

Etowah Explorer

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JANUARY 11, 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.

Scouting For Food

SFF Bags were distributed at the January Roundtable. There have been some important changes to this upcoming food drive so be sure to review the SFF Leader's Guide for before starting. If your unit still needs some bags contact SFF Chair Tom Howard at 2tomhoward@gmail.com or District Executive John Bittenger at john.bittenger@scouting.org. Please remember bag distribution areas have been signed out on the council map to prevent overlapping. If you have not signed out an area, check with the council office as soon as possible to register your area.

Rechartering

It's time to begin our rechartering process. Recharter packets we distributed at the January Roundtable. If you do not have yours please contact the scout office. Make note of the new increase in dues. The price is now \$33.00 per person or scout + \$7.00 for Insurance + \$12.00 for Boys Life. This brings the total to \$52.00. There is a great step-by-step resource that can be found here: <https://goo.gl/Hy5LM5>

The actual internet rechartering is found here:
<https://goo.gl/QL5vdX>

If you need any help with the rechartering process talk to your unit commissioner. Every unit has commissioner, contact District Commissioner Renita Keziah at rkbuffalo415@gmail.com to find out who your current commissioner is.

Calendar of Events

January

13 Discovery Place Nature Merit Badge WS
15 Winter Place
18 Deadline: Register for Scout Tank
19 Deadline: Register for Feb. Winter Place
20 Discovery Place Merit Badge WS
20 Etowah POW WOW
20 Pinewood Derby Build Day
20 Wilderness First Aid Training (Full)
20 Scout Tank Day 1
21 Discovery Place Merit Badge WS
24 Camp Card Distribution
27 Cub Scout Range Master Training
27 Scouting For Food bag distribution

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
18 NRA Rifle Instructor Course
21 WAC Unit Leaders Meeting
23 Deadline: Charlotte Hornets Scout Day
23 New Eagle Scout Banquet
25 Winter Place
26 Silver Beaver Nominations Due

Youth Protection: It's for Everybody

With cross overs and Blue and Gold coming soon., now is great time to review your leaders and active adults Youth Protection. You do not have to be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America to take Youth Protection training. To take Youth Protection training go to www.My.Scouting.org and create an account. You will receive an email notification with your account information, including a member ID/reference number.



The BSA takes great pride in the safety of our scouts and the quality of our leadership. Being trained to position begins with Youth Protection.

From the My.Scouting.org portal, click Menu then My Dashboard from the menu list. The My Training page displays to take Youth Protection training. Upon completion, you may print a training certificate to submit with a volunteer application. Your training will automatically be updated in our system and associated with the member ID/reference number issued when you created the account.

When your volunteer application is approved, you will receive a BSA membership.



POW-WOW Adult (Fun) Training January 20, 2018

The Mecklenburg County Council Training Committee is pleased to offer a Training Pow Wow - a day of outdoor, hands-on, supplemental training. Come join us, have a lot of fun and forget that you are an adult for the day! Learn scouting skills as if you were a scout – then bring the fun back home with you. Course offerings are still in the works, but examples are Wood Carving, Hatchet Making/Throwing and Knots and Lashings.

Registration is now open. Please make sure to choose your classes accordingly. There are 3 different areas to choose from. Make sure to fill out the form so we have an idea of who is registering for the event.

Register here for this event: <https://goo.gl/grmjD3>

Commissioners College

March 17th, 2018

Want to help other units be successful? We have several units who need basic help with answering questions like what is the best way to recharter? How do you manage advancement? What is a good Pack song? Consider becoming a District Commissioner. For more information contact District Commissioner Renita Keziah at rkbuffalo415@gmail.com.



Training is available by registering here:

<http://www.centralnccouncilbsa.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2118358&OrgKey=2390>

Shooting Sports

There is always a need for trained volunteers for both Cub Scout and Boy Scout Shooting Sports. There are several types of training opportunities being offered including Cub Scout Range Master.

Check out our page for more information.

<http://www.mccscouting.org/shooting-sports-training>

Camp Cards

Cards will be distributed January 24th at 6:30pm at the Council Service center. If you need more information on this program contact Stan Murrow at stan.murrow@scouting.org



Find the Leader Guide here: <https://goo.gl/HpBdDz>

Order of the Arrow

Order of The Arrow Elections are beginning. If you have deserving young men for the Catawba Lodge please contact Jacob Pearson at jacob.pearson@catawba459.org to organize elections.

Dues for OA members are also resetting and reservations for Spring Fellowship are now being collected. Both can be handled on the Catawba Lodge website. <http://www.catawba459.org/>

Scout Tank

Scout Tank is a 2 day event where scouts and non scout ages 11-18 in Mecklenburg County will pitch their business idea to our all-star entrepreneur panel who will award up to \$10,000 to a worthy young entrepreneur to start their business. This is a TWO-part event.

Day 1 begins January 20, 2018 at the BSA office 1410 E. 7th St. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the Entrepreneurship Merit Badge.

Day 2 begins March 3rd, 2018. Part two is "pitch day" where youth will pitch their business ideas, receive feedback from our all-star panel, and hear from our special guest Eagle Scout Founder in Silicon Valley via Skype. The "pitch day" will be open to all 11-18-year-old young men and women in Mecklenburg County. Find out more here <https://goo.gl/6KuVoK>

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 49ers Bball
February 3 Halton Arena

Scout Tickets \$30.00
MUST ORDER BY JAN. 31st

To purchase or for questions
Contact Caleb Weith at
704.687.5196 or email
cweith@uncc.edu



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

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

Merit Badge Opportunities

Discovery Place offers several Cub Scout Adventure and Boy Scout merit badge opportunities every month. Check out their website for more details. <https://goo.gl/qWVqXv>

Printable Discovery Place Merit Badge List is here:

<https://goo.gl/sLpG8C>

Welding Merit Badge

CPCC Harper Welding Merit Badge Day

Saturday, February 10, 2018

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

More information here: <https://goo.gl/qB6Gif>

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

Unit Leaders meeting Feb. 21

6:30

1410 E. 7th Street

Light refreshments served.

Contact Monica Zeleznik at

wacdiretor@gmail.com for more information.

Silver Beaver Award

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

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.

Link to the Nomination Form is here:

http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/31584b_396e7c6fc6c14a08aa4120bc9f5683e4.pdf

Council Recognition

Banquet

Thursday April 19, 2018

Myers Park UMC – Jubilee Hall

Cost \$20.00

Registration begins Jan. 15

on the council website.

NRA Instructor Rifle Shooting Course

This course will enable you to serve as a merit badge counselor for the rifle merit badge, function as a rifle instructor at a BSA range, and operate as a BB range master for cub scouts at qualified events.

March 3-4 2018 8am -6:30pm @Camp Barnhardt \$150.00 For more information contact Dane Hughes at Dane.hughes@uncc.edu

To register go to <https://goo.gl/TTg2Cj>

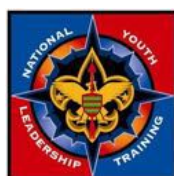


Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills

March 9 - 11, 2018

Registration is **OPEN**

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



National Youth Leadership Training

June 25 - 30, 2018

Registration Coming Soon!

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 the February edition of the Etowah Explorer. Make sure to include contact information.

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