

TOP CLOUDS: 10.1.20 edition

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

Apache Roundtable for Thursday, October 8, 2020

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

Canceled - Eagle Project Proposal Reviews, Thursday, October 8, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

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

Canceled - Apache Annual Banquet

Thursday, December 10, 2020

NEW and IMPORTANT - Apache District Annual Awards

Although our December Apache Banquet will not occur this year, Apache District will still recognize the outstanding contributions to Apache Scouting by its units and district volunteers.

We are seeking nominations for the following :

District Award of Merit
Cub Scouter of the Year
Scouter of the Year
Venture Leader of the Year

FOR INFORMATION AND NOMINATION FORM SEE <https://www.mccscouting.org/apache>
Go to the UPCOMING EVENTS SECTION at the bottom of the Apache District home page.

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

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeexCJZAep_RwUnjg5bc97sw68jU6Nb3G8ET_pjQFVubICxJg/viewform?usp=sf_link

All nomination are due by November 9, 2020 by email to delwhittaker@msn.com

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

Important - Scouting for Food 2021

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

October is our kickoff month for 2021 Scouting for Food (SFF).

We have presumptively assigned units with the same territories and with the same bag order allotments as last year, with these assignments having been consistent over the last several years. Since we are not meeting for Roundtables, all units should contact Phil Adams to

confirm territory, bag order, and unit coordinator **contact name, phone number, and email address**.

All the mechanics for SFF are not yet complete, including bag distribution, but I will keep you informed.

This is our Good Turn for America and a tremendous help to Loaves and Fishes for hungry people in Mecklenburg County. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM!

Apache units have done great in past years, and hopefully this will be another successful campaign.

Phil Adams

704-575-5209

hrdadams@yahoo.com

Apache SFF Coordinator

Cub Scout leaders

These resources may be helpful to planning Cub programs:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Merit Badge Information

More information on local courses, including course Guides, flyers, registration methods, costs, pre-course homework, and appropriate clothing, is available at

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

Information on regional and national courses is posted at

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

<http://www.meritbadge.info/mbn/default.aspx>

Current merit badge requirements:

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

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

Scheduled Merit Badge Courses

NEW - Conservation Saturdays at Belk Scout Camp

10/17, 24, 31/2020--Conservation Service Projects

10/24/2020--Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge

10/31/2020--Forestry Merit Badge

11/21/2020--Conservation Service Projects

For details of service projects, merit badge requirements and pre-course homework, COVID-19 precautions and forms,

please click [HERE](#) to download Conservation Saturdays Guide 2020

To register for Conservation Service Projects on Saturday, 10/17/2020, please click on <https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/conservation-saturday-10172020/2734671>

To register for Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge or for Conservation Service Projects on Saturday, 10/24/2020, please click on <https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/conservation-saturday-10242020/2738264>

To register for Forestry Merit Badge or for Conservation Service Projects on Saturday, 10/31/2020, please click on <https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/conservation-saturday-10312020/2738265>

To register for Conservation Service Projects on Saturday, 11/21/2020, please click on <https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/conservation-saturday-11212020/2738266>

NEW – Stamp Collecting Merit Badge

Saturday, October 31, 2020, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Scouts can earn Stamp Collecting Merit Badge by completing pre-course homework and all other requirements at the event.

Location: St. Sarkis Armenian Church

7000 Park Road

Charlotte, NC 28210

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/AdqrbSfC27mNX25m6>

Registration fee: \$10.00 plus \$1.00 transaction fee

Please click [HERE](#) to download and read Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Guide before registering.

To register and pay, please click on

<https://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/stamp-collecting-merit-badge/2649645>

NEW – Winter Camp 2020 at Belk Scout Camp

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

Please Save These Dates

Snow Sports Merit Badge

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

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center

91 North Lakeshore Drive, Lake Junaluska, NC 28745

https://www.lakejunaluska.com/specials_packages/group_packages/boy_scout_retreats/

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.

