

TOP CLOUDS: 2-1-19

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

**Happy Valentine's Day to our Scouting Friends and Family
From your Apache District Committee**

NEW Scouting for Food 2019

While it's too early for a final count, Scouting for Food 2019 is going well. Many thanks to all the scouts, scouters, and parents for their help. And a special thanks to all units for picking up your Scouting for Food bags at the January Roundtable. You made it easy for Apache and Loaves and Fishes.

NEW Presidents Day at the James K. Polk Historic Site

Look, listen, and make at the museum! Come with your child to celebrate Presidents Day and hear stories about our presidents read aloud. Then create a patriotic craft to take home. Recommended for pre-K through 1st grade. Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Admission: \$5.00 per child, includes all craft materials. The President James K. Polk Historic Site is located at 12031 Lancaster Highway, Pineville, NC 28134

NEW Become a BSA Certified Angling Instructor

This course is designed to give Scouters tools and ideas to get Scouts fishing. We will ignite your desire for introducing Scouts of all ages to the wonderful world of fishing. You can become a Fishing Advocate for your unit, district and council and utilize fishing as a good tool for Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation. Share your passion for fishing. The CAI course is for Scouters (volunteer & professional) who wish to learn how fishing enhances Council, District and Unit programs, supports current and potential Merit Badge Councilors.

Here is a list of upcoming nearby courses:

Camp Barstow, Lake Murray, SC

March 29-31, 2019 Cost \$ 75 Includes 2 nights lodging in cabins and meals.

Course Director [David Lund](#), Area 5 Fishing Chairman

Learn more or sign up: BoyScoutFishing@gmail.com

Blue Ridge Mountains Council Scout Reservation, Hiwassee Va.

April 12-14 2019 Cost: \$50.00

To Register contact Course Director, Eric Blevins, (540) 265-0656, rangerbigfish@gmail.com

Old North State Council, Cherokee Scout Reservation, Yanceyville, NC

May 17-19 2019 Cost: \$60.00

Registration:

[Register here](#)

Course Director, Dr. Pat Curley, 910-340-3383, fishingbsasr7@gmail.com

For more information about BSA's Certified Angling Instructor course visit:

<http://bsacai.org/BSA-Certified-Angling-Instructor>

NEW Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden

The Garden celebrates Earth Day 2019 with an event that will support guests on the path to living a more sustainable and earth friendly lifestyle. Family crafts, educational activities, live music, lawn games and a spring nature hike are all part of the fun. On Saturday April 13, the Garden will undertake a large volunteer effort for trail maintenance and invasive species removal from 9:30-12:00 followed by a hot dog picnic for all volunteers. Volunteers will work with garden staff to learn about invasive species and proper removal techniques as well as participate in the maintenance of the beautiful woodland trails that surround the garden. For further details, contact: Heather Wiley, Volunteer Manager, Office: 704-829-1257

Wiley@dsbg.org

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

[MCC Scouting.Org](http://www.mccscouting.org)

Apache District Webpage

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

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Smoke Signals. To subscribe, just send a blank e-mail to: <mailto:al@nedrich.com> from the e-mail address you want subscribed and the rest is automatic.

Apache Twitter Account

Be sure to follow us on twitter [@ApacheDistrict](https://twitter.com/ApacheDistrict)

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

<http://scoutingwire.org>

Annual Pancake Breakfast

Join Pack 34 for the annual pancake breakfast. The Scouts will be cooking and serving pancakes and sausage on Saturday, February 2nd from 8 – 10 am at Sharon Presbyterian Church – Charles Little Activity Building (CLAB).

This event coincides with Scouting for Food pickup. Sharon Presbyterian is Scouting for Food drop-off point. Hope to see you there!

Contact info: Mike Christensen – 704.241.0999 ~ Pack34CLT@gmail.com

COUNCIL ITEMS:

NEW OUTDOOR ETHICS = OUTDOOR CODE

What is Outdoor Ethics you may ask?

- Ethics is what you do when no one is watching.
- The body of moral principles or values governing or distinctive of a particular culture or group.

"...ethics is what you do in the dark, before the game warden shows up, before someone tells you to shape up! Shame is what you feel when they catch you doing something wrong; guilt is what you feel when you do something you know is wrong, period. One requires law enforcement. The other requires only the presence of that still, small voice..." - Paul Quinnett

In scouting we have had an Outdoor Ethic since the late 1940's we call it the Outdoor Code. We have not had the programs to make the Outdoor Code come alive until now.

