TOP CLOUDS: 2.1.20 edition
An online edition of this Apache District Newsletter can also be found
@ http://www.mccscouting.org/smoke-signals

Apache Roundtable Reminders: Thursday, February 13, 2020
https://www.mccscouting.org/apache-roundtables
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210
5:00 p.m. Eagle Project Reviews
6:15 p.m. Apache District Committee
7:00 p.m. Cracker Barrel
7:30 p.m. Roundtable convenes, OA Apache Chapter meets
8:15 p.m. Cub and Scouts BSA Breakout Sessions
9:00 p.m. Roundtable adjourns

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

Scouting for Food
Best wishes for the best ever Scouting for Food year.
As bags are distributed and collected, Be Prepared, be careful, and be thorough.
Be very familiar with the Leader Guide. Record your service hours for Journey to Excellence.
Please remember, do not place bags in or on mailboxes.
Please when you arrive at the collection site, help unload and sort so the job will move faster.
Thank you to all Scouts and leaders for participating in this Good Turn!

***NEW* - Area 5 Certified Angling Instructor Course Online Registration is Open!**
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
Spaces are limited. Deadline to register is March 31, 2020.

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

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/

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, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**
Collections Merit Badge
Sardis Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
6100 Sardis Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270
https://www.bsator.com/event/2020-charlotte-trade-o-ree-state-north-carolina/
For information and links to
Collections Merit Badge Guide
and to on-line registration and payment, please see:
https://www.mccscouting.org/around-the-campfire

NEW **- Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
Conservation Service Hours Day at Belk Scout Camp
Scouts must meet the following requirements for community service for Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life rank advancement.
Life rank advancement requires 6 hours of community service, at least 3 of which must be conservation-related.
Scouts must perform conservation-related service for merit badge completions for
Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge requirement 5
Forestry Merit Badge requirement 5
Forestry Merit Badge requirement 6

Mammal Study Merit Badge requirement 5
Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge requirement 7

With approval of their Scoutmasters before arrival, Scouts may complete up to 6 hours of community service, all related to conservation, at Belk Scout Camp on Saturday, March 28. Scouts may depart at any time during the day but must check out with an adult leader of the event to have service hours recorded on a blue card.
Projects may include cleanup of fishing areas, moving rocks to facilitate water flow in a drainage ditch, using loppers for removing brush and creating brush piles for mammal habit.
Scouts must wear closed toe shoes (boots recommended). Scouts should Be Prepared with layers, hat, sunscreen, water bottle, lunch and snacks, day pack, work gloves, class B uniform for outside work in the woods.
Cost for participation is $3 for Scouts. Adults are encouraged to participate at no charge to provide supervision for safety and to advance their own experience with conservation-related service projects.
Online registration with payment is open at
https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/conservation-service-hours-day-at-belk-scout-camp/2628008

NEW **- Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.**
Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge Workshop
at Charlotte AutoFair at Charlotte Motor Speedway
For information and links to
Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge Flier
Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge Guide
please see: https://www.mccscouting.org/around-the-campfire

Registration: Registration in advance is required to participate. Scout leaders must contact Cheryl Cole at (704 577 7398, email lakeholme@att.net) before the **deadline of Wednesday, March 18, 2020**, to allow mailing of Charlotte AutoFair tickets and parking passes for Scouts and adults who will attend.

NEW **- Saturday, April 4, 2020**
Rifle Shooting Merit Badge (.22 caliber rifles)
Point Blank Range, 10726 Monroe Rd., Matthews, NC 28105
Information and links to on-line registration and payment:
http://www.pointblankrange.com/boy-scouts-of-america/

Saturday, April 4, 2020, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Lees-McRae Merit Badge College
191 Main St., Banner Elk, NC 28604
For information and link to on-line reregistration and payment:
https://www.danielboonecouncil.org/LMMBC20
Online registration is open.

NEW **- Saturday, April 18, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**
Landscape Architecture Merit Badge
Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Duke Mansion, Queens College
For information and link to online registration and payment, please see
https://www.mccscouting.org/around-the-campfire

NEW **- Monday-Thursday, August 3-8, 2020 - Please Save These Dates**
Aquatics Merit Badge Days at Belk Scout Camp
Swimming, Lifesaving, Canoeing, Kayaking Merit Badges

NEW **- Friday-Saturday-Sunday, December 18-19-20, 2020 - Please Save These Dates**
Winter Camp 2020 at Belk Scout Camp

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.

NEW **– Backpacking, Camping, Fishing, Hiking, Kayaking, Orienteering, Wilderness Survival Merit Badge Courses at**
McDowell Nature Center and Preserve
15222 South York Rd, Charlotte, NC 28278
980 314 1128
and at
Latta Nature Center and Preserve
6211 Sample Rd.
Huntersville, NC 28078
980 314 1129
Patrols or troops may schedule merit badge instruction and review with minimum group size of 8, up to a maximum of 15, with BSA-registered Merit Badge Counselors.
Because of Backpacking MB trip requirements, Camping MB camping night and adventure requirements, Hiking MB hike requirements, partial completions are available for these 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.
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.