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 of CPR training

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

Schedule Your Own

Scouts BSA STEM Nova Award Course

Scouts BSA STEM Up and Away Nova Award for Engineering

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

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

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

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

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

For information on registration, programs for individuals or groups, scheduling, and costs, please click on <https://www.iflyworld.com/programs/boy-scouts/>

For Scouts BSA STEM Nova Award Requirements, please click on

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

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/>

NEW – Scouting EPA Award

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

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR3Jc9hmJSczsyBsFSq5XJGgIsKWIGd1BAEN19IUSyL_bpBxe7QiUE9sCA4&feature=youtu.be&v=s_6V4fRrGmo&app=desktop

Scouts must complete requirements before December 31, 2021.

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

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

one from Outdoor Activity Group (Backpacking, Camping, Canoeing, Climbing, Gardening),

one from Earth Sciences Group (Energy, Forestry, Geology, Oceanography, Plant Science, Weather).

The fourth merit badge is Public Health.

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

Opportunities for Service Hours and Eagle Projects

“Guidelines for Scout Community Service and Conservation Projects with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department”

Mecklenburg Park and Recreation Department has developed new “Guidelines for Scout Community Service and Conservation Projects with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department” in collaboration with Mecklenburg County Council Advancement Committee.

Park and Rec welcomes Scouts and units to initiate and execute community service and conservation projects at Park and Recreation facilities, including parks, recreation centers, greenways, nature preserves, historical sites. Lists of these facilities and sites are posted at

<https://www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec/Pages/Home.aspx>

The Guidelines document is posted at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1upktRobptxVtIUwnVHgSnYL_EszT5QzR/view?usp=sharing

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

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

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

Conservation Project Opportunity

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

Large-scale Eagle Project Tips

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

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/08/07/2019-northeast-region-eagle-project-of-the-year-a-smarter-way-to-filter-stormwater/>

ADVANCEMENT NEWS:

Eagle Project Proposal Reviews during COVID-19, Update as of 5/27/2020

Having moved into Phase two of the Governor's Plan to reopen North Carolina, the Mecklenburg County Council's Advancement Committee has approved limited in-person reviews of Eagle Projects. In-person Project Proposal reviews will not be at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church for the immediate future. The Scout is to follow the normal protocol of requesting a review via email to Apache.advancement@gmail.com. With their email review requests, Scouts may attach their Eagle Project Proposal Workbooks and other documents, such as worksite maps, project construction plans, additional pages with details of any logistics or safety plans as needed. These requests will be distributed periodically to Eagle Project Reviewers. Once a reviewer has been assigned, the reviewer will contact the Scout (with a copy to another adult to maintain 2-deep leadership) to plan an **in-person or a virtual review**. In-person reviews will follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, wearing masks, hand sanitizing at a mutually agreed location with 2-deep adult leadership with a Scout parent or leader accompanying the Scout. For those Scouts and Reviewers who have safety concerns with in-person reviews, the Apache District will continue to allow virtual reviews until further notice. The Scout should indicate their preference in their request for a project review. The reviewer will contact the Scout and will establish plans to complete the review.

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

With the Council office and Scout Shop now open with its normal operating hours, a Scout or troop leader may drop off a newly completed Eagle application packet during Scout Shop hours. If the Scout or leader is uncomfortable with entering the Scout Shop, he or she should call the Scout Shop number 704 342 9323 when they arrive at the Council office and let Scout Shop

Manager Jennifer Adkins know that they have an Eagle packet to leave. She will come out to their car to retrieve the packet. Laura Bachelder of the Council staff will review the application material for completeness and notify the District Eagle Scout Board of Review Coordinator that the application is ready to be picked up.

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

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

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

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

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

After an Eagle Board, a District Eagle Board Reviewer can return the signed Eagle application and all letters of recommendation to the Council office by following the same schedule and process.

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 21st birthday for Summit Award requirements for Venturers) 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 to 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>

Updates for Rank Advancement/Camping Requirements in COVID-19 FAQ

BSA National has added temporary changes to rank requirements.

