

**TOP CLOUDS: 11.1.20 edition**

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

**Apache Roundtable for Thursday, November 12, 2020**

**Zoom meeting for Scouts BSA troop leaders, 7:00 p.m.—Presentation Topic: Pending**  
<https://www.mccscouting.org/apache-roundtables>

**On Schedule - Eagle Project Proposal Reviews, Thursday, November 12, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**

In-person reviews of Eagle Project Proposals will be available.

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

Scouts should follow instructions for scheduling posted at

<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 - BSA Operation Clean Sweep** is Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>! This is an opportunity for Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Venturers to log service hours and to get outside and to do a giant good turn for our community. Find out more information and register here

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/bsa-operation-clean-sweep/2744115>

**Canceled - Apache Annual Banquet** formerly scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2020

**NEW and IMPORTANT - Apache District Annual Awards**

Although our December Apache Banquet will not occur this year, Apache District will still recognize the outstanding contributions to Apache Scouting by its units and district volunteers. We are seeking nominations for the following:

District Award of Merit

Cub Scouter of the Year

Scouter of the Year

Venture Leader of the Year

**FOR INFORMATION AND NOMINATION FORM SEE** <https://www.mccscouting.org/apache>

Go to the UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION at the bottom of the Apache District home page.

In addition, units may name a Unit Godsend Award Recipient. FOR GODSEND AWARD

FORMS, please see

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeexCJZAep\\_RwUnjg5bc97sw68jU6Nb3G8ET\\_pjQFVubLCxJg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeexCJZAep_RwUnjg5bc97sw68jU6Nb3G8ET_pjQFVubLCxJg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

All nominations are due by November 9, 2020 by email to [delwhittaker@msn.com](mailto:delwhittaker@msn.com)

Honorees will be notified and published on Thursday, December 8, 2020.

**NEW and IMPORTANT - Scouting for Food 2021**

1. We will not have paper bags or plastic bags to hand out this year. This change is NOT due to Covid 19. Instead, approx. 32 states have placed bans on the use of plastic bags. This has created a nationwide shortage of brown paper bags and Harris Teeter does not have access to 150,000 bags for a special SFF print job. This policy shift has also disrupted the plastic bag industry and Harris Teeter does not have access to 150,000 plastic bags for a special print job either. SOOOOOO, Harris Teeter will be able to print card stock door hangers that can be hung on door handles or placed in paper boxes. The door hangers will include dates and times for SFF collection, a list of products most needed, ask people to use bags and/or boxes they already have for their collection, an online giving

option, and a place for units to write in their unit number/name so residents know which unit came to their house. Loaves & Fishes staff will design the door hanger and we will include a mock-up with the online Leaders Guide. **FYI, for those who choose the online giving option, \$1.00 will purchase four (4) pounds of food for a family in need.**

2. Roundtable sign-ups and door hanger distribution. Please ask units to cover the same neighborhoods they have covered in prior years. If a unit backs out, please try to get another unit to cover these areas. Instead of bags, we will give units an equal number of door hangers so the numbers they have used in previous years should remain the same. We are still developing a plan to distribute the door hangers and this will depend on when Roundtables begin to meet in person again. If they meet in person in January then we will have them at the January meetings. Otherwise, we will make arrangements for the door hangers to be picked up at the Scout Office or Loaves & Fishes. I will let you know when a distribution plan has been finalized.

3. Scouts at the Door. Some units have opted to set up tables outside of Harris Teeter stores and solicit donations from customers. We are checking with Harris Teeter to determine if this is still permitted in the world of Covid 19. I will share this info with you when I hear back from Harris Teeter and the Leaders Guide will be updated to reflect any new requirements.

