

### **TOP CLOUDS: 1.1.20**

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

### **Apache Roundtable Reminders: Thursday, January 9, 2020**

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

### **Apache Roundtable Breakout Sessions, Thursday, January 9, 2020**

**Cub Scout Breakout and Scouts BSA Breakout:** Bring your best skits and songs for some friendly competition.

### **Eagle Project Reviews**

<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* - Scouting for Food**

#### Bag pickup

If you haven't made other arrangements, please pick up your Apache District **Scouting for Food** bags at the Apache District January Roundtable meeting.

#### Change in Scouting for Food Bag Fliers

Harris Teeter will no longer use Scouting for Food Bags in their stores, nor will they have the red Loaves & Fishes barrels inside each store. **Instead, they will ask customers at check-out if they would like to make a financial donation directly to the Scouting for Food effort.**

This money will be used by Loaves & Fishes to purchase specific food items that are needed in their pantries.

As a result of this operational change, the red barrels that have traditionally been used as a drop-off location for bags that were not picked up during our normal collection, will no longer be available.

**We are asking units to add a contact name, phone number and/or email address to your unit flyer that you attach to your collection bags. This way donors can contact you directly if their bags were not picked up.**

#### Scouts at the Door

The "Scouts at the Door" program will continue this year at participating Harris Teeter stores. If your unit would like to participate in the "Scouts at the Door" program and has not signed up for a Harris Teeter store, please contact Tim Morgan at [tmorgan11@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tmorgan11@carolina.rr.com)

If your unit is participating in Scouts at the Door, please remember to bring your bags to offer people. Please then take them to a collection site for Apache.

Please also remember that you cannot sell Scout unit fund raising items at Harris Teeter stores that weekend.

Further details are available in the “Scouting for Food Leaders Guide” is available online at [www.mccscouting.org](http://www.mccscouting.org). It’s located under the Training & Resources page.

### **NEW - Community Service Hours for Advancement and Scouting for Food**

**Scouts must meet the following requirements for community service for advancement:**

**Tenderfoot requirement 7b.** Participate in a total of one hour of service in one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. Explain how your service to others relates to the Scout slogan and Scout motto.

**Second Class requirement 8e.** Participate in two hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. Tell how your service to others relates to the Scout Oath

**First Class requirement 9d.** Participate in three hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. The project(s) must not be the same service project(s) used for Tenderfoot requirement 7b and Second Class requirement 8e. Explain how your service to others relates to the Scout Law.

**Star Scout requirement 4.** While a First Class Scout, participate in six hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster.

**Life Scout requirement 4.** While a Star Scout, participate in six hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. At least three hours of this service must be conservation-related.

Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge requirement 7. Do the following:

- a. Identify three charitable organizations outside of Scouting that interest you and bring people in your community together to work for the good of your community.
- b. Pick **ONE** of the organizations you chose for requirement 7a. Using a variety of resources (including newspapers, fliers and other literature, the Internet, volunteers, and employees of the organization), find out more about this organization.
- c. With your counselor’s and your parent’s approval, contact the organization you chose for requirement 7b, and find out what young people can do to help. While working on this merit badge, volunteer at least eight hours of your time for the organization. After your volunteer experience is over, discuss what you have learned with your counselor.

Scouts are encouraged to seek approval of service hours with their Scoutmasters as they plan for participation in the 2020 Scouting for Food program. In addition to bag distribution and collection in neighborhoods and in church congregations, Scouts are eligible to participate in the soft sort on site at the collection centers on Saturday, February 2 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and/or Sunday, February 3, from noon to 3:30 p.m. Shifts for service are 2 or 3 hours in duration.

These guidelines apply:

1. Scouts must be 10 years old or older.
2. Scouts must wear closed toe shoes. Scouts must Be Prepared for inclement weather with sun block, hat, layers for warmth and/or rain gear, if appropriate.
3. Scouts must have adult supervision. If Scouts register as group, the group must provide at least 1 adult for every 6 Scouts.

Food collection sites where Scouts can help with sorting food:

Ada Jenkins Center  
212 Gamble, Davidson, NC 28036

Arboretum Pineville Mathews Road and Providence Road  
NOTE: the trailers are located in the lot in front of the Harris Teeter store.