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

Blue Card and Advancement Report Processing

Advancement reports (with supporting blue cards and/or summer camp advancement reports) can be mailed in or dropped off at any time in the mail slot at the back door of the office (the mail slot is 1.5 inches tall) Although many troops use Scoutbook for advancement reports, some may use the BSA Advancement form as posted at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34403.pdf> . Blue cards are very strongly recommended to all Scouts and to all troops because blue card records can be invaluable to confirm merit badges for Star, Life, and especially for Eagle Boards of Review.

After the Scout Shop receives the reports and cards, processing may take up to 7 to 10 business days. Troop leaders should please include contact information so that the Scout Shop can call when reports and blue cards are ready for pickup. Pickup can occur during curbside Scout Shop hours, currently Tuesdays and Fridays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. If leaders would like to purchase badges, they can note it with the packet delivery or can email a copy of the advancement report to Scout Shop Manager Jennifer Adkins at jennifer.adkins@scouting.org so that badges can be pulled for curbside pickup. Costs for badges can be deducted from unit Scout Shop accounts with express permission from an authorized user or can be paid for by credit card.

Signatures for advancements

All advancement reports require at least one signature. If any ranks 1st Class and above are listed on the report, 3 signatures are still required. Unit leaders can send e-signatures by email to Council Program Assistant Laura Bachelder at laura.bachelder@scouting.org

How to conduct a board of review through videoconferencing

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

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

Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities

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

Updated Merit Badges

Scouts BSA has updated requirements for several merit badges for 2020. The full list of 137 merit badges and their current requirements are available at

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

As always, Scouts that have already started working on a merit badge when revised requirements and a new edition of the pamphlet are introduced, *they may continue to follow the old requirements and use the same pamphlet to earn the badge*. They need not start over again with revised requirements and the new pamphlet.

Volunteers Needed – Eagle Projects and Eagle Boards of Review

Last year 120 Scouts in the Apache District earned their Eagle Rank. In addition, a similar number of Scouts presented had their Eagle Project Proposals to members of the District Advancement Committee for their review of the projects prior to the Scout's commencement of their project. As Scouting grows in the Apache District, so does our need for Project Proposal reviewers and Eagle Board reviewers. Project Proposal reviews occur on Roundtable nights on the second Thursday of each month at St. Vincent de Paul Church beginning at 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 ToolBank provides inexpensive access to tools for group projects.

<https://charlotte.toolbank.org/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWqwlkJWv8>

New -- From the Pond

Keeping Fishing Simple

Who can remember being a kid and catching your first fish?

You do not need a boat, lots of fishing rods or fancy equipment to have fun fishing. All you really need is a line, a hook, bait, and a pond or stream. A stick or cane pole and bobber are good, but not absolutely necessary. The point is **Keep it Simple!**

For further information, check-out the resources on Mecklenburg County Council's Fishing website at www.mccscouting.org/fishing

If you have any questions about our MCC's fishing program, please contact the Mecklenburg County Council Fishing Committee at mccfishing415@gmail.com

Be sure to follow us on Facebook....<https://www.facebook.com/MCCFishing415/>

Revised Merit Badge Counselor Guides

[Fishing MB Counselor Guide](#)

[Fly Fishing MB Counselor Guide](#)

Merit Badge Counselor Registrations

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

Stay safe and FISH ON!!!

Outing in Scouting

Long distance trails in NC

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

Subscribe for free printable USGS Topo maps

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

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

Intro to Dutch oven cooking

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

Dessert recipes

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

Scouting at Home

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

Please check out BSA Brand Guidelines at

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

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

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

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

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

Merit badges for social distancing: 58 badges Scouts can complete at home

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-social-distancing/>

Movies that Scouts might watch to fulfill merit badge requirements

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

American Heritage

American Labor

Citizenship in the Community

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

American Heritage, requirement 5a

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

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

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

American Labor, requirement 5c

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit Badge ReqandRes/American Labor.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit%20Badge%20ReqandRes/American%20Labor.pdf)

5. Do ONE of the following:

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

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

Citizenship in the Community, requirement 5

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit Badge ReqandRes/Citizenship in the Community.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/Merit%20Badge%20ReqandRes/Citizenship%20in%20the%20Community.pdf)

5. With the approval of your counselor and a parent, watch a movie that shows how the actions of one individual or group of individuals can have a positive effect on a community. Discuss with your counselor what you learned from the movie about what it means to be a valuable and concerned member of the community.

