

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.

Roundtable Starts August 9

Roundtable starts back in August. Don't miss all the new information on family camping, council event dates, recruitment ideas and scout mentors. Pick up your recruitment packets and marketing materials for the round-up. Learn about all the new training that's available with our new S.I.T. Sessions. Scouters in Technology where you can "sit in" with your technology and learn how to use our favorite technology to make your job easier. (starts early at 6:30 pm at select roundtables) Join us at Roundtable and learn how to take your program to the next level.



Powder Horn - Camp Grimes 2018

Do you have young adults in Venturing who are looking to breathe underwater because they have already learned how to filter it? Would you like to expose your troop, crew or ship to rock climbing, geocaching, kayaking, sailing, paddle boarding, caving, fly fishing, canoeing, wilderness first aid, astronomy, shooting sports (e.g., rifle, shotgun, handgun, archery, cowboy action shooting), wilderness survival, Leave No Trace, scuba diving, and more?

Mecklenburg County Council has you covered! Come experience those things and more at our Powder Horn Course taking place at Camp Grimes August 10 – 13, 2018. Powder Horn is an action-packed, hands-on, 3 to 4-day course which helps Scouts and Scouters learn how to implement high adventure activities into their troop, crew or ship.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER AUGUST 1

<http://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/powder-horn-2018/2329750>

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Calendar of Events

July

28 Stamp Collecting Merit Badge

August

01 Boy Scout Explorer Day Carowinds
01 Last Day to Register for Powder Horn
09 August Roundtable Kick-off
11-12 Motor Boating Merit Badge
23 Back to School open House
24 Back to School open House
27 First Day of School
30 Council Wide Charter Org. Open House

September

04 S.E.A.L.S Registration Opens
05 Popcorn Kick Off
05-20 Council Wide Recruitment effort
07 Catawba Lodge September Ordeal
7-8 COPE & Climbing Instructor Training
7-8 Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge
12 Council Sporting Clay Shooting
13 September Roundtable
15-16 Baloo Training at Belk
22 Scouter Success
29 Trail Blazer at Belk

**TRAINING
OPPORTUNITIES**

What You Need To Know

Training is what make the difference between a good program and a great program. Often units will lose volunteers to burnout because they try to create everything from scratch. Training not only helps you learn best practices from other units but also gets you connected to the latest methods for making your job easier. The vast majority of training is offered in the fall so it's best to get your calendar ready to save the dates NOW. Here is what you should be thinking about now.

1. Do you have Hazardous Weather Training? Effective April 30, 2018, new direct contact leaders must complete Hazardous Weather Training to be considered position trained.
2. Every Scouter must complete the new updated Youth Protection 2.0 training by Oct. 1, 2018
3. At least one adult leader must be BALOO trained in order for a Cub Scout Pack to participate in overnight camping. This includes District and Council hosted events. Many times, there is only one training a year – Don't miss it! September 15-16 <http://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/event/baloo-c32/2372664>
4. Update your Be A Scout Pin so future scouts can find you. Here is how https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/BeAScout_UnitPin_Management.pdf
5. Start thinking about high adventure now – have you seen the new national site called The Adventure Plan (TAP). You can find step by step instruction on how to make a plan. <http://bsatap.org/>
6. Popcorn kick-off is September 5th, If you need popcorn help, contact Susan Vandervet susan.vandervet@gmail.com
7. Scouter Success is your best opportunity for getting trained to position don't miss out on this opportunity. Save the date: September 22
8. Trail Blazer at Belk Scout Camp is your best recruitment event. Save the date for September 29th
9. Health Forms it's a good time to ask your parents to update their information.



Jamboree on the Air – Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA-JOTI)

Travel to over 150 foreign countries without leaving your meeting room. Learn about Amateur Radio, or if you prefer you can use the internet. There are already local scouting units with the equipment needed and are offering to act as a host. Imagine the fun that can come from conversations with other Scouts across town or around the world. You'll share stories about your Scouting experiences and about your weather, your Scout group, your community and your culture. Work with scouts all over the world to solve puzzles, play Minecraft and complete challenges.

JOTA-JOTI is a fun and exciting annual experience for all young people in Scouting using the widest range of technology communication channels to educate, promote cultural awareness, develop tolerance, as well as enhance sharing, collaboration and teamwork, along with building a sense of belonging to the worldwide Scout Movement. It is a "travel-free" Jamboree that takes place wherever you are in the world. JOTA-JOTI strives for a meaningful engagement of as many young people from as many parts of the world as possible annually on the third weekend in October. This weekend is also an occasion to celebrate Scouting and to generate positive energy to support the development of the Scout Movement.