Bethel Presbyterian Church  
19920 Bethel Church Rd., Cornelius, NC 28031

Huntersville United Methodist  
14005 Stumptown Road, Huntersville, NC 28078

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church  
11501 Bain School Road, Mint Hill NC

Sharon Presbyterian Church  
5201 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC 28210

Steele Creek Athletic Association  
13530 Choate Circle, Charlotte, NC 28273

Town Center Plaza  
8600 University City Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28213

Trinity Presbyterian Church  
3115 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28211-2797

Individual Scouts or Scout groups must register on-line in advance at  
<https://loavesandfishes.volunteermatrix.com/#mon1>

### **NEW - A Big THANK YOU**

Many thanks to all the scouts, scouters, and parents, who helped with Charlotte's first **Wreaths Across America** on December 14, 2019. Sponsored by the Mecklenburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Scouts and members of several ROTC units placed wreaths on the graves of approximately 350 veterans. Well done!

### **NEW - Area 5 Certified Angling Instructor Course    Become a BSA CAI!** **Friday-Saturday-Sunday, April 17-18-19, 2020**

#### **Belk Scout Camp**

The Mecklenburg County Council Fishing Committee proudly announces its first BSA Certified Angling Instructor Course. Sign up now for the weekend course and earn your BSA Certified Angling Instructor certification. You will learn fundamental fishing and fly-fishing skills, how to best teach Scouts fishing skills, and have fun! For further details, please visit

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

### **Merit Badge Courses**

More information on local courses 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>  
Spreadsheet sorts by date and by state are recommended.

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>

### **Upcoming Merit Badge Courses: Scheduled**

#### **Discovery Place Science Merit Badges**

Information on merit badge workshops at Discovery Place Science is posted at <https://science.discoveryplace.org/programs-and-classes/scout-programs>  
Please call Discovery Place Science at 704 372 6261, extension 300 to register and pay.

Saturday, January 11, 2020	Energy
Saturday, January 11, 2020	Engineering
Sunday, January 12, 2020	Chess
Sunday, January 12, 2020	Sustainability
Saturday, February 1, 2020	Robotics
Saturday, February 1, 2020	Weather
Sunday, February 2, 2020	Space Exploration
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	Electronics
Sunday, December 6, 2020	Sustainability

### **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, extension 300 to register and pay.

Saturday, January 11, 2020	Environmental Science Merit Badge
Saturday, March 14, 2020	Environmental Science Merit Badge
Saturday, May 9, 2020	Environmental Science Merit Badge

### **NEW - 10th Annual Merit Badge Mania 2020**

Friday, Saturday, January 17, 18, 2020

First Baptist Church

202 Summitt Drive, Sanford, NC 27330

Information, registration:

<http://meritbadge.info/mbn/EventDetails.aspx?ID=1D1E442D-6E64-4935-B364-6DB39C607FEC>

25 merit badges are offered.

Camping is not available.

**Sunday, January 19 and Saturday, January 25, 2020      Art Merit Badge**

**Saturday, January 25, 2020      Public Speaking Merit Badge**

For information on registration and pre-event homework, click on

[https://86e79986-1cec-421c-807e-8446c73855a8.filesusr.com/ugd/176532\\_6b9557a2b8084172893102bb88b06560.pdf](https://86e79986-1cec-421c-807e-8446c73855a8.filesusr.com/ugd/176532_6b9557a2b8084172893102bb88b06560.pdf)

### **NEW - Monday, January 20, 2020    Snow Sports Merit Badge option at 10am, noon, 2 pm**

Winterplace Ski Resort

100 Old Flat Top Mt. Rd., Ghent, WV 25843

Five Minutes Off I-77 at Exit 28

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

Information flyer: [https://86e79986-1cec-421c-807e-8446c73855a8.filesusr.com/ugd/31584b\\_3da9ce2333d846ef89121757776a7c41.pdf](https://86e79986-1cec-421c-807e-8446c73855a8.filesusr.com/ugd/31584b_3da9ce2333d846ef89121757776a7c41.pdf)