The **Outdoor Code**, supported by the **Principles of Leave No Trace**, supplemented by **Tread Lightly!** principles and by the **Land Ethic**, represents an integrated Outdoor Ethic that is true to Scouting's history and tradition of service.

Building upon this foundation, the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, and Sea Scout programs all include outdoor stewardship and care for the environment, as part of their programs. Through the Outdoor Code we can take responsibility for our own impacts. We can provide leadership to those around us to reduce their impacts by making good choices. Together, we can preserve and conserve our rich environmental heritage.

The Leave No Trace Trainer course is a good opportunity to expand your knowledge of Outdoor Ethics and the Leave No Trace principles. It is designed to 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 and assist Scouts in their roles as Outdoor Ethics Guide.

MCC Outdoor Ethics is offering a Leave No Trace trainer course Apr. 26th through 28th, 2019. For information see flyer available at Roundtable, info. on the Leave No Trace tab under Training & Resources page www.mccscouting.org

What leaders need to know regarding media speculation about the BSA's financial situation

https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/12/14/what-leaders-need-to-know-regarding-media-speculation-about-the-bsas-financial-situation/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer12192018_&utm_medium=email&utm_content=

DISTRICT ITEMS:

NEW Webelos Adventure Camp 2019

The theme for Webelos Adventure Camp (WAC) 2019 is *Winter in July* at Belk Scout Camp. The dates for camp will be:

Session 1: Sunday, July 7th through Wednesday, July 10th

Session 2: Thursday, July 11th through Sunday, July 14th

Session 3: Sunday, July 14th through Wednesday, July 17th

Session 4: Thursday, July 18th through Sunday, July 21st

There will be a Unit Leaders Meeting on **Wednesday, February 27, 2019** at 6:00 p.m. at the Mecklenburg County Council (MCC) Office, 1410 East 7th Street Charlotte, NC 28204.

Please Email Camp Director, Monica Zeleznik at wacdirector@gmail.com with your name, unit number, and any questions you may have.

Help Wanted-Unit Commissioners Needed

Apache District has a great team of Unit Commissioners, but we need more volunteers to adequately serve all of our Packs, Troops, and Units. Unit Commissioners are important resources for our units. Unit Commissioners help Units succeed. They provide units with meaningful service that delivers Scouting ideals to youth, brings about membership growth, and ensures on-time charter renewal. For further details, please contact District Commissioner Bob Howell at (704) 779-3861, or bob.howell@am.jll.com

ADVANCEMENT

NEW Change to CMS contact for Eagle Projects

Phil Goodman has retired from CMS and Dennis Rorie has taken his place as the main point of contact for Eagle Projects with CMS. More info can be found at: <https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>

NEW Scoutbook Update

Scoutbook, the Boy Scouts of America's online tool for managing and tracking Scouting advancement, is now completely, totally, 100 percent free. The change became official today — Jan. 1, 2019. Longtime users know how Scoutbook makes it easy (and fun!) for Scouts, parents and leaders to track advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail. Before 2019, individuals, units or councils paid a small annual fee — up to \$1 per Scout per year — to access Scoutbook's suite of unit-management features.

In 2019 and beyond, those same great features are available for the best possible price: \$0. Now everyone can learn what more than 1 million users already know: Scoutbook can improve your Scouting experience.

Here's what else you need to know:

How will my unit be affected?

- Units with a current Scoutbook account will continue to use Scoutbook as before.
- Councils that provide Scoutbook accounts for their units will no longer need to manage a subscription process for units starting a new account.
- Units without a current Scoutbook account will be able to access Scoutbook free on Scoutbook.com and elsewhere.

How will subscriptions/renewals work in 2019 and beyond?

The need to subscribe or renew annually will become unnecessary.

Once your unit is on Scoutbook, you'll be set for as long as your unit would like to continue using this free tool.

How will making Scoutbook free affect its performance?

Scoutbook will only continue to improve.

The BSA IT and Member Care teams will continue to support Scoutbook with their timely service and quality resources. Scoutbook performance enhancements have been implemented regularly over the years, and its performance is continually monitored. That will continue.

What's new in this release of Scoutbook?

Scoutbook has a new Single Sign On (SSO) process that will allow users to easily create accounts with the same properties as my.scouting accounts.

You'll use the same account credentials (username and password) for both platforms. This makes things much easier for users by streamlining the login process.

For details, consult this list of Frequently Asked Questions [PDF], which includes a step-by-step guide for use of SSO.

Where can I get more information about this change in Scoutbook?

Keep an eye on Scoutbook.com for all the latest updates.