<http://www.eaglecoach.org/merit-badges/citizenship-in-the-community-movie-list/>

<http://www.eaglecoach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Citizenship-in-the-Community-Acceptable-Movies.pdf>

<https://scoutermom.com/1244/movies-for-citizenship-in-the-community-merit-badge/>

[http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Citizenship in the Community#Movies With a Meaning](http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Citizenship_in_the_Community#Movies_With_a_Meaning)

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

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

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

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

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, and Bear Dens

Apache Fall Cuboree at Camp Grimes

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

Attention: Webelos and AOL Dens and Scouts BSA Troops

Apache Webeloree + Camporee at Camp Grimes

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

Canceled - Apache Annual Banquet

December 10, 2020, Thursday

Myers Park Presbyterian Church

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!

Six recruiting secrets from a Scouts BSA troop that doubled in size in the past year
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/27/six-recruiting-secrets/>

Welcome New Cub Scout Families!

https://i9peu1ikn3a16vg4e45rqj17-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/512-73520-Welcome-New-CS-Family_WEB_FPDF.pdf

Membership Committee – WE WANT YOU!

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

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

COUNCIL NEWS AND EVENTS:

Scout Shop News

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Aid Skill - What is a “ring string”?

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

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

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

Adult Volunteer Registration and Renewals

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

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

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

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

Trailblazer Day at Belk Scout Camp for new Cub Scouts

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Second Annual Area 5 All-Girl Camporee at Camp Grimes

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 20-21-22, 2020

Contact for information: Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org

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

2021 Cub Day Camps

June 7 - June 11, Monday – Friday

Etowah Day Camp at Belk Scout Camp

June 7 - June 11, Monday – Friday

Hornets Nest Day Camp at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Cornelius

June 21 - June 25, Monday – Friday

Apache Day Camp at Belk Scout Camp

Theme is “Weird Science”

NEW Attention: Bear and Webelos Dens

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

July 8 - July 11, Thursday – Sunday

Session 1

July 11 - July 14, Sunday – Wednesday

Session 2

July 15 - July 18, Thursday – Sunday

Session 3

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

2021 Camp Grimes Dates and Deadlines

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

September 15, 2020 Staff Employment Applications Accepted

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

New Mecklenburg County Council virtual FOS Celebration

As of 09/09/2020, our Council virtually celebrated its progress with the 2020 Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign, having raised 94% of its \$850,000 goal. Many thanks to all of the generous donors who have invested in Scouting!

For inspiring stories of accomplishment and drive by Scouts and their units during this pandemic, please view the celebration at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3mp9qwSX_U

Exploring Career Interest Survey

If you know a young adult that might benefit from **Exploring**, please have them complete this 5-minute survey: <http://bit.ly/exploringsurvey2020>

For assistance on the survey, please email Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org

Visible Commitment to the Welfare of the Community and Organizations

If your organization or business is interested in starting an Exploring Post or simply wants to learn more about the program and perhaps support as a consultant to one of our Posts, please contact Monica Zeleznik at Monica.Zeleznik@scouting.org.

Exploring builds familiarity and trust between communities and organizations by engaging youth and creating opportunities for regular and positive interactions, sharing a mutual interest and getting to know each other in a setting that offers a benefit for the community.

Post sponsors benefit by creating a culture of motivated, knowledgeable, and properly educated future employees while creating a positive impact on the education of youth and families.