4. Collection sites/locations will stay the same as last year.

5. Sorting and bag counting will not happen at collection sites this year. Because of Covid 19, we are asking units to "Drop and Dash". Units will bring their bags/boxes of food to the normal collection sites/locations. Catawba Lodge members will assist with unloading food from vehicles. Bags will not be counted at drop-off. However, units are encouraged to count their own bags if this is important to them. NO SORTING will happen at the collection sites. Instead, the bags of food will be transferred by Catawba Lodge members and other volunteers directly into the large boxes that are in each Loaves & Fishes trailer. The food will be hauled to the Loaves & Fishes warehouse where it will be stored and sorted by volunteers utilizing appropriate social distancing guidelines.

**Loaves & Fishes encourages units to sign up to help sort. Sorters must be at least age 10 or older and group sizes are currently limited to 10 people. This number may increase as North Carolina Covid 19 guidelines are updated. They ask groups to commit to a 2-hour shift and they are currently open until 6 pm on weekdays. Weekend shifts may be added if needed. This is a great way for units to give back to their community and to earn service hours. The sign-up process will be added to the Leaders Guide.**

January, 2021, Bag bundles pickup, date, time, location pending  
 Saturday, January 30, 2021, Door hanger distribution to neighborhoods  
 Sunday, January 31, 2021, Door hanger distribution to worshippers leaving church services  
 Saturday, February 6, 2021, Food donation collection from neighborhoods  
 Sunday, February 7, 2021, Food donation collection from worshippers arriving to church services

Units should contact Phil Adams, Apache SFF Coordinator to verify territories and numbers at 704 575 5209 or at [hrdadams@yahoo.com](mailto:hrdadams@yahoo.com)

### **NEW - Cub Pack Support Task Force**

We are starting up a new Cub Pack Support Task Force in the Apache Commissioner Corps and need YOUR help. Many of you are familiar with the unit commissioner role which partners a specific commissioner with a specific unit. We're expanding on that model to create a team of experts to assist Cub Packs across the district that have a targeted need.

We are seeking two levels of support for this. First are seasoned leaders who can commit to monthly meetings designed to review packs who are in need of this targeted help and formulate plans to assist. Second, a network of leaders within the district who are subject matter experts on specific areas such as recruitment, programing, camping, or fundraising. These folks would be available as "on-call" support when needs are identified in their areas of expertise.

If you can help out with this, or if you know someone who can, please contact Chris McLean at [chris.m.1995@live.com](mailto:chris.m.1995@live.com) and Jason Bennett at [jrb287@hotmail.com](mailto:jrb287@hotmail.com).

### **NEW - Recruiting Ideas for Your Unit**

Recruiting is tough right now. No access to traditional CMS schools, many CO's not letting you in the building. Families still COVID-shy of in person meetings. The following ideas are for your Unit to leverage now (and in the future!):

[Nextdoor.com](http://Nextdoor.com) – promote what your Scouts are doing, when and where you meet.

Facebook – if you don't have a Unit page, that's fine, many HOA's or neighborhoods have a page where you can promote what your Scouts are doing, when and where you meet.

Charter Org News – ask your Charter Org to promote what your Scouts are doing in their news/ bulletins. Have them share on their Social Media channels.

Local School Principal & PTA – do you know the Principal and/ or PTA where most of your Scouts come from? Now is the time to build and foster those relationships. Cleanup around the school, take pictures and have them post on their Social Media channels.

For more information or ideas, contact Apache Membership Chair Andy Waligowski at [andy.waligowski@gmail.com](mailto:andy.waligowski@gmail.com)

### **Cub Scout Meetings – Where Do We Go?**

If your Charter Org is closed, you can still meet outside. Now is a great time to keep the outing in Scouting. Meet at public parks – Town or County parks are open. If you can't have traditional Den Meetings, meet as a Pack and let the Scouts learn Scout skills – some may be advanced or repeats, but get them outside and have them bring a friend!!

