

# Etowah Explorer

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March 12, 2018

## 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. This is incredibly important for the council and provides them the necessary data to bring us more council opportunities. Be sure to log yours in today at <https://servicehours.scouting.org> **TIP: always input dates as mm/dd/yyyy.**

## Disability Awareness

A very special thank you to Julia Sain for her presentation to the Boy Scout break out on Disability awareness and how to be sensitive to the needs of others. If you have any questions regarding disability rights and resources you can contact her at [juliasain@disability-rights.org](mailto:juliasain@disability-rights.org)

## Day Camp Coordinator

Day camp is fast approaching and spots are filling up. Brad McLelland provided training to the Pack Breakout for the Day Camp Coordinators. If you need to more information or help getting your pack registered contact Brad at [bradmcllelland@hotmail.com](mailto:bradmcllelland@hotmail.com)

## Next Months Roundtable

Next month is all about hiking! Find out the best hikes and how to start or refresh your hiking program. Best of all bring your hiking stick to show off in our first ever Hiking Stick Fashion Show. Prizes will be awarded to lots of different category winners. Don't miss!



## Calendar of Events

### March

- 14 Council FOS Leadership Dinner
- 14 BMX Training for Day Camp
- 16 Catawba Lodge Spring Fellowship
- 16 Deadline for Commissioner College
- 16 OA Spring Fellowship
- 17 Commissioner College
- 17 Discovery Place Nova Kick-Off
- 17 Council Pinewood Derby Championship
- 21 Deadline: Automotive Merit Badge
- 24 Discovery Place Merit Badge WS
- 25 Early Bird Deadline for Council Banquet

### April

- 01 Easter Sunday
- 05 Deadline C.O.P.E. Course Fee (Level 2)
- 06 C.O.P.E. Level 2 Instructor Training
- 06 Trade-o-ree & Merit Badges
- 07 Automotive Merit Badge
- 07 Rifle Merit Badge
- 12 Etowah Roundtable
- 13 Fun Day at Grimes
- 14 Discovery Place Nature Merit Badge
- 14 Voices of the Past Opportunity
- 19 Annual Council Recognition Banquet
- 21 Baloo Training Weekend
- 22 Swimming Merit Badge
- 27 OA Dixie Fellowship



## Nova Award: S.T.E.M. in Scouting

Mecklenburg County Council, with collaboration with Scout leaders from Palmetto Council, is pleased to announce a 2018 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program for Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts. Participating Boy Scouts may earn any or all of 5 Nova Awards. Participating Venturers and Sea Scouts may earn any or all of 4 Nova awards.

[http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/baf1d4\\_40e72c38699243c7a092168832c6318a.pdf](http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/baf1d4_40e72c38699243c7a092168832c6318a.pdf)

### 2018 Trails End Popcorn Sale

Join the MCC Popcorn Committee. Help make the 2018 popcorn sale an even greater success. Please contact Susan Vandervet at [susan.vandervet@gmail.com](mailto:susan.vandervet@gmail.com)



The 2018 popcorn calendar will be out in a few weeks in time for your 2018 planning meetings. If your unit already has a Popcorn Chair chosen please contact Susan with their information.



### Charlotte Trade-O-Ree

The 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](mailto:santeeswapper@yahoo.com)



**Saturday, April 14, 2018**, the Mecklenburg Historical Association Docents will be hosting their Cemetery Walk at the Elmwood and Old Settlers' cemeteries in uptown Charlotte. The one area that we could use some help with is traffic control and directing parking in Elmwood from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 6-8 scouts who are over 12 years old could handle it. They will not be out in any traffic.

In addition to earning service hours, it should be a fun day and a great chance to learn a little history. For further details about the Old

Settlers' Cemetery please visit [Charlotte's oldest](#) cemetery. If your scouts are interested in helping, please contact Bill Kalbas at [w.kalbas@gmail.com](mailto:w.kalbas@gmail.com) or (704) 246-7025 and leave a message.

## Upcoming Merit Badge Opportunities

### Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge April 7

The Hornets Nest Region is offering Youth Program education sessions at the Charlotte AutoFair car show and collector vehicle flea market. The Youth Program is led by Boy Scout certified Hornets Nest Region Club instructors. Deadline to register is Wednesday March 21, 2018 Find out more here:

[http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/baf1d4\\_005b853d589148d2b646a815729b6cc1.pdf](http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/baf1d4_005b853d589148d2b646a815729b6cc1.pdf)

### Rifle Merit Badge April 7

Boy Scouts of America has been an important organization for millions of young people providing skills and leadership training that makes a positive difference and lasts a lifetime. Point Blank Range is proud to partner with the BSA by providing support, equipment, and facilities used for training Scouts for their Rifle Shooting Merit Badge. <http://www.pointblankrange.com/boy-scouts-of-america/>

### Collection Merit Badge & Scout Heritage Merit Badge April 6-7

in conjunction with Charlotte Trade-O-Ree Boy Scout Memorabilia Show. Find more info here:

<http://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2324525&OrgKey=3561>

### Swimming Merit Badge April 22

Open Waters Adventures Instructor Matt Polischak will conduct Swimming Merit Badge class for Scouts with good swimming skills, not for Scouts who need basic instruction in swimming techniques. Scouts who will have difficulty completing the BSA Swim test (100 yards) or the Swimming Merit Badge swim requirement (150 yards) should not register for this course.

[http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/baf1d4\\_79abcce0cfa44055a2d00246b8116abb.pdf](http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/baf1d4_79abcce0cfa44055a2d00246b8116abb.pdf)

## Fun Day at Camp Grimes

We are planning a Fun Day at Camp Grimes, April 13-15. We are planning to open all of our Shooting Sports program areas on Saturday, April 14th, including Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Cowboy Action Shooting, Chalk Ball, and possibly even throwing knives and tomahawks. Learn more here:

<http://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2324852&OrgKey=3561>



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:

[www.mcctraining.org/](http://www.mcctraining.org/)

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](mailto:kpmcateer@hotmail.com)

Wilderness First Aid Training opportunities can be found here:

[www.mcctraining.org/](http://www.mcctraining.org/)

(Click on - wilderness-first-aid – on the lower right side of the page.)



## Etowah Day Camp

June 11<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup> 2018

9am – 4pm Daily

1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

Location: Belk Scout Camp

**\*\* New Price 150.00 \*\***

Contact Brad

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## 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

Contact Monica Zeleznik at

[wacdiretor@gmail.com](mailto:wacdiretor@gmail.com) for more information.



Next Seals Course is  
November 9-11, 2018

Registration **opens**  
**Sept 4**

Check here for more  
information:

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



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. The objective is to demonstrate the aims and methods of Scouting through the presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and a variety of activities based on the best of Scouting traditions and the latest in team development theory. Additionally, participants enjoy the fellowship of sharing with other Scouters, while having a great deal of fun. The Woodbadge course is 2 long weekends and begins next spring but spots are already filling up. 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>



## Baloo Training April 21-22

BALOO is a one-day training event that introduces leaders and parents to the skills needed to plan and conduct Pack outdoor activities, particularly Pack Family Camping. **Each Pack is required to have at least one BALOO trained adult participating in their Pack outdoor activities and Family Campouts.**

Any questions contact [Rick Messina](#)

To register please use this link:

<http://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2324922&OrgKey=3561>



## National Youth Leadership Training

June 25 - 30, 2018

Registration **OPEN**

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