[8446c73855a8.filesusr.com/ugd/31584b\\_3da9ce2333d846ef89121757776a7c41.pdf](https://86e79986-1cec-421c-807e-8446c73855a8.filesusr.com/ugd/31584b_3da9ce2333d846ef89121757776a7c41.pdf)

Registration and payment:

<http://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/winterplace-ski-2020>

### **NEW - Saturday, February 8, 2020    Coin Collecting Merit Badge**

2020 Charlotte Coin Club Annual Show

<http://www.charlottecoinclub.org/show.htm>

Location: The Park Expo & Conference Center  
800 Briar Creek (corner of Independence Blvd)., Charlotte, NC 28205  
Registration and payment (\$5):  
<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/coin-collecting-mb-workshop-2020/2303178>

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday, February 21-22-23, 2020 Rail Camp, Railroading Merit Badge**  
<https://www.nctrans.org/Special-Programs---Tours/BSA.aspx>

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday, February 28-29-March 1, 2020 Snow Sports Merit Badge**  
[https://www.lakejunaluska.com/specials\\_packages/group\\_packages/boy\\_scout\\_retreats/](https://www.lakejunaluska.com/specials_packages/group_packages/boy_scout_retreats/)

**NEW - PARI Scouts BSA Space Camps Astronomy and Space Exploration Merit Badges**

PARI (Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute)

1 Pari Dr, Rosman, NC 28772

828 862 5554

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

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, February 28 – March 1, 2020 Scouts BSA Boys Weekend

Information, registration: <https://71259.blackbaudhosting.com/71259/Boy-Scout-Space-Camp>

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, March 13-14-15, 2020 Scouts BSA Girls Weekend

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

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25-26, 2020 Scouts BSA Boys Weekend

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

**NEW - Friday, March 7, 2020, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Uwharrie District Merit Badge College 2020**

Davidson County Community College

297 DCC Road Thomasville, NC 27360

<http://www.meritbadge.info/mbn/EventDetails.aspx?ID=9AE45FFC-F5F0-478B-B6B7-A8F046B0EC97>

Registration is exclusively available for Old North State Council Uwharrie District units from January 30 to February 17, 2020. Units and individuals from other Councils or Districts may begin to register on February 17, 2020. Last day to register is March 1, 2020.

Cost is \$9.

**NEW - Friday, March 27, 2020 Collections Merit Badge - Please Save This Date 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

Sardis Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

6100 Sardis Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270

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

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

Lees-McRae Merit Badge College

191 Main St., Banner Elk, NC 28604

Information and link to on-line registration and payment:

<https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/LMMBC20>

Online registration is open.

**NEW - Saturday, April 18, 2020 Landscape Architecture Merit Badge - Please Save Date**

Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Duke Mansion, Queens College

## Upcoming Merit Badge Courses: Plan Your Own

### Aviation and Oceanography Merit Badges

USS Yorktown, Mt Pleasant SC (near Charleston)

Camping is available on-board. More information: <http://www.patriotspoint.org/camping/>

Yorktown provides instruction; troops must provide merit badge counselors to sign off blue cards. Most, but not all, merit badge requirements are covered.

Click [HERE](#) for Aviation and Oceanography Merit Badge Flier

### NEW - 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>

An overnight stay may be available by special permit.

A 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.

### Scuba Merit Badge

Lake Norman Scuba LLC, 482 River Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28117

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

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

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 1 hour review with the counselor.

## Scouting STEM Opportunities

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

Patrols and Troops can schedule their own instruction sessions.

For pre-course video homework suggestions, see [attachment]

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 Scouts BSA STEM Nova Award Requirements, please go to the following hyperlink

For Scouts BSA STEM Nova Award Video Suggestions, please go to the following hyperlink

For information on adult registration and training as a Nova Award Counselor and a Supernova Award Mentor, please go to <https://www.scouting.org/stem-nova-awards/volunteer-support/>

Interested in Astronomy?

Take an online Milky Way Quiz at

<https://insidetheperimeter.ca/discover/fun-stuff/>

Subscribe for free printable USGS Topo maps

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

## **Advancement News**

### **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/>

### **Bobcat Advancements**

This is a reminder for all Packs to submit their advancements for those new Cubs earning their Bobcat badge.