For more information or ideas, contact Apache Membership Chair Andy Waligowski at [andy.waligowski@gmail.com](mailto:andy.waligowski@gmail.com)

### **Cub Scout leaders**

These resources may be helpful to planning Cub programs:

<https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29281/Lion-Leader-Parent-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29282/Tiger-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29283/Wolf-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29284/Bear-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbsa.org/files/29285/Webelos-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/10/05/den-leader-guides-cub-scout-leader-book-available-in-print-and-digital-formats/>

These Cub Scout Adventures video resources can help your next den meeting:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/08/25/these-cub-scout-adventures-video-resources-can-help-your-next-den-meeting/>

### **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**

#### **NEW - Conservation Saturday at Belk Scout Camp**

11/21/2020--Conservation Service Projects

For details of service projects, COVID-19 precautions and forms, and to register for Conservation Service Projects on Saturday, 11/21/2020, please click on

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/conservation-saturday-11212020/2738266>

#### **NEW – Winter Camp 2020 at Belk Scout Camp**

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, December 18-19-20, 2020

For link to Winter Camp 2020 Guide, on-line registration and payment, please go to

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/winter-camp-2020/2744085>

#### **Snow Sports Merit Badge**

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, February 26-27-28, 2021

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

91 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

[https://www.lakejunaluska.com/specials\\_packages/group\\_packages/boy\\_scout\\_retreats/](https://www.lakejunaluska.com/specials_packages/group_packages/boy_scout_retreats/)

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

#### **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.

#### **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/1IEgVzzdaEsyJvOW2ZPEQkPAWINGLmZg/view?usp=sharing>

### **Scuba Merit Badge**

Lake Norman Scuba LLC

482 River Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28117

Phone: 704 660 3483

<https://www.lakenormanscuba.com/>

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

Pre-course requirements: Completion of Swimming Merit Badge and 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**

**NEW** – iFly has added virtual (remote) learning opportunities for Scouts interested in earning the Up and Away Nova Award. Scouts may enroll individually or as part of a group.

iFly Charlotte will hold a Nova Award online course on Saturday, October 10 at 2:00 p.m. The cost will be \$19.95 for the online course alone and \$44.95 for the online course plus a voucher for a wind-tunnel flight.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bsa-nova-award-up-and-away-stem-education-event-tickets-118200971287>

Scouts BSA members can complete requirements 3 and 5 of the Up and Away Award through the online course and requirement 4 with a dedicated visit to iFLY Charlotte (Concord) located at 7840 Lyles Ln NW, Concord, NC 28027, phone 704 851 4359.

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

For information on registration, programs for individuals or groups, scheduling, and costs, 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/>

#### **NEW – Scouting EPA Award**

On August 17, 2020, the EPA and BSA issued a press release and held a signing ceremony in Washington, D.C. announcing a new Scouting EPA Award, recognized by a patch.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-boy-scouts-announce-collaboration-environmental-education-award-program-and-special>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3Jc9hmJSczsyBsFSq5XJGglsKWIGd1BAEN19IUSyL\\_bpBxe7QiUE9sCA4&feature=youtu.be&v=s\\_6V4fRrGmo&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3Jc9hmJSczsyBsFSq5XJGglsKWIGd1BAEN19IUSyL_bpBxe7QiUE9sCA4&feature=youtu.be&v=s_6V4fRrGmo&app=desktop)

Scouts must complete requirements before December 31, 2021.

Requirements are discussed at 6:40 and following on the video.

Scouts must earn 4 merit badges, including 1 merit badge from each of 3 groups, one from Animal Studies Group (Bird Study or Insect Study or Mammal Study or Reptile and Amphibian Study),

one from Outdoor Activity Group (Backpacking, Camping, Canoeing, Climbing, Gardening), one from Earth Sciences Group (Energy, Forestry, Geology, Oceanography, Plant Science, Weather).

The fourth merit badge is Public Health.

Scouts must also participate in an Environmental or Public Health Community Service project for 6 hours of service.

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

#### **“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>

The Guidelines document is posted at

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1upktRobptxVtlUwnVHgSnYL\\_EszT5QzR/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1upktRobptxVtlUwnVHgSnYL_EszT5QzR/view?usp=sharing)

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.

