

TOP CLOUDS: 4.1.20 edition

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

Canceled --- Apache Roundtable for Thursday, April 9, 2020

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

Normal schedule: 2nd Thursday of every month except none in July
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

Canceled --- Eagle Project Reviews, Thursday, April 9, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

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

New -- Eagle Project Reviews during COVID-19

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

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

Once these have been provided, the reviewer will review and provide any feedback (or possibly request a video conference). The Reviewer will email the Scout with their current assessment. I.e. Approved, Approved with Recommendations, Not Approved. The reviewer will indicate items that are open to obtain final approval. If the reviewer is unable to scan their signature as approval, their email will serve as approval and a copy of the email should be included in the Scout's final Eagle project binder as evidence of district review.

New -- Age-Extension Beyond the 18th Birthday for Eagle Requirements during COVID-19

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

With new national guidelines to adapt to COVID-19, age extensions beyond the 18th birthday for Eagle Scout requirements (and Summit Award requirements) are available for current Life Scouts. These extensions include, but are not limited to, hardships in completing Eagle Projects. Many organizations that are currently the beneficiaries, or may be the beneficiaries of planned projects, may have enacted rules that prevent Scouts from completing their projects before their 18th birthdays. In addition, the Scout may not be able to organize sufficient

assistance (or may not be able to enlist the assistance of others due to the social distancing requirements) to allow them to meet the supervisory goals of the Eagle project during this period.

National Advancement Committee has delegated the local council advancement committee and Scout executive permission to approve age-extensions for the Eagle Scout candidate. This applies to Life Scouts who cannot complete Eagle (and Venturing Summit) requirements prior to the 18th birthday because of the corona virus shutdown. Scouts have three months after their 18th birthday to complete any requirements. Extension requests for more than 3 months beyond the youth's 18th (21st for Sea Scouts and Venturers) birthday must be sent to the National Service Center following the process outlined in the Guide to Advancement. Life Scouts may apply for age-extension approval between now and September 30, 2020, for local approval. After that date, National must grant such approvals. Please email all requests for such local approval to Joel Moser, Council Advancement Chair at joelmoser@earthlink.net by using Form 512-077, available at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-077.pdf>.

Scouting for Food

Thanks to all Scouts, leaders, parents, neighbors, and donors, for your successful Scouting for Food drive. In this time of crisis, the need is great.

With school out, volunteers are welcome. Go to Loaves and Fishes website for available opportunities. Danielle Moore is the contact.

If you wish to donate money on-line directly or through a Virtual Food Drive, please check out options under the green "Donate" tab at <https://loavesandfishes.org/>

Canceled or rescheduled as of Tuesday, 3.31.20

Welding Merit Badge
Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge
Rifle Shooting Merit Badge
Landscape Architecture Merit Badge

Apache District Cuboree scheduled for April 3-4-5, 2020, at Belk Scout Camp has been canceled.

Certified Angling Instructor (CAI) Course scheduled for April 17-18-19, 2020, at Belk Scout Camp has been canceled. A CAI Course Directors Conference is planned at Camp Barstow on September 25-26-27, 2020. An Area 5 CAI course is again in the works for the spring of 2021 at Belk Scout Camp or at Camp Grimes.

Merit Badge Information

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

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

Current merit badge requirements:

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

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

Scheduled Merit Badge Courses

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

Rescheduled with New Date - Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge

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

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

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

Mining in Society Merit Badge

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

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site

9621 Reed Mine Rd, Midland, NC 28107

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

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

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

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

NEW – Aviation Merit Badge

Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Charlotte–Monroe Executive Airport

3900 Paul J Helms Dr, Monroe, NC 28110

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

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

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BuhNUzZLciOU3cL41utvPDGCORyVUsUT/view?usp=sharing>

NEW – Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Please Save This Date

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

Charlotte Philatelic Society's Annual Stamp Show

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

CPCC Central Campus, Worrell Building, formerly Taylor Hall

1228 Elizabeth Ave, Charlotte, NC 28204

NEW – Aquatics Merit Badge Days at Belk Scout Camp Please Save These Dates

Monday, August 3, 2020

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

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

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Lifesaving Merit Badge - 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(includes 30-min BYO lunch break) (\$45)

