

TOP CLOUDS: 3.1.20 edition

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

Apache Roundtable Reminders: Thursday, March 12, 2020

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

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210

5:00 p.m. Eagle Project Reviews

6:15 p.m. Apache District Committee

7:00 p.m. Cracker Barrel

7:30 p.m. Roundtable convenes, OA Apache Chapter meets

8:15 p.m. Cub and Scouts BSA Breakout Sessions

9:00 p.m. Roundtable adjourns

Eagle Project Reviews, Thursday, March 12, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

<https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>, then Project Review Information, or

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/176532_a901c5127e164caebbb165cb131bb7c7.pdf

Scouting for Food

The final count is in: 278,859 pounds, including generous contributions of money from Tegna Corporation (the parent company of WCNC Charlotte) and of 10,000 pounds of food from Campbell Soup Company.

Thank you to all Scouts and leaders and our generous friends and neighbors for participating in this great Good Turn!

New and Important: Deadline for Certified Angling Instructor Course is April 1, 2020.

Do you want to spend a great weekend learning how to improve your unit's fishing program? Register and bring a friend to be trained as a Certified Angler Instructor (CAI). Come join us at Belk Scout Camp, on Friday-Sunday, April 17-19 for a Southern Region Area 5 Certified Angling Instructor course, hosted by the Mecklenburg County Council and the BSA National Fishing Committee.

Participants will learn the basics of fly fishing and then learn to TEACH both fly fishing and conventional fishing. Become certified to teach fishing in your Council and train others to teach. Teach at summer camp, day camp, and in your own Pack, Troop, or Crew.

Adults who are interested in helping build the fishing program in their councils are encouraged to sign up. Scouts and Venturers who are interested in working as fishing and/or fly fishing merit badge instructors as Council Camp Staff should complete this course. Scouts or Venturers age 16 or older by June 2020, are encouraged to sign up. Registration fee is \$75.

Participation is limited to 30 spots. Please sign up now if you are interested!

Details and registration can be found at <https://www.mccscouting.org/fishing>

Merit Badge Courses

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 Merit Badge Courses

301 N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28202

<https://science.discoveryplace.org/programs-and-classes/scout-programs>

More information on local merit badge courses, including links to supporting documents, Merit Badge Guides, and online registration and payment sites when operative, is available at

<https://www.mccscouting.org/around-the-campfire>

Saturday, March 7, 2020	Pulp and Paper
Saturday, March 7, 2020	Oceanography
Saturday, March 7, 2020	Programming
Sunday, March 8, 2020	Chemistry
Sunday, March 8, 2020	Sustainability
Saturday, May 2, 2020	Oceanography
Saturday, May 2, 2020	Energy
Saturday, May 2, 2020	Space Exploration
Sunday, May 3, 2020	Chess
Saturday, June 20, 2020	Electricity
Saturday, June 20, 2020	Weather
Saturday, June 20, 2020	Chemistry
Sunday, June 21, 2020	Electronics
Saturday, August 29, 2020	Energy
Saturday, August 29, 2020	Engineering
Sunday, August 30, 2020	Chess
Sunday, August 30, 2020	Sustainability
Saturday, September 19, 2020	Robotics
Saturday, September 19, 2020	Oceanography
Sunday, September 20, 2020	Space Exploration
Saturday, November 7, 2020	Weather
Saturday, November 7, 2020	Programming
Saturday, November 7, 2020	Pulp and Paper
Sunday, November 8, 2020	Chess
Saturday, December 5, 2020	Electricity
Saturday, December 5, 2020	Chemistry

Sunday, December 6, 2020
Sunday, December 6, 2020

Electronics
Sustainability

Please call Discovery Place Science at 704 372 6261, extension 300 to register and pay.
For Merit Badge Guide with information on requirements, and pre-course homework, start and end times, and registration, please click on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1q1utWDq2pJqyA2IYHy6e9R5ayQ497Noj/view?usp=sharing>

Discovery Place Nature Merit Badges

Information on merit badge workshops at Discovery Place Nature is posted at

<https://nature.discoveryplace.org/programs-and-classes/scout-programs>

Please call Discovery Place Nature at [704 372 6261](tel:7043726261), extension 300 to register and pay.

Environmental Science Merit Badge

Saturdays, March 14, May 9, 2020, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Discovery Place Nature, 1658 Sterling Road, Charlotte, NC 28209

<https://nature.discoveryplace.org/programs-and-classes/scout-programs>

Cost is \$15 for one class for one person for one day.

Please call Discovery Place Nature at 704 372 6261, extension 300 to register and pay.