#### **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:**

**Eagle Project Proposal Reviews during COVID-19 (Update as of 10/23/2020)** Having moved into Phase Three of the Governor's Plan to reopen North Carolina, the Mecklenburg County Council's Advancement Committee has approved in-person reviews of Eagle Projects. In-person Project Proposal reviews will occur at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church beginning with the November 12 Roundtable day. Reviews will begin at **6:00 p.m.** Please note the new time.

We will not be in a position to accept walk in reviews, so please contact [Apache.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:Apache.advancement@gmail.com) to schedule the review. Upon receipt of the request for review, the Scout will receive instructions as to how to proceed at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on the night of the review. The Scout will receive an email with a phone number for notifying the reviewers of their arrival. When a reviewer is prepared for the Scout, the Scout will receive a text letting the Scout that they may proceed into the building. Please do **NOT** enter the building until a text has been received permitting entrance.

Masks will be required at all times while the Scout is in the building. The reviews will be set up in a socially distant manner to minimize the risks. If the Scout or anyone with whom the Scout has been in close contact show COVID infection symptoms, please err do not attend in person.

For those Scouts that do not feel comfortable meeting in person, the Scout is to follow the normal protocol of requesting a review request via email to [Apache.advancement@gmail.com](mailto:Apache.advancement@gmail.com). Please note in the email that you are requesting a virtual review. With their email review requests, Scouts may attach their Eagle Project Proposal Workbooks and other documents, such as worksite maps, project construction plans, additional pages with details of any logistics, and safety plans, as needed. These requests will be distributed periodically 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) to plan a virtual review.

### **Age-Extension Beyond the 18th Birthday for Eagle Requirements during COVID-19 (Update as of 8/30/20)**

The National Council of BSA has issued updated guidelines, which now provide that Local councils will now be given authority by the National Council to grant an additional three-month extension, which will end **December 31, 2020**

#### **National guideline dated 8/30/20 interpreted by the Council Advancement Committee:**

- Life Scout turns 18 on 12/15/20
  - one extension of up to 3-months allowed ending on 3/14/21
    - Since the extension ends after 12/31/2020, the Council cannot grant another extension
- Life Scout turns 18 between 3/31/20 and 6/30/20
  - Up to 3 extensions allowed through 12/31/20
  - The Scout should request an extension up to 3 times – the original and as the first and second expire

- The first extension would end 3 months after the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and each further extension 3 months thereafter until the extension granted between 10/1/20 and 12/31/20 which would be the last one the council may grant
- Life Scout turns 18 between 9/1/20 and 11/30/20
  - Up to two extensions allowed
  - The first extension runs 3 months from the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday between 9/1/20 and 11/30/20
    - If the Scout then needs a second extension, then a second 3-months extension request is submitted and approved through a date ending 6 months after the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday but no later than 2/28/21

NOTE: The 3 month extensions are months and not 90 days and thus a Scout turning 18 on 11/13/20 getting an extension would have until 2/12/21 to complete the Eagle requirements.

**Scouts must specifically request age extension** beyond 18 to continue pursuing Eagle Scout requirements by submitting an Age-Extension Form, 512-077 (2020 Printing) available at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-077.pdf>, to Joel Moser, Council Advancement Chair, at [joelmoser@earthlink.net](mailto:joelmoser@earthlink.net).

### **Eagle Application Packet Processing, Update as of 5/27/2020**

With the Council office and Scout Shop now open with its normal operating hours, a Scout or troop leader may drop off a newly completed Eagle application packet during Scout Shop hours. If the Scout or leader is uncomfortable with entering the Scout Shop, he or she should 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 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.

### **Eagle Scout Boards of Review, Update as of 5/27/2020**

Having moved into Phase 2 of the Governor's Plan to reopen North Carolina, the Mecklenburg County Council's Advancement Committee has approved the following: Effective immediately, in-person Eagle Boards of Review can now be resumed if all parties are comfortable and feel safe following CDC guidelines. Virtual Eagle Boards of Review are an option if in-person Eagle Boards of Review are not possible. In-person Eagle Boards of Review are encouraged where the situation allows.

