

Etowah Explorer

Where The Best Come Together



MAY 10, 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.

May Auction

Congratulations to Billy Hawkins, Crew 165 for his impressive \$1.2 million-dollar Scout Bucks purchase at our auction. His collection of a fire pit, fishing pole set, and other items should guarantee he has a fun summer ahead him.

Camps Coordinator

Does your Camp coordinator need some help? Camps are fast approaching, and spots are filling up. If you need more information or help getting through the registration process reach out to our experts.

Etowah Day Camp- bradmclelland@hotmail.com

Webelos Adventure Camp - Monica Zeleznik wacdiretor@gmail.com

Camp Grimes – Alan Kieger – alan.kieger@scouting.org

Next Roundtable

Roundtable resumes it schedule **August 9, 2018**. Your commissioners are busily working to bring you best possible programing. Feedback is gift, share yours here with our end of the year survey <https://goo.gl/forms/K7r1XWcAV48ASHIs2>



Calendar of Events

May

- 18 Beaver Weekend at Grimes
- 19 Cub Scout Rangemaster Training
- 26 Mining in Society Merit Badge
- 28 Memorial Day

June

- 01 Lifeguard Training for Day Camp
- 02 Discovery Place Merit Badges
- 02 BMX Training for Day Camp
- 02 Cub Scout Rangemaster Training
- 08 Overnight with the Knights
- 09 Discovery Place Merit Badge
- 11 Etowah Day Camp Begins
- 17 Father's Day
- 23 NRA Rifle Instructor Training
- 23 Motor Boating Merit Badge
- 25 NYLT Begins

July

- 04 Independence Day
- 08 WAC Session 1
- 12 WAC Session 2
- 15 WAC Session 3
- 19 WAC Session 4
- 28 Stamp Collecting Merit Badge



Packs, with the Scout Year coming to a close, please make sure you record your rank advancement (Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos & Arrow of Light) in Internet Advancement (preferred method) or turning the forms in at the Council Center.

Troop/Crews/Teams - In addition to the rank and merit badges, please make sure you are recording your service hours. Please click the link <https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>.

Please make sure these ranks are recording before the end of the School Year. After the school year is over, the Council registrar will be promoting your Scouts to the next grade level. In addition, this information is needed for Journey of Excellence recording for the District and Council. Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions please contact Carole Stojetz Etowah Advancement Chair at cestojetz@carolina.rr.com.

Popcorn –\$1500 Big Spin Club-Competition

On Sunday May 6th 63 scouts enjoyed an afternoon at Big Air Trampoline Park. Their families were treated to a Pizza Party and the boys spun the wheel for exciting prizes. Next year the \$1500 BIG SPIN CLUB will continue at an exciting new venue. The Big Spin Club is a party for scouts that have \$1500 or more in popcorn sales. Last year's party was held at Victory Lane Karting.

It's our first Popcorn **COMPETITION** of the 2018 season. Scouts can sign up on-line and start selling NOW! The first scout to reach \$300 in on-line sales will receive a certificate for a Baskin-Robbins ice cream cake for their unit.

We are looking for more people to join the Council Popcorn Committee. Please contact Susan V. at susan.vandervet@gmail.com



JUN 23-24, 2018 NRA RIFLE INSTRUCTOR

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 Scouters (you will need a BSA Member ID to participate). This course is primarily for adults working with Mecklenburg County Council, but out-of-council participants are welcome, as space allows. This course will be taught by Dustin Howie, NRA Training Counselor for Mecklenburg County Council. You may contact Dustin at nrainstructordustin@gmail.com or 704-361-0951.

Calling all Troop 164 Alumni,

On Sunday, June 3rd at 4 pm at Providence Presbyterian Church in the Christian Life Center, Troop 164 will be celebrating 60 years of "Building Character, Citizenship and Leadership." Come check out our trailer, advancement boards and Eagle Plaques. We will have a Court of Honor, Dinner and Historical Program to bridge the new Scouts with the Alumni Scouts! It also wouldn't be a Troop Event without a fire retirement and some bling. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 29th by email Carole Stojetz at cestojetz@carolina.rr.com, calling her at 704-321-2730 or the Evite Link. <http://evite.me/8uGHpMUjmd>.**

Carole Stojetz
Troop 164 Committee Member

Upcoming Merit Badge Opportunities

Mining in Society May 26

Located at 9621 Reed Mine Rd. Midland, NC 28107 this merit badge is hosted by the Reed Gold Mine. \$5; includes panning ticket. If a Scout or parent or leader would like to pan again, after the workshop, they may purchase panning tickets at the discounted rate of \$2.14 per pan. Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site staff, registered as BSA volunteers and merit badge counselors, will lead the workshops. Check out their flyer here: http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/baf1d4_02122e2dbc414fc7aacf85cdb6abb7a4.pdf

For questions regarding the workshop contact 704-721-4653 or email laura.kennedy@ncdcr.gov

Motorboating Merit Badge June 23-24

In North Carolina, to operate a boat powered by a motor of 10 horsepower or greater, anyone born after January 1, 1988, must complete a boating safety education program. Scouts must therefore complete a boating safety education course and pass a boating safety examination to qualify for a North Carolina Boater Education Card to complete requirement 4b. These classroom courses are usually 6 to 8 hours in duration. Total cost per scout is \$25. Ages 11-17 and no rank requirement. Check the council advancement page for more details. <http://www.mccscouting.org/advancement>

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



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/bsamccctraining/>

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/bsamccctraining/wilderness-first-aid>



Etowah Day Camp

June 11th – June 15th 2018

9am – 4pm Daily

1st – 5th Graders

Location: Belk Scout Camp

**** New Price 150.00 ****

Contact Brad

bradmclelland@hotmail.com



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>



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

wacdirector@gmail.com for more information.



Powder Horn Training

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. We are also offering the ATV Course on Friday @ 12:00 PM for \$50. ATV's will only be open to the first 14 people who sign up. Check in on Friday will be from 5pm-7pm and you must eat dinner before you arrive. The course will end Sunday. Monday will be an optional day where we will travel and visit high adventure places off camp property.

<http://mccscouting.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.aspx?ActivityKey=2329750&OrgKey=3561>



Save the Date!

at Belk Scout Camp

October 19 – 21, 2018

More information to follow



National Youth Leadership Training

June 25 - 30, 2018

Registration **OPEN until June 1**

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