



The climbing wall at camp is always a fun challenge!



Dallas's first trip to Camp Grimes was a huge success!

COUNCIL-WIDE CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Mecklenburg County Council hosted Cub Scout Day Camp in June and welcomed more than 240 youth and staff to Belk Scout Camp. Scouts were able to Escape the Great Indoors and enjoy a variety of activities including the

climbing tower, shooting sports ranges, pool, and the archery range. The week ended with an 80-foot-tall water fountain supplied by the Mint Hill Fire and Rescue volunteers. The smiles and laughter from a week of camp is priceless!

WEBELOS ADVENTURE CAMP

This summer the adventure continued for Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts with 148 boys and girls spending several days and nights camping, swimming, and riding bikes at Belk Scout Camp. Over the three sessions, adult volunteers and 40 youth staff taught campers how to climb the tower, shoot a bow and arrow, and to safely shoot a gun at the gun range. Community heroes joined the Scouts each session for some evening fun to cool off.



Concentration is key in archery.

CAMP GRIMES

Camp Grimes is one of the premier Scout Camps in the Southeast. Set on more than 1,200 acres in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Camp Grimes is open year-round for our Scouting units to enjoy. More than 1,100 campers attended summer camp with

over 5,000 merit badges completed in many areas, including swimming, camping, first aid, and wilderness survival. Scouts can participate in a variety of activities including climbing/rappelling, hiking, biking, canoeing, fishing, blacksmithing, and handicrafts.

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COUNCIL SNAPSHOTS



A Scout is reverent.



A Scout is friendly.



Cooling off in the summer heat at WAC.



Taking aim!



Excited Tigers!



Hayes-Brown delivers message of Faith

The morning Solomon Hayes-Brown arrived to serve on S5-415-19's Wood Badge youth staff, he passed by the 12 Scout Law signs at Belk Scout Camp. He had passed these signs dozens of times in the past, but this morning he really noticed them

to work on a large portion of this project alone with his father and brother instead of with his troop, Troop 63. He and his father also had to lean on their own faith when upon returning to his project one day he found a large portion of his brick

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for the first time. He decided that day that he would emulate those signs for his Eagle Scout project and install them at his church, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Instead of the Scout Law, however, he wanted his four signs to broadcast his favorite Bible verses, which all had one central theme: "FAITH."

"I wanted my signs to all give the message of faith, because we were in the middle of a pandemic and I know that there are a lot of people who have lost loved ones, jobs, and other things and are leaning on their faith to get them through this tough time."

Due to the pandemic, Solomon had

work had fallen apart. "I was probably more disappointed than Solomon," said his dad, Tommy Lee. "I had to refocus my own attitude and look to my son and his signs for the inspiration to push on. After working with my four sons on their Eagle projects, I can honestly say that the more issues and troubles that they encounter during the project, the more they grow and the more pride they have when it's all over."

Solomon continues, "I know that one day we will be finished with the pandemic and I want my signs to remind people that if we have faith we can get through anything, like we did with Covid-19."

Scouting in Action



Scouting for Food

Scouts annually collect over 250,000 lbs. of food for our partner organization, Loaves & Fishes, to help feed families.



Blood Drives

Four blood drives hosted by the Mecklenburg County Council provided support for One Blood & American Red Cross.



Operation Clean Sweep

Every year, Scouts from all over Mecklenburg County pitch in to clean Uptown Charlotte.



Honoring Veterans

On Memorial Day, local Scouts placed more than 7,000 flags at Sharon Memorial Gardens and Evergreen Cemetery.



Connor and his team spent 250+ hours on his Eagle Project.

Connor Madewell named Eagle Scout of the Year

Congratulations to Eagle Scout of the Year, Connor Madewell, a member of Troop 249 chartered to Steele Creek Athletic Association. Connor's Eagle Project was to construct an outdoor learning area for Wingle Park Elementary School. "With fellow Scouts, leaders, and friends, we constructed picnic tables, umbrellas, a library box, and a garden area. I am certain that I

have left a positive impact for years to come," said Connor.