The District Advancement Chairs, along with the District Advancement Committees, will immediately start expediting the backlog of Eagle Scout packets submitted to the Scout Office during the COVID shutdown. Also, Eagle Scout packets ready to be turned in may be submitted to the Scout Office during normal working hours.

If units are restricted from their normal EBOR meeting place for COVID reasons and have no other option, the conference rooms at the Scout Office are available. Please contact your District Advancement Chair, or District Director, to reserve a date and space at the Scout Office for your EBOR.

Utilization of outdoor facilities such as public parks where one might have access to picnic tables and benches is another option.

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.



## **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/>

## **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.

## **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)

## **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.

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

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

## **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 6:00 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>

Scouts and units may also borrow tools from Belk Scout Camp for service and conservation projects.

### **From the Pond**

#### **NEW – National Certified Angling Instructor (CAI) Course**

The course was developed by and is directed by the BSA National Fishing Committee.

Modules 1-4 are offered by Zoom on Mondays, November 2, 9, 16, 23 at 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Module 5 is offered in-person at John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center near Fayetteville, NC, on Saturday, December 12, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Depending on demand, there may be additional Module 5 in-person courses at other locations in the Carolinas after the first of the year. Space is limited. Registration is online at

<https://ecc.tentaroo.com/admin2/events/3177/20051/2020-Virtual-BSA-CAI-5-Mondays>

If you have not previously logged in with East Carolina Council, you must create an account.

The online modules are free of charge.

Fishing is a great way to improve Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation. For further details about the course and for more information about MCC Fishing, please visit

[www.mccscouting.org/fishing](http://www.mccscouting.org/fishing) and follow us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/MCCFishing415/>

### **Fishing and Fly Fishing Merit Badge Counselor Guides**

<http://bsacai.org/news/9270910>

[Fishing MB Counselor Guide](#)

[Fly Fishing MB Counselor Guide](#)

### **Merit Badge Counselor Registrations**

If you are not a merit badge counselor or need to renew, please visit the Council's Advancement page at <https://www.mccscouting.org/advancement> Please remember that all Merit Badge Counselors need to renew annually, usually in November.

## **FISH ON!!!**

### **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>

**NEW** - On a cold winter evening, bring Dutch oven cooking and baking to your Scouts:

Intro to Dutch oven cooking

<http://www.bsatroop540.com/camping-recipes/>

Dessert recipes

<http://www.bsatroop540.com/camping-recipes/dessert/>

### **Scouting at Home**

**NEW** - Preparing presentation materials for virtual learning?

Please check out BSA Brand Guidelines at

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/310-0231.pdf>

specifically, page 12 for information on the BSA blue activity graphic,

page 29 for graphics for PowerPoint slides, and page 46 for typefaces.

BSA PowerPoint templates are at <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/4591006/>

BSA Activity Graphic is at <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/4839613/>

**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 ReqandRes/American Labor.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit%20Badge%20ReqandRes/American%20Labor.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 ReqandRes/Citizenship in the Community.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit%20Badge%20ReqandRes/Citizenship%20in%20the%20Community.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/>

## Remote Scouting

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

## APACHE DISTRICT NEWS AND EVENTS:

**Attention: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Dens**

**Apache Fall Cuboree at Camp Grimes**

November 6-8, 2020, Friday-Saturday-Sunday

**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/>

## Welcome New Cub Scout Families!

[https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-s\\_sl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/512-73520-Welcome-New-CS-Family\\_WEB\\_FPDF.pdf](https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-s_sl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/512-73520-Welcome-New-CS-Family_WEB_FPDF.pdf)

## 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:

### Scout Shop News

**First aid kit supplies and survival kit supplies** are available in the Mecklenburg County Council Scout Shop so that dens, patrols, and individual Scouts have resources for these advancement requirements:

**Webelos First Responder** requirement # 6. Put together a simple home first-aid kit. Explain what you included and how to use each item correctly.

