



STAKEHOLDER'S REPORT

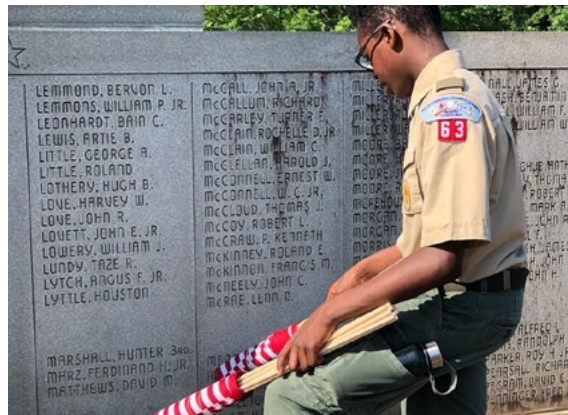
MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA // NEWS & UPDATES FALL 2019

SCOUTS HONOR VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY



Scouts and leaders across Mecklenburg County paid tribute to our fallen military veterans by placing U.S. flags at Evergreen Cemetery on Memorial Day. This is another example of Scouts embracing community service.

Scouting...building good citizens.



Council Snapshots



Lifelong Friends



Class of 2024 Eagle Scouts!



First Year at Camp



Tag Football @ Grimes



Scouting is Learning



A Scout is HELPFUL

EAGLE SCOUT JOSIAH SMITH HONORED WITH NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OF THE YEAR



Eagle Scout, Josiah Smith, was taught the value of service to others at an early age. His father, Corey, has served in the military and has always stressed the importance of service. Josiah's focus on service led him to Hope Haven in Charlotte. Hope Haven provides life skills for chemically dependent adults and families. Josiah's Christmas project of collecting toiletries and other items to make it easier for residents continued to grow each year.

For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Josiah naturally chose Hope Haven. He totally renovated two unused storage rooms to be able to house residents. In return, Hope Haven was able to get \$40,000 in annual residual grant money. Josiah earned his Eagle Scout Award in 2018. His project was recognized as the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Eagle Scout Project of the Year. Josiah has started the Middle College Program through CMS and CPCC and is pursuing his associate degree. Josiah is just one example of the quality of our Eagle Scouts.

CAMP PROJECTS

We have completed some wonderful projects over the last two years at both Camp Grimes and Belk Scout Camp.

Our Flagship project...

The McNaughton Heart of Camp Building!

Many thanks to Flint and Julie McNaughton for their extraordinary generosity.



McNaughton Heart of Camp Building



Camp Grimes was rocking in 2019! We saw a 22% increase in attendance, welcomed our first Scouts BSA units and introduced karaoke for some good laughs. 5,225 merit badges were earned with Swimming, First Aid and Emergency Prep being the 3 most popular. Join us in 2020 and Come Home to Camp Grimes!



PACE LEADERSHIP CENTER DEDICATION

We are so appreciative of the Pace Family and honoring the legacy of Stephen Pace as he led Troop 118 for more than 40 years as Scoutmaster.



Flag Plaza & Patriot's Point



Just Chillin'



Climbing wall

MEET, TROOP 63 SCOUT: ZION!

Met Zion, a Scout in Troop 63 sponsored by Friendship Baptist Church. His first year at camp was amazing. His mother Melissa, a single mom, who also volunteers as a den leader, says "Scouting has embraced her and her son". She went on to say, "the community of Scouting is committed to helping Zion become a man we will be proud of".

Zion's leaders say "We can't wait to see all the great things he will do for our world. You heard it here first!"



Scoutmaster Ramone Givens, passing on encouraging words to Zion

Prepared. For Life. Campaign Update

Thanks to the hard work of numerous volunteers and our chairman Carlos Evans, the Prepared for Life Capital Campaign has reached \$9.4 million toward the \$15 million goal. **65%**

The campaign goal is composed of three funding categories:

- \$5 million in capital projects**
- \$5 million in endowment**
- \$5 million in planned/estate gifts**

The outcome of this effort is to serve the diversity of our entire community in a sustainable model, while satisfying the program and facility needs associated with delivering a quality relevant Scouting program for generations to come. If you would like to hear more about this effort and make a gift to the campaign, please contact Mark Turner at 704.342.9330 or mark.turner@scouting.org.