### **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.

### **Eagle Boards of Review**

Although the process will remain the same, the behind the scenes individuals are changing. Steve Stevenson from Troop 119 will handle the coordination of Apache District Representatives for Eagle Boards of review. Tom Gauch from Troop 174 has handled this process for many years and many thanks go to him for serving in that role. Once the Eagle package has been approved by Mecklenburg County Council, Steve will reach out to Apache District representatives, who will coordinate with the individual Scoutmasters to conduct the Eagle Boards of Review.

### **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](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)

### **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 Community ToolBank provides inexpensive access to tools for group projects.

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

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

## **Apache District News and Events**

### **NEW - Annual Pancake Breakfast Please Save The Date**

Saturday, February 1, 2020, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Sharon Presbyterian Church – Charles Little Activity Building (CLAB)

5201 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210

Join Pack 34 as they cook and serve pancakes and sausage for their annual pancake breakfast. This event coincides with Scouting for Food pickup. Sharon Presbyterian is Scouting for Food drop-off point. Hope to see you there!

Contact info: Mike Christensen – 704 241 0999 ~ [Pack34CLT@gmail.com](mailto:Pack34CLT@gmail.com)

### **Attention: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and AOL Dens -- Please Save These Dates Apache Day Camp**

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

Belk Scout Camp

Monday through Friday, June 22-26, 2020

### **Attention: Webelos and AOL Dens and Scouts BSA Troops -- Please Save These Dates Apache Webeloree + Camporee**

Camp Grimes

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 23-24-25, 2020

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

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

### **Share Your Recruiting Success**

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

### **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**

### **NEW - Webelos Adventure Camp (WAC) News Please Save These Dates**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, Unit Leaders Meeting at Council Office**

Bear Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Chairs, and WAC Coordinators are invited to attend. Please make sure your Pack is represented. An RSVP will go out in January for food planning.

### **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 Sessions at Belk Scout Camp -- Theme is "Luau"**

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

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

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

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

### **WAC Email Contact List**

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

### **WAC Staff Registration is now live!**

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

### **WAC Council Web Page**

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

### **WAC Facebook Page**

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

### **NEW - Attention: Eagle Scouts and Sponsors Please Save This Date**

#### **Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet**

Thursday, February 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Quail Hollow Club, 3700 Gleneagles Road, Charlotte, NC 28210

Scouts and Sponsors can RSVP through links at <https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-banquet>

### **NEW - Attention: Scouters Please Save This Date**

#### **Council Recognition Banquet**

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

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

Myers Park United Methodist Church

**NEW - 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

**NEW - Attention: 2020 Camp Grimes Summer Camp Staff Dates and Deadlines**

[https://www.mycampgrimes.org/staffapp.phtml?apply&\\_program\\_id\\_=37](https://www.mycampgrimes.org/staffapp.phtml?apply&_program_id_=37)

September 15, 2019: Staff Employment Applications Accepted

January 10, 2020: Staff invite back emails will be sent.

February 15, 2020: Invited-back staff confirmations are due.

March 1, 2020: New staff applications reviews begin.

March 9 and 16, 2020: Staff interviews begin.

March 20 to 31, 2020: Staff employment offers go out.

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

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

**NEW - Join the Fun, Join the 2020 Camp Grimes Summer Camp Staff !**

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

**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](mailto:Michelle.Roberts@Scouting.org)

### **NEW - Council Exploring Executive**

Apache District's own Monica Zeleznik, long active with Troop and Crew 167, with service as Apache District Program Chair and Webelos Adventure Camp Director and Council Aquatics Committee Chair, has taken on the full-time role of Council Exploring Executive. If you have a lead on a trade or business or service organization that could start, build, and host an Exploring post, please contact her at [Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org](mailto:Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org)

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

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

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions are available here:

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

Other questions may be directed by email to the Health & Safety Team at [Health.Safety@scouting.org](mailto:Health.Safety@scouting.org)

Information on How to Review the AHMR is available here:

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

AHMR Safety Moment:

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

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

Wednesday-Friday, July 21-30, 2021  
National Scout Jamboree, Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV  
<https://jamboree.scouting.org>

## **International Scouting**

Upcoming International Scouting Opportunities  
<https://www.scouting.org/international/events/>

July 27 - August 6, 2020, European Jamboree EuroJam Polska  
<https://www.scouting.org/international/events/european-jamboree-2020/>

Additional events with BSA presence or contingents (tentative):  
July 12-20, 2020, Carijam 2020, Caribbean Scout Jamboree  
Republic of Trinidad and Tobago  
<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/>

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

2023, 25th World Scout Jamboree, Saemanguem, South Korea  
<https://www.2019wsj.org/about/2023-world-jamboree/>

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 January.