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

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

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

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Lifesaving Merit Badge - 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
(includes 30-min BYO lunch break) (\$45)

Belk Scout Camp Pool

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

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

Winter Camp 2020

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

Belk Scout Camp

Snow Sports Merit Badge

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

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

91 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

Schedule Your Own Merit Badge Courses

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

at McDowell Nature Center and Preserve

15222 South York Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278

980 314 1128

and

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

at Latta Nature Center and Preserve

6211 Sample Rd.

Huntersville, NC 28078

980 314 1129

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bird Study Merit Badge

Carolina Raptor Center
6000 Sample Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078
704 875 6521

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

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

Climbing Merit Badge

Inner Peaks
10715 Independence Pointe Pkwy., Matthews, NC 28105
<https://www.innerpeaks.com/climbing-for-kids/>
704 844 6677

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

Indian Lore Merit Badge

Town Creek Indian Mound
509 Town Creek Mound Rd.
Mt. Gilead, NC 27306
<https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/town-creek-indian-mound>

Overnight camping may be available by special permit.

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

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

Mining in Society Merit Badge

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site
9621 Reed Mine Rd, Midland, NC 28107
Website: <https://historicsites.nc.gov/all-sites/reed-gold-mine>

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

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

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

Scouting Heritage Merit Badge

Hammerstone Scout Museum
2166 Leaflet Church Rd, Lillington, NC 27546

919 618 2965

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

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

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

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

Troops must provide their own merit badge counselors.

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

Scuba Merit Badge

Lake Norman Scuba LLC

482 River Hwy, Mooresville, NC 28117

Phone: 704 660 3483

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

Pre-course requirements:

Completion of Swimming Merit Badge and completion of CPR training

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

Schedule Your Own

Scouts BSA STEM Nova Award Course

Scouts BSA STEM Up and Away Nova Award for Engineering

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

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

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

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

For Scouts BSA STEM Nova Award Requirements, please click on

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfTMhH0_cEBgt7PO3s9bcYCdHqX-zV9m/view?usp=sharing

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

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PfTMhH0_cEBgt7PO3s9bcYCdHqX-zV9m/view?usp=sharing

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

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

STEM News

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

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

Opportunities for Service Hours and Eagle Projects

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

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

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

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

Latta Nature Preserve
McDowell Nature Center
Carolina Raptor Center
Mecklenburg Park and Recreation
Rural Hill Farm
Loaves and Fishes
Wing Haven

Conservation Project Opportunity

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

Large-scale Eagle Project Tips

Do you have Scouts in your Unit who have dreams of making a huge impact in their community through their Eagle Scout Project? Does the thought of a multi-location project seem to inhibit them from pursuing this dream? For those looking for helpful hints on how to succeed in areas of planning, fundraising, and volunteer recruiting check out the article below from Bryan on Scouting! In the article, Eagle Scout Peter Livengood - recipient of the 2019 Glenn A. & Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award for the Northeast Region, shares how his city-wide project became a success.

https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/08/07/2019-northeast-region-eagle-project-of-the-year-a-smarter-way-to-filter-stormwater/?utm_source=scoutingwire&utm_campaign=swvolunteer8212019&utm_medium=email&utm_content=B

Advancement News

New - Questions and Answers; Cub Scouting/Scouts BSA/Venturing/Sea Scouting Rank Advancement and the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

New - How to conduct a board of review through videoconferencing

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

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

New - 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.

New - Volunteers Needed – Eagle Projects and Eagle Boards of Review

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

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

For further Advancement information, please contact your Apache District Advancement Chair or visit <https://www.mccscouting.org/advancement> or <https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>

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=GWqgzlkJWv8>

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

Outing in Scouting

Long distance trails in NC

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

Subscribe for free printable USGS Topo maps

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

Scouting at Home

Merit badges for social distancing: 58 badges Scouts can complete at home
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-social-distancing/>

Movies that Scouts might watch to fulfill merit badge requirements

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

American Heritage

American Labor

Citizenship in the Community

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

American Heritage, requirement 5a

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_RegandRes/American_Heritage.pdf

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

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

American Labor, requirement 5c

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_RegandRes/American_Labor.pdf

5. Do ONE of the following:

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

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

Citizenship in the Community, requirement 5

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit_Badge_RegandRes/Citizenship_in_the_Community.pdf

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Remote Scouting

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

Apache District News and Events

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

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

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

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

Attention: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear Dens

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

Apache Fall Cuboree at Belk Scout Camp

Attention: Webelos and AOL Dens and Scouts BSA Troops

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 23-24-25, 2020 **Please Save These Dates**

Apache Webeloree + Camporee at Camp Grimes

Fall Recruiting is the Beginning, not the End

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

Share Your Recruiting Success

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

Membership Committee – WE WANT YOU!