For Merit Badge Guide with information on requirements, and pre-course homework, and registration, please click on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w02TebA119qH6oWOMK82HtY-RIBTNvRa/view?usp=sharing>

Collections Merit Badge

Friday, March 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Charlotte Trade-O-Ree [TOR] Scout Memorabilia Show

Sardis Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

6100 Sardis Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270

<https://www.bsator.com/event/2020-charlotte-trade-o-ree-state-north-carolina/>

Scouts in uniform may attend the TOR at no charge. Cost for the merit badge course is \$5.

For Collections Merit Badge Guide, please click on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QMvPjp1lp-qDO7rkutbx3H7A8EWi8nit/view?usp=sharing>

For on-line registration and payment, please click on

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/collections-merit-badge-course-2020/2627896>

Astronomy and Space Exploration Merit Badges

PARI (Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute)

Scouts BSA Space Camps

1 Pari Dr, Rosman, NC 28772

828 862 5554

<https://www.pari.edu/>

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14-15 Scouts BSA Girls Weekend

Information and registration:

<https://71259.blackbaudhosting.com/71259/PARI-Scouts-Girls-Camp>

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25-26 Scouts BSA Boys Weekend

Information and registration:

<https://71259.blackbaudhosting.com/71259/Boy-Scout-Space-Camp-24Apr2020>

Safety, Surveying Merit Badges

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Baston-Cook Construction

2859 Paces Ferry Rd SE Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30339

<https://www.atlantabsa.org/cmb>

NEW – Welding Merit Badge

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

CPCC Harper Campus, 315 W Hebron Street, Charlotte, NC 28273

Cost is \$10.

For Merit Badge Guide with information on appropriate clothing, merit badge homework, health forms, and course overview, please click on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/180DsvgGLiBL-2aLLwcUyNYHLsilRozL/view?usp=sharing>

For on-line registration and payment, please click on

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/welding-mb-course-2020/2645358>

Lees-McRae Merit Badge College

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

191 Main St., Banner Elk, NC 28604

For information on merit badge courses offered, costs (\$15 to \$25), optional camping, and registration, please click on <https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/LMMBC20>

Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Charlotte AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway

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 Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge Flier, please click on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tF6CNzRow0mmXfd2BnPdKxtp08iBnTmY/view?usp=sharing>

For Merit Badge Guide with information on merit badge homework, optional camping, and

registration by email, please click on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KPdYRd8q4sXW1QuSTcoFAQKuwywlmJu2/view?usp=sharing>

Environmental Science Merit Badge

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

The North Carolina Arboretum

100 Frederick Law Olmsted Way, Asheville NC 28806-9315

<https://www.ncarboretum.org/education-programs/youth-family-programs/scouting-programs/>

<https://4020a.blackbaudhosting.com/4020a/Boy-Scouts-Environmental-Science-Merit-Badge-04Apr2020>

Rifle Shooting Merit Badge (.22 caliber rifles)

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Point Blank Range, 10726 Monroe Rd., Matthews, NC 28105

Cost is \$30.

For information and links to online registration and payment, please click on

<http://www.pointblankrange.com/boy-scouts-of-america/>

Landscape Architecture Merit Badge

Saturday, April 18, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Oxford Hall downstairs room A101, 2501 Oxford Place, Charlotte, NC 28207

Website for directions and map: <https://myersparkpres.org/>

Cost is \$5, which covers costs of printing and supplies.

For Merit Badge Guide with information on pre-course homework and course overview, please click on

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Km0gpZsnVnQ6eLkaWalMJR5BermjMqE7/view?usp=sharing>

For on-line registration and payment, please click on

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/landscape-architecture-merit-badge-course/2628171>

NEW – Mining in Society Merit Badge

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/1lIEgVzzdaEsyJvOWZ2PEQkPAWlNgLmZg/view?usp=sharing>

NEW – Aviation Merit Badge

Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **Please Save This Date**

Charlotte–Monroe Executive Airport

3900 Paul J Helms Dr, Monroe, NC 28110

NEW – Stamp Collecting Merit Badge

Saturday, July 25, 2020, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm **Please Save This Date**

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 – Aquatic Merit Badge Days at Belk Scout Camp **Please Save These Dates**

Monday, August 3, 2020

Swimming Merit Badge - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (\$35)

Kayaking Merit Badge - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (\$40)

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Lifesaving Merit Badge - 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

(includes 30-min BYO lunch break) (\$45)

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Swimming Merit Badge - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (\$35)

Canoeing Merit Badge - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (\$40)

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Lifesaving Merit Badge - 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

(includes 30-min BYO lunch break) (\$45)

Belk Scout Camp Pool

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/1IIeGvzzdaEsyJvOW2ZPEQkPAWIngLmZg/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

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

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.

Opportunities for Service Hours and Eagle Projects

Conservation Service Hours Day

Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Belk Scout Camp

Scouts must meet requirements for hours of community service for Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life rank advancement.