Connor continued "Scouting has taught me many life-long skills. After leadership camps like Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills (S.E.A.L.S.) and National Youth Leadership Training (N.Y.L.T.), I understood leadership and now utilize it daily at work, in school and as a JROTC Cadet."

"Hi! My name is Joshua Aguilera. I have attended Camp Grimes for three years as a camper. Camp Grimes has always felt like another place to call home. Every time I left, I felt like there was a void. Camp Grimes provides adventure, new friendships and an opportunity to develop and expand my leadership skills as well as learn new things. This year was my fourth year at Camp Grimes. However, I had the honor of being on the staff crew this time. During

my six weeks at Camp Grimes I found myself leading and hosting events such as Karaoke Nights and performing skits in front of campers. I would learn new skills and turn around and teach them to a class full of eager campers. Being at camp provides me with extra motivation to achieve one of my major goals which is to become an Eagle Scout."

Joshua Aguilera
Troop 778,
Melange Health Solutions



Joshua and friend Alex Flowers



Leah and Venturing Leader Reid Wood celebrate her accomplishment.

Venturing member earns Summit Rank

Congratulations to Leah Wood of Venturing Crew 19, chartered to Huntersville Presbyterian Church. Leah is the first in her crew to earn the Summit Rank in Venturing.

The Summit Rank represents Venturing's highest honor. To achieve this ultimate recognition, Leah served the crew as a leader

— both formally and informally — and was a mentor to others. In addition, Leah strengthened her community by designing and leading a service project to benefit others.

The experience gained in earning this award will help Venturing members mature as a member of a team and as an individual.

"I attended Camp Grimes on July 4th thru July 10th, 2021. This was my third year attending camp, and I look forward to going every year. Camp Grimes is a place where I become more independent and self aware. I learned to go out of my comfort zone and experience new things. Camp Grimes gives me the opportunity to push myself. This

year I am very proud of myself, as I was able to complete the Mile Swim and earn my merit badge. I consider our troop to be like an extended family. To be able to share our experiences with each other and go through it together just makes it that much greater."

Alexander Aguilera
Troop 778,
Melange Health Solutions



Pictured above, Roman checking the duck habitats; at right: Mark Turner, Council Scout Executive, presenting the Hornaday Award to Roman; and the Hornaday Knot and medal.



Roman Phillips receives prestigious Hornaday Award — Congratulations!

Roman Phillips, an Eagle Scout in Troop 116 chartered by St. John's Episcopal Church in Charlotte, recently received the prestigious Hornaday Award for his conservation efforts. To receive the award, the recipient must have earned Life rank, completed 3 conservation projects, and earned the

environmental science merit badge as well as five additional science or science related merit badges.

Roman's projects included the Baxter Wood Duck Habitat Restoration initiative, the Plastic Film Recycling project and the Baxter Stream Clean Up.



Scouting Heroes



"My name is Ethan Carter and I am a current Life Scout of Troop 15 that chartered at St. Francis United Methodist Church. The troop has been my home away from home. It has given me lifelong friendships and has given me several opportunities to help others and to

make me a better person. Part of these experiences was lifeguard training through the Council. Using this training, I was able to save someone's life last summer where I became a recipient of the National Medal of Merit."

Ethan Carter
Troop 15

Eagle Scout uses Scouting skills to save mom

Ryan Sedlacek, an Eagle Scout with Troop 15 chartered at St. Francis Methodist Church, recently put his Scouting skills in action. His mother Stacey wrote, "One night at dinner I started to choke on a piece of food and could not breathe. Ryan got up very calmly and performed the Heimlich Maneuver on me and was able to get the food to un-lodge itself.

I really thought I was going to die as I could not breathe at all. Ryan truly saved my life that night and I am forever grateful to the Scouting program for teaching him how to react in these types of situations and to Ryan for being the calm presence that was able to help me."

Ryan received BSA's Heroism Award.



Ryan with his parents, Stacey and Ed

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