Apache District NEEDS you. As the newly appointed Apache District Membership Chair, my goal is to ensure we cover all available programs – Boys, Girls, Adults, Cubs, Venture, Scouts BSA, Special Initiatives and retention/ cross over.

For more information contact Andy Waligowski – awaligowski@icloud.com

Council News and Events

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

WAC dates will be:

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

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

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

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

Questions? Please email: Monica Zeleznik at wacdirector@gmail.com

Programming Change for WAC 2020

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

WAC Email Contact List

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

WAC Staff Registration is now live!

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

WAC Council Web Page

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

WAC Facebook Page

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

Adult Volunteer Registration and Renewals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

April 17, 2020: Campership Applications Due

May 1, 2020: Balance of Camp Fees Due

May 6, 2020: OA Beaver Days Registration Deadline

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

Week 1 June 14 - June 20

Week 2 June 21 - June 27

Week 3 June 28 - July 4

Week 4 July 5 - July 11

Week 5 July 12 - July 18

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

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

April 15, 2020: Goal for completing full staffing

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

May 6, 2020: OA Beaver Days Registration Deadline

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

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

June 13, 2020: Camp inspection by Council representatives

NEW – 2021 National Scout Jamboree (NSJ)



Council Recruitment is now OPEN for Scouts and unit leaders and for Jamboree Service Team (JST) youth and adult staff !!!

July 19-30, 2021

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

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

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

Chair of the 2021 MCC Jamboree Committee is Courtney Miller (cmiller@cplanning.com).



Jamboree Service Team (JST)

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

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

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

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

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

JST fees are paid directly to Scouts BSA.

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

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

Organization Security Manager is a module within my.scouting.org. Only Key-3 leaders have access to this module. With this module, Key-3 leaders can assign roles to other unit leaders to give them access to training reports, online registration, advancement, and other functions. Within Organization Security Manager, the default expiration date of the assigned role is the unit's charter expiration date. This means that as a unit's charter is renewed, all unit

roles must be renewed in Organization Security Manager and those roles must be re-assigned or extended. If the roles expire, volunteers will no longer have access to the tools in my.scouting.org that help them with their position. For example, if the advancement chair role expires, the person who reports a unit's advancements in Internet Advancement 2.0 will no longer have access to advancement reports. (Please note: these roles do not apply to Scout Book – only my.scouting.org.)

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

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

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

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

For questions please contact Michelle Roberts at Michelle.Roberts@Scouting.org

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR)

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

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions are available here:

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

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

Health.Safety@scouting.org

Information on How to Review the AHMR is available here:

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

AHMR Safety Moment:

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

Bryan on Scouting

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

National Scouting

Sunday - Friday, June 28 - July 3, 2020

VenturingFest 2020, Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV

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

Wednesday-Friday, July 21-30, 2021

National Scout Jamboree, Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV

<https://jamboree.scouting.org>

BSA High Adventure Base reservations

Northern Tier

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

Philmont

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

Sea Base

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

Summit Bechtel Reserve

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

International Scouting

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

June 14 - 20, 2020, Philmont International Conference

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<https://jamborette.wordpress.com>

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

July 17, 2022, Michigan International Camporee

<http://www.micamporee.org>

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

http://www.2023wsjkorea.org/_html/2023wsj.html

European Scout Voluntary Program

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

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

Kandersteg International Scout Centre

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

First Quarter 2020 International Newsletter

https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqi17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/InternationalBSA_20Q1.final_.pdf

International BSA Blog

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

Council Tools and Resources

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

ORDER OF THE ARROW – APACHE CHAPTER

Greetings Brothers,

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

IMPORTANT - Troop Elections - POSTPONED

The Lodge Executive Board will be meeting on April 1, to discuss logistics involving Virtual Unit Elections. Once a decision and plan is agreed upon, the Chapter will contact all Unit leader's still requiring a unit election with arrangements. Apache's Vice Chapter Chief, Kevin Easley will be the primary contact for election based questions @ easley.kevin@hotmail.com

IMPORTANT - April Chapter Meeting - CANCELED

Our next Chapter meeting is Thursday, April 9th at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (6828 Old Reid Road) @ 7:30 pm is canceled due to Covid-19 meeting and gathering restrictions.

