

Etowah Explorer

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THE ROUNDTABLE ROUNDUP

Welcome to the Etowah District Explorer, a monthly newsletter specifically for the Etowah District of Mecklenburg County. Here you will find Roundtable News, Council Events, Day Trip Ideas and much, much more.

Logging Service Hours

Don't forget to log your service hours for scouting for food. These hours go a long way to helping us earn gold as a district on our own Journey to Excellence. If you are a new or first-time user, you will need to register. REMEMBER you need to have your Unit ID and Unit number. The Unit ID is a unit specific number that is between 5 – 11 digits long. If you don't have this number, you can call the scout office at 704.333.5471 to get it. You will also need your four digit Unit number. This is your pack, troop or crew number written as four digits by adding zeros to the front (ex. Pack 162 = 0162 or Pack 46 = 0046). You can find more instructions here. <https://goo.gl/zZkHye> Provided you have all the information the process will only take 7 minutes.

You can begin by going here to the Service Hours Reporting Page <https://servicehours.scouting.org>

From the District Exec...

If you want to save yourself a trip downtown, bring your recharter packets to the March 8th Roundtable. Remember also that the **New Adult Leader Youth Protection Training** does not apply if you are current on your YPT Training. However, if you are not current you would need to take the New Youth Protection Training which covers all aspects of Training. It takes approximately 1 hour to complete. However due to high traffic volume it may take a little longer. This should not effect that many of our volunteers during this re-charter cycle. Also all Youth Protection Training must be completed on line at this time.

John Bittinger
Etowah District
Senior District Executive

Calendar of Events

February

- 01 N.Y.L.T Registration Begins
- 03 Discovery Place Merit Badge WS
- 03 Rifle Merit Badge Class (PointBlank)
- 03 Scout Day Charlotte 49ers
- 03 Scouting For Food Collection Day
- 04 Scout Sunday
- 04 Discovery Place Merit Badge WS
- 08 Etowah Roundtable
- 10 Discovery Place Merit Badge WS
- 10 CPCC Welding Merit Badge WS
- 17 NRA Rifle Instructor Course
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- 19 President's Day (National Holiday)
- 22 Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet
- 23 Deadline: Charlotte Hornets Scout Day
- 25 Winter Place
- 26 Silver Beaver Nominations Due

March

- 01 WAC Unit Leaders Meeting
- 03 Discovery Place Merit Badge WS
- 03 Scout Tank Day 2
- 04 Discovery Place Merit Badge WS
- 04 Deadline for OLS Registration
- 08 ROUNDTABLE
- 09 S.E.A.L.S Youth Training (Belk)
- 10 Outdoor Leadership Skills (Belk)
- 10 Discovery Place Merit Badge WS
- 10 Decisions due about Female Units
- 10 Scout Day w/ the Hornets
- 10 Scout Day w/ the Checkers
- 11 Day Light Savings Starts
- 14 Council FOS Leadership Dinner
- 16 Catawba Lodge Spring Fellowship
- 16 Deadline for Commissioner College
- 17 Commissioner College
- 17 Council Pinewood Derby Championship
- 21 Deadline: Automotive Merit Badge
- 24 Discovery Place Merit Badge WS
- 25 Early Bird Deadline for Council Banquet



SCOUTBOOK -*Lite*

The current Internet Advancement platform will be retired and replaced by a new online tool called Scoutbook Lite. This new application is being developed from the original application called Scoutbook. Unit leaders can quickly key in advancement and other key data through a sleek user interface optimized for desktop, tablet, and mobile devices. **Scoutbook Lite will be a separate FREE application** and is for the units who do not already use Scoutbook. There is nothing in Scoutbook Lite that is not also in Scoutbook and they both write to the same database and will be able to see the data entered from either application. You can think of Scoutbook Lite as the 'no frills – data entry' version and Scoutbook as the 'full featured' unit management application; both writing to the same database. Scoutbook Lite will only display Rank, Merit Badges, and Award Dates. It is unsure at this time, if third party applications such as Troop Track or Troop Master will be able to sync with Scoutbook Lite or if the .CSV data file import option will be available. The Scoutbook database will become the official record of advancement for the Boy Scouts of America. Units that already use Scoutbook and are in sync, will not need to use Scoutbook Lite. Scoutbook Lite will also support Venturing advancement.