### **REMINDER - Elections**

Elections for new Arrowmen are rapidly approaching and help will be needed. The elections will be from January through March, the goal is to have everyone do at least one election. The Chapter will conduct election training in the January Chapter meeting. If you are 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](mailto:easley.kevin@hotmail.com)

### **IMPORTANT - January Chapter Meeting**

Our next Chapter meeting is Thursday, January 9 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (6828 Old Reid Road) @ 7:30 pm. This is a VERY IMPORTANT MEETING – Election Team training will take place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this meeting. All Arrowmen involved in Troop elections need to attend. There will be free pizza and drinks for all Arrowmen in attendance.

### **NEW - Lodge Recognition Dinner and Awards**

Congratulations to Kadin Abbas and Mr. Chris Easley – the 2019 Apache Arrowmen of the Year recipients!! Additional congratulations to: Kadin Abbas, Kevin Easley, McNeil Jordan, Andrew Schoenwald, and Mr. Shawn Abbas, on earning the Apache Service Award!! Lastly, Peter Staffieri was awarded the Lodge's Fire Rat of the Year!

### **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 [McNeill Jordan](#) know so we can add them to the database. We hope to expand the Apache database even more in this new term of officers.

### **Link your Lodge Email to your Personal Email**

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

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

Please follow these instructions to keep up on Lodge Events.

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

Monday-Saturday, August 3-8, 2020

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

<https://noac2020.org/>

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

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

### **OA High Adventure Opportunities**

Summer, 2020

OA Canadian Odyssey (Northern Tier)

OA Ocean Adventure (Florida Sea Base)

OA Summit Experience (Summit Bechtel Reserve)

OA Trail Crew (Philmont Scout Ranch)

OA Wilderness Voyage (Northern Tier)

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

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

March 6-8, 2020 Atlanta, GA

Sept 25-27, 2020 Greensboro, NC

Nov 13-15, 2020 Little Rock, AR

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

## **Training**

### **NEW - SEALS - Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills at Belk Scout Camp**

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, March 6-7-8, 2020

Registration opens January 6, 2020

<http://seals.mcc-bsa.org/>

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

Saturday-Sunday, March 7-8, 2020

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

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 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.

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

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

Registration will open January 1, 2020.

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

### **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

For those seeking to participate in Mecklenburg County Council's 2020 Wood Badge course:

Please submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the Course Director to consider you for invitation to this Premier Leadership Development Course. Please register online at

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

OR by submitting the LOI form to the Council office. Here is the link to the LOI form:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnxzNTQxNXdvb2RiYWRnZXxneDo3ZDY0NTgzZTgxMDFmNg>

### **Charter Organization Survey Input**

As part of my Wood Badge Ticket, I am working on survey for Units to give to their Charter Organization. The intent is to understand how the CO and Unit work together and identify ways to increase membership and retention. Take a look at version 1 of the survey here

<https://bit.ly/2mtludH> – provide comments in it or send them to Andy Waligowski – [awaligowski@icloud.com](mailto:awaligowski@icloud.com)

### **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](mailto:rseate@carolina.rr.com)) or

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

### **Wilderness First Aid**

Wilderness First Aid courses at Camp Grimes are planned for the last weekend of March and for the last weekend in September on an on-going basis.

### **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

@ [loanamw@carolina.rr.com](mailto:loanamw@carolina.rr.com)

### **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:

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

#### **Like the Apache Facebook page**

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

#### **Apache Twitter Account**

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

#### **Mecklenburg County Council**

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

#### **Mecklenburg County Council Backpack monthly e-newsletter**

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.

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

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

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**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/2019/>

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