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
https://86e79986-1cec-421c-807e-8446c73855a8.filesusr.com/ugd/176532_58d3bac533ff471cb557f6f6bb2d520c.docx?dn=2019%20Nova%20Awards%20Requirements.docx
For Scouts BSA STEM Nova Award Video Suggestions, please go to
https://86e79986-1cec-421c-807e-8446c73855a8.filesusr.com/ugd/176532_56a66468089a41e3a654f0298bc9ca67.docx?dn=2019%20Nova%20Awards%20Video%20Suggestions.docx
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/

Advancement News

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

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/

NEW **- Outing in Scouting—Long distance trails in NC**
https://www.charlotteobserver.com/news/state/north-carolina/article239278463.html?intcid=connatix

Subscribe for free printable USGS Topo maps
https://www.natgeomaps.com/trail-maps/pdf-quads

Apache District News and Events

Attention: Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and AOL Dens
Monday through Friday, June 22-26, 2020 - Please Save These Dates
Apache Day Camp at Belk Scout Camp – Theme is "Space".
https://www.mccscouting.org/apache-day-camp

Attention: 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

NEW **- 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

There will be a **Unit Leaders Meeting** on **Wednesday, February 12** at 6:30 p.m. at the Mecklenburg County Council Office, 1410 East 7th Street Charlotte, NC 28204.
Bear Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee Chairs, and WAC Coordinators are invited. Please make sure your Pack and your Dens are represented.
Please RSVP with your unit number and number of attendees so that I may plan a light dinner accordingly on this link: https://forms.gle/TVPS1o7gajhqf7jU8
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: Eagle Scouts and Sponsors
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

Attention: Scouters
Council Recognition Banquet
Thursday, March 5, 2020, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Myers Park United Methodist Church
https://www.mccscouting.org/annual-recognition-banq

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

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

April 15, 2020: Goal for completing full staffing.
May 1-2-3, 2020: Summer camp staff training at Camp Grimes
May 6, 2020: OA Beaver Days Registration Deadline

May 15-16-17, 2020: OA Beaver Days
May 29-30-31, 2020: Summer camp staff training at Camp Grimes
June 13, 2020: Camp inspection by Council representatives

NEW **- Attention Key-3 Unit Leaders: Organization Security Manager - Expiration Dates**
Organization Security Manager is a module within my.scouting.org. Only Key-3 leaders have access to this module. With this module, Key-3 leaders can assign roles to other unit leaders to give them access to training reports, online registration, advancement, and other functions. Within Organization Security Manager, the default expiration date of the assigned role is the unit's charter expiration date. This means that as a unit's charter is renewed, all unit roles must be renewed in Organization Security Manager and those roles must be re-assigned or extended. If the roles expire, volunteers will no longer have access to the tools in my.scouting.org that help them with their position. For example, if the advancement chair role expires, the person who reports a unit's advancements in Internet Advancement 2.0 will no longer have access to advancement reports. (Please note: these roles do not apply to Scout Book – only my.scouting.org.)

To avoid disruption of access, a Key 3 person should follow these steps:
Log in to **my.scouting.org**. Click the **Menu** button in the upper left. Click the **Unit** you need to assign roles for from the drop-down menu. Click **Organization Security Manager**. Beside each role there will be a name listed (if the role has been assigned). Click the **person's name** to edit that role. Click the **person's name again** to edit their **Effective and Expiration dates**. You can choose any expiration date you would like, however; you should make sure it is a date that you will remember. Recharter time is a good option for most units. Click **Save**. Do this for each person assigned to a role.

For more information about how Organization Security Manager works click here:
https://my.scouting.org/_wcf/Utility/Image/Get/8a38e901-0507-4ec3-813f-ca48dac2fbd0/ToolHelp/1576876253843

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

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR)
BSA has revised the AHMR set for health forms with Parts A, B, and C. The new forms are available here:
https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/
BSA does not permit a website to host any version, even a blank version, of the AHMR; rather, websites must show the link to the current form.
Frequently Asked Questions are available here:
https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/medical-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
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
2019-2020 Okpik Winter Adventures
2020 Wilderness Canoe Trips
2020-2021 Reservations open February 1, 2020.
https://www.ntier.org/reservations/2019registration/

Philmont
https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/registersection/
2020 and 2021 available treks
https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/registersection/availableslots/

Sea Base
2021 Adventures
https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x123387abcd

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 February.

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

IMPORTANT - February Chapter Meeting
Our next Chapter meeting is Thursday, February 13 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (6828 Old Reid Road) @ 7:30 pm. There will be free pizza and drinks for all Arrowmen in attendance.

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

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
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

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/

NEW **- SEALS - Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills [for youth] at Belk Scout Camp**
Friday-Saturday-Sunday, March 6-7-8, 2020
Registration opened January 6, 2020.
http://seals.mcc-bsa.org/
Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 13-14-15, 2020 - Please Save These Dates

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
Saturday-Sunday, November 14-15, 2020 - Please Save These Dates

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

NEW **- 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/

NEW **- 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/

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=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

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.

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

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