There are a number of simple steps to get setup in the Adopt-A-Highway program. The first and most obvious step is to pick a 2-mile section of roadway that you are interested in cleaning up at least 4 times per year. The next step is to call your local Mecklenburg County NCDOT AAH Coordinator to see if the section of road or highway you are interested in is available as it may already have a sponsor. If available, you must fill out the Adopt-A-Highway Program Agreement and mail or fax it to your local NCDOT AAH Office for approval. Once approved, your section of roadway will be assigned to your Troop and will be good for a period of 4 years. After your initial 4-year term has expired, you will need to renew your agreement with NCDOT AAH.

Adopt-A-Highway Program Details:

- There is no fee associated with adopting a roadway.
- There is a four year agreement between the NCDOT and the Adopt-A-Highway volunteer(s).
- Adopted roadways have a minimum length of two miles.
- The agreement requires a roadside litter cleanup four times a year or more often if needed.
- Each participant in the Adopt-A-Highway group must view the safety video.
- Cleanups involve both sides of the road within the adopted two-mile section of roadway.
- A cleanup report is to be submitted after each cleanup.
- Filled bags of trash will be picked up by the NCDOT when requested through the cleanup report.
- Bags with items for recycling shall be taken to a local recycling center by the volunteer group.
- AAH groups can obtain safety vests, gloves, and bags at their NCDOT county maintenance office.
- AAH signs with a recognition panel will be installed, one at each end of the adopted roadway.

Want to learn more? <https://www.ncdot.gov/programs/AAH/>

Shooting Sports

NRA Rifle Instructor Training-Feb 17-18

You may bring your own .22 rifle, but you don't need one to participate. Lunch will be provided both days. Instructor qualification is part of the training (you will get to shoot). Basic Instructor Training (BIT) is included. This course is limited to registered BSA Adults (you will need a BSA Member ID to participate). This course is primarily for adults working with Mecklenburg County Council, but out-of-council adults are welcome, as space allows. The cost for this course is \$125.

This course will be taught by Dustin Howie, NRA Training Counselor for Mecklenburg County Council. You may contact Dustin at nrainstructordustin@gmail.com.

Register at <https://goo.gl/psT4M3>

Course will take place Feb 17, 7 am to 6 pm, and Feb 18, 7 am to 4 pm, at Mecklenburg Wildlife Club, 2301 Wildlife Rd, Charlotte, NC 28214

Cub Cast & Scout Cast

Want to get the latest ideas for your program with out spending time surfing the web? Download the latest BSA Podcasts. Subscribe using Apple iTunes or listen directly from the website. Transcripts are also available.

<https://podcast.scouting.org/>

Merit Badge Opportunities

Discovery Place offers several Cub Scout Adventure and Boy Scout merit badge opportunities every month. Check out next month's merit badges.

Saturday, March 3, 9:15 am to 12:15 pm Pulp and Paper

Saturday, March 3, 9:15 am to 12:15 pm Oceanography

Saturday, March 3, 12:45 am to 4:45 pm Programming

Sunday, March 4, 12:30 pm to 4:45 pm Chemistry

Sunday, March 4, 12:30 pm to 4:45 pm Sustainability

Saturday, March 10, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Environmental Science

Saturday, March 24, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Geocaching

Check out their website for more details.

SCIENCE <https://goo.gl/sLpG8C> NATURE <https://goo.gl/FxrLEL>

Scout Days



Charlotte Checkers

March 10 6pm

Scout Tickets \$15.00
Sleep on the ice for an extra \$10.00.

