 14-15, 2020 Please Save These Dates**

<https://sites.google.com/site/outdoorleaderskillsmcc/home>

**COPE & Climbing Training**

Calling All Adult Scouters (18 years & older) and Scouts BSA Youth (16-17 years old who have completed the Climbing Merit Badge)

COPE [Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience] & Climbing Instructors are always needed to help support our year round activities including summer and day camp programs.

The MCC COPE & Climbing Committee is excited to offer the following training courses:

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, May 1-3, 2020 COPE & Climbing Foundations Level I course at Belk Scout Camp has been **rescheduled to Friday-Saturday-Sunday, June 12-14, 2020.**

COPE & Climbing Foundations Level I Instructor Courses at Belk Scout Camp

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, September 11-12-13, 2020

Online registration is open by following links at <https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/>

For more information please visit our COPE & Climbing Program page at

<https://www.mccscouting.org/cope-climbing>

You may also reach out to Rob Seate ([rseate@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rseate@carolina.rr.com)) or

Sasha Timkovich ([timkovich@gmail.com](mailto:timkovich@gmail.com)) with questions.

**Wilderness First Aid**

Wilderness First Aid courses at Camp Grimes are planned for the last weekend of March and for the last weekend in September on an on-going basis. Please check often at <https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/> for information on course dates and registration.

### **Online Training**

Earning the Trained patch for your left sleeve requires being “Trained to Position”, often including online modules available at <https://my.scouting.org>. District Committee Members may choose among 10 “District Committee Learning Plans” available at the my.scouting.org site under the headings of “Training Center”, then “District Committee”.

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne White, Apache Training Chair at [loanamw@carolina.rr.com](mailto:loanamw@carolina.rr.com)

### **Square Knots**

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/02/17/scouting-service-award-combines-five-awards-into-one-cool-new-square-knot/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/07/17/square-knot-rankings-what-are-the-most-and-least-awarded-square-knots/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/11/20/in-the-loop-a-guide-to-square-knots-and-how-to-wear-them/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2011/03/04/alumni-knot/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/03/15/how-to-tell-if-your-scouting-square-knot-is-upside-down/>

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0901/a-knots.html>

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/community-organization-award/>

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/lifesaving-meritorious-action/>

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/hornaday-awards/>

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/religious-emblems/>

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/>

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879\\_WB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf)

<https://nesa.org/for-eagle-scouts/awards-and-recognition/>

### **Spread the Word About Scouting**

#### **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 subscribe. Also, please help us by sharing these links:

#### **Apache District Webpage**

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

**Like the Apache Facebook page**

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

**Apache Twitter Account**

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

**Mecklenburg County Council**

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

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

<https://www.instagram.com/mccscouting/>

**Like the Mecklenburg County Council Merit Badge Facebook page**

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

**Like the Mecklenburg County Council STEM Facebook page**

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

**BSA National**

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

<http://scoutingwire.org>

Bryan on Scouting is the official blog of Scouting magazine, a Boy Scouts of America publication. The blog post is sent as one email per weekday. To subscribe, please go to

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/contact/>

**To Submit News or an Announcement to Apache District Smoke Signals e-newsletter:**

If you have any news or events or links that you would like to share Apache District leaders, please send that information to [stutucker@aol.com](mailto:stutucker@aol.com) for editing, publication, and distribution. Please include your contact information for follow up questions.

**To Subscribe to Mecklenburg County Council Backpack e-newsletter:**

Please go to <https://www.mccscouting.org/>

Scroll to the bottom of the page, fill in your "Name" and "Email Address", then Click on the blue "Subscribe Now" bar.

**To Subscribe or Unsubscribe to Apache District Smoke Signals e-newsletter:**

**Subscribe:** If this E-Newsletter was forwarded to you and if you are not on our list and if you would like to be added, then please send a blank e-mail with subject "Smoke Signals Subscribe" to: [al@nedrich.com](mailto:al@nedrich.com) from the e-mail address you want subscribed. We do not need any additional information.

**Unsubscribe:** Just send an e-mail with "Smoke Signals Unsubscribe" in the subject line to: [al@nedrich.com](mailto:al@nedrich.com) from the e-mail address you want unsubscribed.

Apache District Marketing Committee  
704 333 0001