Contact Information

If there are any Arrowmen that should be included in these notifications that are not currently, please let Chapter Adviser [Mr. Roux](#) or Chapter Secretary know so we can add them to the database. We hope to expand the Apache database even more in this new term of officers.

Link your Lodge Email to your Personal Email

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

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

Please follow these instructions to keep up on Lodge Events.

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC)

Monday-Saturday, August 3-8, 2020

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

<https://noac2020.org/>

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

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

OA High Adventure Opportunities

Summer, 2020

OA Canadian Odyssey (Northern Tier)

OA Ocean Adventure (Florida Sea Base)

OA Summit Experience (Summit Bechtel Reserve)

OA Trail Crew (Philmont Scout Ranch)

OA Wilderness Voyage (Northern Tier)
<https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure>

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

Sept 25-27, 2020 Greensboro, NC
Nov 13-15, 2020 Little Rock, AR
<http://southern.oa-bsa.org/nls/>

Training

SEALS and **IOLS** courses at Belk Scout Camp are planned for the second weekend of March and for the second weekend in November on an ongoing basis.
<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/>

National Youth Leader Training (NYLT, AKA "Top Gun") at Belk Scout Camp
Sunday-Friday, June 28 (noon) - July 3, 2020
Registration opened January 1, 2020.
<http://topgun.mcc-bsa.org/home-1>

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont
June 21-27, 2020
June 28-July 4, 2020
July 5-11, 2020
July 12-18, 2020
July 19-25, 2020
July 26-August 1, 2020
For information and link to online registration and payment, please go to
<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/nayle/>

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Summit
Session 1 Staff Training: June 14 – 20, 2020
Session 1: June 21 – 27, 2020
Session 2 Staff Training: June 28 – July 4, 2020
Session 2: July 5 – July 11, 2020
For information and link to online registration and payment, please go to
<https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/seven-day-conferences/nayle/>

Philmont Training Center Conferences [for adult volunteer training]
BSA Family Adventure Camp
<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/2020-conferences/>

MCC Wood Badge S5-415-20 at Belk Scout Camp
Friday, July 31, 2020, 7:00 am through Sunday, August 2, 2020, 5:00 pm and
Saturday, August 22, 2020, 7:00 am through Sunday, August 23, 2020, 5:00 pm
This course is currently filled but is accepting registrations for the wait list.
Please register online at <https://www.mycampgrimes.org/woodbadge/program.phtml?register>
OR by submitting the Letter of Intent (LOI) form to the Council office. Here is the link to the LOI form: <https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnxzNTQxNXdvb2RiYWWRnZXxneDo3ZDY0NTgzZTgxMDFmNg>

BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation) [for adults] at Belk Scout Camp
Friday-Saturday-Sunday, September 18-19, 2020 Please Save These Dates
BALOO is an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program.

Scouter Success Training [for adults]
Saturday, September 26, 2020 Please Save This Date
CPCC Levine Campus

SEALS - Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills [for youth] at Belk Scout Camp
Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 13-14-15, 2020 Please Save These Dates
<https://sites.google.com/site/mccseals/home>

IOLS - Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills [for adults] at Belk Scout Camp
Saturday-Sunday, November 14-15, 2020 Please Save These Dates
<https://sites.google.com/site/outdoorleaderskillsmcc/home>

COPE & Climbing Training

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sasha Timkovich (timkovich@gmail.com) with questions.

Wilderness First Aid

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

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

for information on course dates and registration.

Online Training

Earning the Trained patch for your left sleeve requires being "Trained to Position", often including online modules available at <https://my.scouting.org>

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

loanamw@carolina.rr.com

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

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Mecklenburg County Council

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

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BSA National

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

<http://scoutingwire.org>

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

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