More info here:

<https://goo.gl/QnTZot>

Contact Jeremy Recoon for questions 704.441.1881 or JRecoon@gocheckers.com



Charlotte Hornets

March 10 5pm

Scout Tickets varies on seating
MUST ORDER BY FEB 23

To purchase or for questions David Johnson at 704.688.9044 or djohnson@hornets.com



How do I get trained for...?

What training do I need...?

Our unit would like someone to come out and provide specific training for...

Contact Kendal McAteer with any questions or requests at kpmcateer@hotmail.com



Etowah Day Camp

June 11th – June 15th 2018

9am – 4pm Daily

1st – 5th Graders

Location: Belk Scout Camp

**** New Price 150.00 ****

Contact Brad

Mclelland@hotmail.com



Webelos Adventure Camp

Session 1 July 8 – July 11

Session 2 July 12 – July 15

Session 3 July 15 – July 18

Session 4 July 19 – July 22

****Date Change****

Unit Leaders meeting March 1st

6:30pm

1410 E. 7th Street

Light refreshments served.

Contact Monica Zeleznik at

wacdirector@gmail.com for more information.



Silver Beaver Nominations

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America. Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. To prevent embarrassment, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination.

The deadline for submitting a nomination form to the council is **12 Noon on February 26, 2018**. The form can be dropped off at the scout office or emailed to gene.conder@scouting.org

Nomination Form: <https://goo.gl/JsN3mn>

Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders is an opportunity to take part in an enjoyable outdoor learning experience and discover what the outing in Webelos Scouting is all about!



This course is for all adults connected with the Cub Scout program: Webelos Leaders, Assistant Webelos Leaders, future Webelos Leaders, parents of a Cub or Webelos Scout, Cubmasters, Committee Members, Den Leaders. It is required for Webelos Leaders to earn the Webelos Den Leader Award.

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills is required for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters, and Venturing Crew Advisors and Associate Advisors whose Crews have Outdoor Programs to be considered Trained to Position, and to attend Wood Badge.

March 10 – 11, 2018

Registration is **OPEN**

More info: <https://goo.gl/YtbWCU>



Scouts Excited About
Leadership Skills
March 9 - 11, 2018

Registration is **OPEN**

More Info: <https://goo.gl/RMReXX>



National Youth Leadership Training

June 25 - 30, 2018

Registration **OPEN**

More Info: <https://goo.gl/qLVaR7>

SCOUTING CLASSIFIEDS

Selling BBQ? Want to sell some gear? Need to borrow something? Advertise your local troop activities here. Contact myetowahroundtable@gmail.com to submit your ad. Ads run for one month. No graphics or logos accepted. Ad typed as is – no flyers. Currently accepting ads for next month's edition of the Etowah Explorer. Make sure to include contact information.

Boy Scout Memorabilia Show

The Charlotte Trade-O-Ree is coming up on April 6-7 at Sardis Presbyterian Church hosted by Pack 33. This event will feature collectors from all over the southeast bringing Scouting collectibles on over 100 tables in the church fellowship hall. There is no admission for this event, which runs from 4 PM Friday until 3 PM Saturday. New this year will be a silent auction starting at 7 PM Friday night and again at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Hundreds of Scouting collectibles will be auctioned off with minimum bids as low as \$1. Catawba Lodge will have their trading post open with Larry Banks running the store. Michelle Roberts from the MCC Scout shop will have tables selling discontinued items. Stuart Tucker will be teaching both Collections and Scouting Heritage Merit Badges in conjunction with the event. Feel free to bring your den, patrol, troop or come with your Scout to see Scouting history on display. The table renters are there to buy/sell/trade and can even give you an appraisal (not quite Antiques Roadshow) on any old Scouting stuff you have. Please contact the TOR coordinator Jason Spangler with any questions at santeeswapper@yahoo.com or call [910-258-3029](tel:910-258-3029).

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