12 NEW SCOUTS BSA UNITS SINCE FEBRUARY



Focus!!

For the first time in over 100 years, girls can journey on the path to obtain the prestigious Eagle Scout award. New Scouts BSA troops were officially launched on February 1, 2019. As soon as the Boy Scout organization announced plans to welcome girls into its iconic flagship program, local leaders embraced the idea and embarked on a vision to serve girls across the region. "Scouting is about having fun, it's about adventure and for the community, it's about bringing up young people with good character, strong citizenship and extraordinary leadership skills.", says Scout Executive Mark Turner.

Scouts BSA troops of girls will share the same chartered organization & committee as traditional Boy Scout troops. However, the troops are separate -- they are NOT co-ed Scouting units. To maintain the benefits of a single-gender Scouting model, each separate troop will have their own Scoutmaster, patrols, and youth leadership tracks. They will share some resources for the sake of convenience for families, but they are in fact separate troops.

To date twelve Scouts BSA units have been organized:

- 🔱 Troop 3 chartered to Myers Park United Methodist Church
- 🔱 Troop 7 chartered to Pineville United Methodist Church
- 🔱 Troop 58 chartered to Lions Club of Davidson
- 🔱 Troop 70 chartered to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church
- 🔱 Troop 111 chartered to Providence United Methodist Church
- 🔱 Troop 167 chartered to Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
- 🔱 Troop 233 chartered to Sardis Presbyterian Church
- 🔱 Troop 248 chartered to Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church
- 🔱 Troop 249 chartered to Steele Creek Athletic Association
- 🔱 Troop 321 chartered to Muslim Community Center
- 🔱 Troop 447 chartered to Home Schoolers in Scouting
- 🔱 Troop 777 chartered to Girl Soccer Club



My First Fish

24TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE



The 24th World Scout Jamboree was held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia this summer. The theme was Unlock a New World. There were 152 countries represented with over 45,000 Scouts and staff attending. This is the first World Scout Jamboree held on U.S. soil since 1967. Scouts from across Mecklenburg County enjoyed a trip of a lifetime!



Sunrise at Jamboree 2019



~NYLT~ NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

NYLT is an intense 6-day outpost adventure and outdoor leadership training experience for youth leaders. The purpose of NYLT is to prepare young people to become superior leaders in their troops, crews, district and other organizations they either belong to now or will belong to in the future. If you want to see the future leaders of our country in action visit NYLT!

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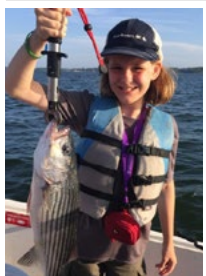
PROOF SCOUTING MAKES A DIFFERENCE LOCAL SCOUTS IN ACTION



Melissa Zeleznik joined Crew 167 as soon as she graduated the 8th grade. She currently serves as our council's Venturing Officers Association President. Her favorite subject is Physics and she hopes to pursue Industrial and Systems Engineering in college next year. She enjoys backpacking and camping, and her favorite trip was to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico with her mom this summer, where she served as crew leader. Melissa seeks out the challenges and opportunities that leadership brings and attributes Scouting in developing her character and communication skills.



Eagle Scout, Nicholas Wartham joined Pack 11 at Providence United Methodist Church and was top Trails-End Popcorn seller several years in a row. Nicholas was the first in his class of Scouts to earn the Eagle Scout Rank at 14 years of age. After completing his first year at Appalachian State, Nicholas signed on with the Southwest Conservation Corp based out of Durango, Colorado. He enjoyed a great summer of hard work and beauty at mostly high elevation. He has since returned to Boone, NC to continue his studies and continue being a leader on campus and in his community.



"I wanted to share my daughter Hailey's experience with you because I'm just so proud of her and so happy that she was given the chance to go to Scouts BSA camp! She was the only girl in her troop who signed up to get her complete angler award! She's never been on a boat or fly fishing! She's never cleaned and cooked a fish!! These are awesome life experiences. I can't get over how much Scouts BSA has changed her attitude and has made her so happy!! She loves it! She just had the time of her life at summer camp. Thanks again for lifelong memories. So glad we chose Scouts BSA!" ~New Scout Mom Christine

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