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR)

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

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions are available here:

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

Other questions may be directed by email to the Health & Safety Team at Health.Safety@scouting.org

Information on How to Review the AHMR is available here:

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

AHMR Safety Moment:

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

Bryan on Scouting

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

National Scouting

Scouting magazine news

The print version of *Scouting* magazine ended with the May-June 2020 issue. A brand-new *Scouting* magazine app is available now in the App Store and Google Play. The digital edition for September/ October is available at <https://scoutingmagazine.org/>

BSA High Adventure Base reservations

Northern Tier

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

Philmont

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

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

Sea Base

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

Summit Bechtel Reserve

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

International Scouting

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

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

<https://jamborette.wordpress.com>

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

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

European Scout Voluntary Program

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

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

Kandersteg International Scout Centre

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

International BSA Blog

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

Tools and Resources

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

ORDER OF THE ARROW – APACHE CHAPTER

Link your Lodge Email to your Personal Email

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

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

Please follow these instructions to keep up on Lodge Events.

OA High Adventure Opportunities

Summer, 2021

OA Canadian Odyssey (Northern Tier)

OA Ocean Adventure (Florida Sea Base)

OA Summit Experience (Summit Bechtel Reserve)

OA Trail Crew (Philmont Scout Ranch)

OA Wilderness Voyage (Northern Tier)

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

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

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

Nov 13-15, 2020, Little Rock, AR

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

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

Nov 13-15, 2020, Little Rock, AR

TRAINING



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

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33066/33066_Training_Awards_WEB.pdf

“Trained” Patches for Youth Leaders

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

Den Chief training is available online at

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

ILST and ILSC are available online at

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

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

“Trained” Patches for Adult Leaders

Adults leaders can find requirements for earning their trained patches at

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/Trained_Leader_Positions.pdf

along with references to online training courses available at <https://my.scouting.org>.
Another resource is <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/>
Online District Committee training is available.

NEW - National Youth Leader Training (NYLT, AKA "Top Gun")

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

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

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont

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

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Summit

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

Philmont Training Center Conferences [for adult volunteer training]

BSA Family Adventure Camp

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

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

BALOO is an introduction to the Cub Scout outdoor program.

Course information will be posted at <https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/>

NEW - SEALS and **IOLS** courses at Belk Scout Camp are planned for the second weekend of March and for the second weekend in November on an ongoing basis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NEW - COPE & Climbing Training

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

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

Course: Climbing Level I Training (Natural Rock)

Location: Rocky Face Park

When: Saturday 10/10/20

Time: 8 am - 6 pm

Cost: \$10

Prerequisite: COPE & Climbing Level I Foundations

For More Information Contact: Sasha Timkovich (timkovich@gmail.com)

For general information on Cope and Climbing, please see

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

For questions, please reach out to Rob Seate (rseate@carolina.rr.com) or to

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.

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/>

Spread the Word About Scouting

Please don't keep us a secret

With all the new parents coming into our Scouting family, please don't keep Smoke Signals and the Apache District Webpage a secret. We welcome new subscribers and it is easy to subscribe. Also, please help us by sharing these links:

Apache District Webpage

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

Like the Apache Facebook page

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

Apache Twitter Account

Be sure to follow us on twitter @[ApacheDistrict](#)

Mecklenburg County Council

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

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

<https://www.instagram.com/mccscouting/>

Like the Mecklenburg County Council Merit Badge Facebook page

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

Like the Mecklenburg County Council STEM Facebook page

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

BSA National

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

<http://scoutingwire.org>

Bryan on Scouting is the official blog of Scouting magazine, a Boy Scouts of America publication. The blog post is sent as one email per weekday. To subscribe, please go to

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

To Submit News or an Announcement to Apache District Smoke Signals e-newsletter:

If you have any news or events or links that you would like to share Apache District leaders, please send that information to stutucker@aol.com for editing, publication, and distribution. Please include your contact information for follow up questions.

To Subscribe to Mecklenburg County Council Backpack e-newsletter:

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

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