Bring some global awareness to your scouts in a safe environment that takes their scouting experience to a whole new level. Learn more at their website: <https://www.jotajoti.info/jota-joti-participants-guide/>

Upcoming Merit Badge Opportunities

Stamp Collecting Merit Badge July 28th

The Charlotte Philatelic Society (CPS) once again invites all Piedmont and Mecklenburg County Council Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to 'CHARPEX', the annual Stamp Show. Located in Worrell Building on the Central Campus of CPCC in Downtown Charlotte, Scout leader Glenn Silverman of Piedmont Council will be hosting a Stamp Collecting Merit Badge Workshop. Rarities and philatelic 'phinds' will be on exhibition. Scouts who are accompanied by an adult who sign up for the CPS mailing list receive a \$3.00 coupon to spend at the show. There is NO COST to attend. All program materials are donated. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. Learn what Stamp Collecting is all about, start a new collection, and earn a rare merit badge! Find out more here.

http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/baf1d4_7df3ff6c8ceb4ef7a40f9aa99b098cb3.pdf

Motor Boating Merit Badge August 11 & 12

US Coast Guard Auxiliary BSA Partner Program

United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 26-02 offers "About Boating Safely" courses at a substantial discount to help Scouts qualify for and pass the examination for a NASBLA approved Boater Education Card required by the state of North Carolina. Additionally, Blue Cards will be signed the day of the class by a registered Merit Badge Counselor and the Merit Badge Counselor will conduct an on-the-water event the following day to fulfill the remaining requirements for potentially **completing the Motorboating Merit Badge in one weekend.**

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

Training for Trails-End Popcorn Sale

If your unit will be selling popcorn in September but has not signed up please contact Susan Vandervet at susan.vandervet@gmail.com

If you are still searching for a popcorn chair, please send us a contact person so important information can be sent to your unit. We can add a popcorn chair later, but you don't want to miss this information.

Next Popcorn Training will be August 18th at the Council office, 7th Street from 5:30-7:00 Pizza will be served. Contact Susan Vandervet to RSVP.



Training is an important first step in learning to become a successful leader. The scouting position you have accepted is very important and doesn't require you to reinvent the wheel. Our goal is to provide you with all the necessary training opportunities to help you be successful in your Scouting role, whether you are new to Scouting and your position or you are a seasoned Scouter.

Watch for upcoming training opportunities at the official MCC Training page found here:

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

Everyone has busy schedules and not everyone has access to online training. We can help find a trainer to come to your unit for small group training.

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

Wilderness First Aid Training opportunities can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining/wilderness-first-aid>



Mecklenburg County Council Wood Badge Alumni Guild

Now accepting new members.

\$35 Membership is open to any Wood Badge graduate from any course upon completion of their ticket and paid dues

Your membership dues fund the many improvement projects desperately needed at Belk Scout Camp and Camp Grimes. It also provides scholarship to deserving Wood Badge candidates, maintenance of course equipment, and ensuring that our very own Gilwell Field continues welcome new Wood Badgers for decades to come. Join us in bringing together a powerful network of highly trained adult leaders, driven by community service and dedicated to the founding principles of the Boy Scouts of America.

We are the only MCC Wood Badge Alumni Guild...Welcome Home

Contact Rick Messina
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<https://backtogilwell415.wixsite.com/happyland>



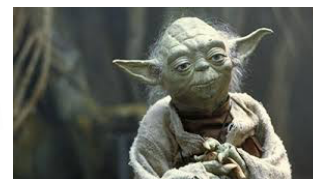
Wood Badge is the premier adult leadership development course for the Boy Scouts of America. The focus is on leadership, where leadership techniques and skills are shared with participants to enable them to become better leaders not only in Scouting but also in their personal lives as well.. It will be **two years** before it will be offered again.

Feb 15-17, 2019 & March 23-25, 2019

Learn more here:

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

Find your Yoda



New to scouting? Don't worry we've been there. Introducing Etowah's new mentoring program. Meet a scouter with lots of experience that can give you some tips on how to handle those not so clear situations. Don't let the learning curve slow down your unit, when you can have someone provide more insight on the why and the how to manage all those forms. Need a trip idea? You mentor has already tried some and can not only give you an unbiased review but can give you the contact information of who to call. You don't have to reinvent the wheel- scouting has been rolling along for over one hundred years. Just jump on board and hang on as your mentor lays it out in an easy way to understand and give you that pat on the shoulder when you need it. You are not alone. Sign up for a mentor today and start getting onboard with all the best that scouting has to offer.

Send an email to myetowahroundtable@gmail.com and get started.



Save the Date!
at Belk Scout Camp
October 19 – 21, 2018
More information to follow