**Webelos Walkabout** requirement # 2. Assemble a first-aid kit suitable for your hike or activity.

**Tenderfoot** requirement # 4d. Assemble a personal first-aid kit to carry with you on future campouts and hikes. Tell how each item in the kit would be used.

**First Aid Merit Badge** requirement # 5. Do the following:

- (a) Prepare a first-aid kit for your home. Display and discuss its contents with your counselor.
- (b) With an adult leader, inspect your troop's first-aid kit. Evaluate it for completeness. Report your findings to your counselor and Scout leader

**Webelos-AOL Castaway** Requirement # 2. Do all of the following.

A. Learn what items should be in an outdoor survival kit that you can carry in a small bag or box in a day pack. Assemble your own small survival kit, and explain to your den leader why the items you chose are important for survival.

### **First Aid Skill - What is a "ring string"?**

A ring string is used to compress swelling from a finger where a ring is stuck and otherwise cannot be removed. Swelling might occur from arthritis, trauma, infection, burn, or medical conditions like heart or kidney diseases that cause fluid retention. A ring string could be string, a strand of paracord core, fishing line, dental floss, sewing thread, narrow ribbon, a rubber band. A ring string can be wrapped from fingertip toward the ring to force swelling under the ring. A tooth pick, a rounded end of a safety pin, a pen tip cover, or other fine blunt probe can be used to push the string beneath the ring. By gently pulling on the end of the string passing beneath the ring, the ring string unwinds off the finger and pushes the ring toward the fingertip where it is removed. If swelling is only partially improved by the first wrapping, the wrapping and removal process can be repeated. Applying hand lotion or cooking oil or soap as lubrication to the swollen finger can allow the ring to slide off more easily.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrDROoJAF4I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6MjZExWmvs>

### **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/>

### **Second Annual Area 5 All-Girl Camporee at Camp Grimes**

[Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 20-21-22, 2020](#)

Contact for information: [Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org](mailto:Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org)

**Attention: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos Dens**

**2021 Cub Day Camps**

June 7 - June 11, Monday – Friday	Etowah Day Camp at Belk Scout Camp
June 7 - June 11, Monday – Friday	Hornets Nest Day Camp at Bethel
Presbyterian Church, Cornelius	
June 21 - June 25, Monday – Friday	Apache Day Camp at Belk Scout Camp
	Theme is “Weird Science”

**NEW Attention: Bear and Webelos Dens**

**2021 Webelos Adventure Camp (WAC) Sessions at Belk Scout Camp**

July 8 - July 11, Thursday – Sunday	Session 1
July 11 - July 14, Sunday – Wednesday	Session 2
July 15 - July 18, Thursday – Sunday	Session 3

**Attention: AOL Dens, Scouts BSA Troops, Summer Camp Staff**

**2021 Camp Grimes Dates and Deadlines**

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

September 15, 2020	Staff Employment Applications Accepted
January 15, 2021	Troop Camper Deposits Due - \$20.00 per Scout
April 15	Campership Applications Due
May 1	Balance of Camp Fees Due
May 5	OA Beaver Days Registration Deadline
May 14-15-16	OA Beaver Days
June 6 - June 11	Staff Week
June 13 - June 19	Week 1
June 20 - June 26	Week 2
June 27 - July 3	Week 3
July 4 - July 10	Week 4
July 11 - July 17	Week 5

**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.

**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 can 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**

### **Scouting magazine news**

The print version of *Scouting* magazine ended with the May-June 2020 issue.

A brand-new *Scouting* magazine app is available now in the App Store and Google Play.