Life rank advancement requires 6 hours of community service, at least 3 of which must be conservation-related.

Scouts must perform conservation-related service for merit badge completions for

Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge requirement 5

Forestry Merit Badge requirements 5, 6

Mammal Study Merit Badge requirement 5

Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge requirement 7

With approval of their Scoutmasters before arrival, Scouts may complete up to 6 hours of community service, all related to conservation, at Belk Scout Camp on Saturday, March 28.

Scouts may depart at any time during the day but must check out with an adult leader of the event to have service hours recorded on a blue card.

Projects may include cleanup of fishing areas, moving rocks to facilitate water flow in a drainage ditch, using loppers for removing brush and creating brush piles for mammal habit.

Scouts must wear closed toe shoes (boots recommended). Scouts should Be Prepared with layers, hat, sunscreen, water bottle, lunch and snacks, day pack, work gloves, class B uniform for outside work in the woods.

Cost for participation is \$3 for Scouts. Adults are encouraged to participate at no charge to provide supervision for safety and to advance their own experience with conservation-related service projects.

For Guide to Conservation Service Hours Day 2020, please click [HERE](#)

Cost for participation is \$3. Online registration with payment is open at <https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/conservation-service-hours-day-at-belk-scout-camp/2628008>

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

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 or 704 721 4653.

Latta Nature Preserve
McDowell Nature Center
Carolina Raptor Center
Mecklenburg Park and Recreation
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/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer8212019&utm_medium=email&utm_content=B

ADVANCEMENT NEWS:

NEW - Updated Merit Badges

Scouts BSA recently released several updated Merit Badge pamphlets for various merit badges. Included in this list are the popular Whitewater and Kayaking merit badges. The full list along with the changes are highlighted 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.

New - 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.

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>

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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 Community ToolBank provides inexpensive access to tools for group projects.

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

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

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>

APACHE DISTRICT NEWS AND EVENTS:

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

Monday through Friday, June 22-26, 2020 Please Save These Dates

Apache Day Camp at Belk Scout Camp – Theme is “Space”.

<https://www.mccscouting.org/apache-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 for a chance to win a gift card at November Roundtable!

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

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

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

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: Scouters

Council Recognition Banquet

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Myers Park United Methodist Church

<https://www.mccscouting.org/annual-recognition-banq>

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

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

January 15, 2020: Troop Camper Deposits Due - \$20.00 per Scout

January 30, 2020, 6:30 pm: Camp Grimes Program Kick-Off, AKA, Burnt Hot Dog Supper at the Council Service Center

March 27, 2020: Online Merit Badge Registration begins @ 8:00 am

April 17, 2020: Campership Applications Due

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, 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

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

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

Organization Security Manager is a module within 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 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 Scout Book – only my.scouting.org.)

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

Log in to 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

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-formfags/>

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

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/>

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<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/>

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

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

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 19-28, 2021, 16th World Scout Moot, Ireland
<https://www.scouting.org/international/world-scout-moot/>

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

August 1-12, 2023, 25th World Scout Jamboree, Saemanguem, South Korea
<http://www.2023wsjkorea.org/html/2023wsj.html>

Other international Scouting opportunities:

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/>

ORDER OF THE ARROW – APACHE CHAPTER

Greetings Brothers,

Just a few things I'd like to draw to your attention for March.

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, Kevin Easley for election based questions

@ easley.kevin@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT - March Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting is Thursday, March 12 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (6828 Old Reid Road) @ 7:30 pm. There will be free pizza and drinks for all Arrowmen in attendance.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Spring Fellowship – DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION – March 4

Spring Fellowship will be held from March 13th to March 15th. There will be a competitive activities, food, and overall a weekend of fun. If you are interested in attending, you will need to sign up by March 4th, as there are limited spots available. Go to www.catwba459.org.

Vigil Nominations Now Being Accepted – DEADLINE March 14th!!!!

It is now that time again to send in your nominations for the Vigil Honor. Each year Catawba Lodge selects from its membership those that have exemplified the high ideals of the Order. You must be a Brotherhood member in in good standing for at least 2 years to be nominated. Forms are now [online to download](#). All submissions are due by Spring Fellowship. Any questions, contact [Larry Banks](#), Vigil Adviser.

Elangomats Needed!

Beaver Days, June, and August 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 Jacob Pearson at jacob.pearson@catawba459.org.

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.

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=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbXNTQxNXdvb2RiYWRnZXxneDo3ZDY0NTgzZTgxMDFmNg>

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) [for adults]

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

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

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, May 1-2-3, 2020

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) or

Sasha Timkovich (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>

If you have any questions, please contact Joanne White, Apache Training Chair at

loanamw@carolina.rr.com

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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:

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Mecklenburg County Council

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

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BSA National

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

<http://scoutingwire.org>

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

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