If you still have questions, you can always contact the friendly and helpful folks at Scoutbook support. Their email: Scoutbook.support@scouting.org

IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS FOR OLDER GIRLS AND BOYS ENTERING SCOUTS BSA

It is in the interests of the entire BSA, and in fact our nation, that all girls who join the BSA in 2019 should have an opportunity to earn their Eagle badge should they diligently and promptly complete all requirements. Accordingly, after carefully considering recommendations from stakeholders, including feedback from volunteers and professionals at the 2018 Top Hands Meeting, the National Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America has approved the

following temporary transition rules regarding extensions for youth over 16 but not yet 18 years of age on February 1, 2019 to complete the requirements for the Eagle Scout award.

To preserve the integrity of the Eagle Scout Award, no exceptions to or waivers of any of the requirements for the Eagle Scout Award are permitted under this limited exception, and all requirements must be completed while the individual is a registered member of Scouts BSA, or after achieving the First-Class Rank in Scouts BSA (as specified in the BSA Guide to Advancement).

Since the BSA has determined that the minimum period of elapsed time to complete the requirements of the Eagle Scout rank is approximately 19-20 months, the extension is not available to any youth who is under 16 years of age on February 1, 2019 (as they will have adequate time to earn their Eagle before turning 18) nor to any youth who has already turned 18 years of age on February 1, 2019 (as they will be ineligible to join Scouts BSA).

1. Youth 16 years of age or older, but not yet 18, on February 1, 2019 who register as members of Scouts BSA on or before December 31, 2019, may request extensions to complete the Eagle Scout Award requirements after they turn 18 years of age.
2. Requests for extensions must be received no later than thirty (30) days after turning 18 years of age. Extensions must be in writing by submitting the designated form to the National Service Center and the form must be received no later than January 7, 2020. Only the National Council may grant extensions. The actual extension will be based upon the individual's registration date and age at the time of the request and will provide not more than twenty-four months from the date of initial registration to complete all requirements.
3. In the interest of fairness, these temporary transition rules apply to all youth joining Scouts BSA during 2019—both girls and first-time joining boys.

For further information, please contact your District Advancement Chair.

TRAINING

NEW March 9 – 10 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills or IOLS

This course is needed for Scoutmasters & Asst. Scoutmasters to be considered trained to position, and to attend Woodbadge. Instructors will help you learn how to set up camp, cook, work with woods tools, learn about ropes, planning campfire programs, map reading and compass skills, hiking, and packing techniques, nature identification, and Leave No Trace. Food is included, **Cost \$35.**

NEW March 29 - 31 Registration is live for Wilderness 1st Aid Training @ Camp Grimes. The course is taught by NOLC and sponsored by Mecklenburg County Council. Meals will be provided (Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast) along with accommodations. **Cost \$249.00**

This course is for Scoutmasters, Asst. Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors to go to Philmont, Seabase & other high adventure camps. Course can accommodate up to 40 participants.

No refunds will be issued. To register go to

<http://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/wilderness-first-aid-2019/2470172>

Training is also available online @ www.my.scouting.org They have CS, BS, & Venturing training, 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

Adult Leader Roundtable will be on the following dates: February 14 at South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church (8601 Bryant Farm Rd) starting at 7:00pm:

Is your Unit ready to host a Cracker Barrel? Would you like to be added to the agenda, please contact Angie White at angie@scarycrow.com.

ORDER OF THE ARROW:

Greetings Brothers,

Just a few things I'd like to draw to your attention this month.

IMPORTANT - Troop Elections

Elections for new Arrowmen are underway! The elections will be from now through March, and the goal is to have all Apache Arrowmen do at least one election. The next Chapter meeting will be strongly election focused, if interested in helping, please plan to attend. Additionally, please contact Apache's Vice Chapter Chief, **Kadin Abbas**, for election based questions and for election scheduling @ kadinabbas13@gmail.com

February Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting is Thursday, February 14 at South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church (8601 Bryant Farm Rd) @ 7:30 P.M. Please plan to attend, there will be free pizza and drinks for all Arrowmen in attendance.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Spring Fellowship

Spring Fellowship will be held from March 15th to March 17th. There will be a dunk tank, food, and overall a weekend of fun. If you are interested in attending, you will need to sign up by March 6th, as there are limited spots available. Go to www.catwba459.org.

Contact Information

If there are any Arrowmen that should be included in these notifications that are not currently, please let [Mr. Nedrich](#) 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 e-newsletter@apachemcc.org and it will be forwarded to the team to be added. Please make sure you have your contact information included should there be any questions.

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