The digital edition for September/ October is available at

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/>

## **BSA High Adventure Base reservations**

### **Northern Tier**

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

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/10/28/2021-2022-preview-northern-tier-national-high-adventure/>

### **Philmont**

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

Reservations for the 2021 season are now locked while those crews displaced by closure in 2020 are rescheduled. When that is complete, wait listed and new registrations for summer of 2021 will be opened. Registrations for the 2022 season will open this fall and the annual lottery held.

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/10/30/2021-2022-preview-philmont-scout-ranch/>

### **Sea Base**

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

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/10/27/2021-2022-preview-florida-national-high-adventure-sea-base/>

### **Summit Bechtel Reserve**

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

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/10/29/2021-2022-preview-paul-r-christen-high-adventure-base-at-summit-bechtel-reserve/>

## **International Scouting**

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

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

<https://jamborette.wordpress.com>

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/>

International BSA Blog

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

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

### **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.

## **OA High Adventure Opportunities**

Summer, 2021

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>

## **OA, Southern Region, 2020 National Leadership Seminars (NLS) (for youth)**

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

Nov 13-15, 2020, Little Rock, AR

## **OA, Southern Region, 2020 Developing Youth Leadership Conferences (DYLC) (for advisers)**

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

Nov 13-15, 2020, Little Rock, AR

## **TRAINING**

<https://www.scoutshop.org/trained-leader-strip-280.html>

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33066/33066\\_Training\\_Awards\\_WEB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33066/33066_Training_Awards_WEB.pdf)

### **“Trained” Patches for Youth Leaders**

Scout youth leaders who have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), den chiefs (Scouts, Sea Scouts, or Venturers) who have completed Den Chief Training, and Venturing youth leaders who have completed the Crew Officers Orientation or Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) may wear the Trained Leader emblem with their badge of office.

Den Chief training is available online at

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training/>

ILST and ILSC are available online at

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/>

Youth should print their certificates to present to unit leaders for facilitate record keeping.

### **“Trained” Patches for Adult Leaders**

Adults leaders can find requirements for earning their trained patches at [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/Trained\\_Leader\\_Positions.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/Trained_Leader_Positions.pdf) along with references to online training courses available at <https://my.scouting.org>. Another resource is <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/>. Online District Committee training is available.

### **NEW - National Youth Leader Training (NYLT, AKA “Top Gun”)**

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

The next MCC NYLT course is tentatively scheduled for June 2021 (exact date TBD) with registration for this course opening January 1, 2021.

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

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

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

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

### **Philmont Training Center 2021 Conferences [for adult volunteer training]**

#### **BSA Family Adventure Camp**

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

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

BALOO is an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program.

Saturday, November 15, 7:00 a.m. to Sunday, November 15, noon, hands-on training

Prerequisite online training is accessed through <https://my.scouting.org/>

Information is posted at

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

Registration is open at

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/baloo-fall-2020/2748147>

**NEW – 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/>

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

**Canceled:** Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 13-14-15, 2020

**Next SEALS course:** Friday-Saturday-Sunday, March 12-13-14, 2021

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

**Next SEALS course:** Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 12-14, 2021

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

**Canceled:** Saturday-Sunday, November 14-15, 2020

**Next IOLS course:** Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14, 2021

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

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

<https://sites.google.com/site/s5415woodbadge/home>

Wood Badge S5-415-20 is scheduled at Belk Scout Camp, starting on **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 7:00 am through Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 5:00 pm and Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 7:00 am through Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm.**

<https://sites.google.com/site/s5415woodbadge/home>

### **NEW - 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.

Course: Climbing Level I Training (Natural Rock)

Location: Rocky Face Park

When: Saturday 10/10/20

Time: 8 am - 6 pm

Cost: \$10

Prerequisite: COPE & Climbing Level I Foundations

For More Information Contact: Sasha Timkovich at [timkovich@gmail.com](mailto:timkovich@gmail.com)

For general information on Cope and Climbing, please see

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/cope-climbing-instructor-training>

For questions, please reach out to Rob Seate at [rseate@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rseate@carolina.rr.com) or to Sasha Timkovich at [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.

### **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.

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