



Scoutmaster Notes



"On my honor I will do my best ..." Those eight words and the rest of the Scout Oath are recited by thousands of Boy Scouts all over our country on a weekly basis. The Scout Oath is a very impressive set of words that has set the standard for every boy that has ever worn the uniform of the Boy Scouts of America.



I think the part of the oath that says "I will do my best" is a very significant part of our program and one I am very proud of. There are no requirements in Scouting that everything must be done to perfection ... not everyone will be able to hit the bull's eye in archery or ski down the Black Diamond slope of Beech Mountain, but if they can answer the question "did I do my best?" with a resounding yes, then they are champions in my book.

As we end 2013, thoughts of our Scouts doing their "best" sure come to mind ... completing merit badges, backpacking in several locations, helping other people, and learning to live together as a community come to mind. Our Troop just keeps getting stronger!

The ending of another year also causes one to think of that single moment in time over the year that really stands out. Well for me, that is an easy decision to make for 2013 ... it has to be the final night at camp just as midnight was

approaching and we had completed our Troop awards ceremony with the anticipation of competing with the camp staff in a game of Ultimate Frisbee. Our attitude was there no doubt we could compete with the staff and legend has it no Troop has ever defeated the staff. Our team of mostly 13 year olds were taking on the big boys (think of the McCracken C team taking on the Spartanburg High Varsity Football team!) This was certainly a time for the "I will do my best" to kick in. I want to tell you our boys truly played their hearts out on that field and all the rest of us on the sidelines cheering them on were caught up in the magical moments of the night. When all was said and done, we had come within striking distance of winning the game, but most importantly our boys gained the respect of their opponents. And they can all say with confidence "I did my best"!!!





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Looking back over the past year also calls for that special "Kodak Moment" caught on film. I think you will agree this picture captures what it is all about!



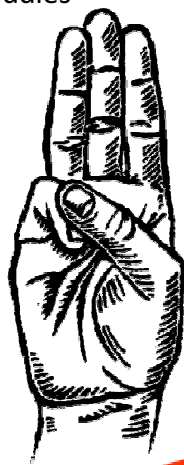
Our Scouts are so fortunate to be a part of a village like none other. They have their Troop 1 Family - a special brotherhood of Scout buddies

and adult leaders they can trust and count on but they also have their neighborhoods, schools, and churches in addition to the most important people of their lives; their families - to nurture them throughout these growing years. They truly have many shoulders to lean on.

And to the 75 young men who call Troop 1 their home, I hope each and every one of you are savoring the experiences and knowledge you have, or are gaining, by being a Troop 1 Scout. Remember, each of you are blessed to have the best 74 "brothers" you could ask for and many more "dads" you can count on to guide you along the way as you journey from boyhood to manhood.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you and always ... **"Do Your Best!"**

... Ted





<u>Upcoming Meeting Schedule:</u>				
Day	Date	Older Scout MB Activity	First Year's Activity	Parent Duty (OS/1 st Yr)
Sat	28 Jan	Merit Badge College #1	Merit Badge College #1	N/A
Sat	01 Feb	Merit Badge College #2	Merit Badge College #2	N/A
Sun	02 Feb	SCOUT SUNDAY (Class A Uniform w/ Sash)	SCOUT SUNDAY (Class A Uniform w/ Sash)	All Invited
Sat	08 Feb	Merit Badge College (Weather Makeup Day TBA)	Merit Badge College (Weather Makeup Day TBA)	N/A
Fri	25 Apr	Crossover	Crossover	All Invited

<u>Outdoor Schedule:</u>		
2014		
	07–09 Feb	Ski Trip
	28 Feb – 02 Mar	Spelunking Warriors Path State Park
	14 – 16 Mar	Winter Hiking Trip (Pisgah Forest)
	16 – 18 May	Spring Aquatic Campout
	08 – 14 Jun	Camp Ho Non Wah
	08-10 Aug	OA Ordeal





Outdoors Update



Troop 1 Snow Sports Weekend February 7-9, 2014



Troop 1 once again will take on the challenge of conquering on skis, snowboards, skates, and foot the mountains around Boone, NC. Almost everything be arranged for you, as this is a reward of sorts for all of you have accomplished thus far this scouting year.

We will be sleeping indoors in beds, have actual indoor plumbing, and not have to cook at all!

We will start the weekend off with a "Midnight Blast" skiing and snowboarding at Appalachian Ski Mountain Friday night and then move to Beech Mountain Saturday for skiing and snowboarding from noon through the night session Saturday.

To finish off the weekend.....we are going skating at Sugar Mountain on Sunday before heading home.

It will be a real blast, don't miss it! Sign up on the Troop Website (www.Troop1.me)

... Mark





Fowl Fest 2013

Pardon the pun, but Fowl Fest 2013 was another Barn Burner of a year!

The smoker fired up early as we began wafting that wonderful aroma of "Birds on the Barbie" all over town Friday evening and throughout the night until past noon on Saturday resulting in that perfect AWESOMENESS of taste and appearance! The weather co-operated and many Scouts (mostly) stayed up throughout the night to help cook.

The local chicken population took a serious hit as we sold 1,121 barbecue dinners and grossed over \$10,000 in ticket sales!

Thank you once again for all of you that purchased and sold tickets, and to those who sponsored this event, and those who worked so hard to make this such a huge success! Fowl Fest makes a lot of things possible and financially feasible for your Troop!



... Scott



TROOP 1 FOWL FEST 2013 WING MAN

Fowl Fest By The Numbers

- \$10,089 in Ticket Sales (before expenses)
- \$3,619 High Adventure Dollars Earned
- 1,121 Chicken Dinners
- 55 Scouts Selling Tickets
- 202 Tickets - **James Mullen** (Top Salesman)
- 41 Tickets - **Dehaven Dickerson** (Runner Up Salesman)
- 34 Tickets - **Graham Hall** (Honorable Mention Salesman)





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Our Troop has partnered with **TOTAL Ministries** and was given a list of about 7 children who have a very dim prospect of receiving any gifts during the holiday season and our plan is to make a difference in their lives by giving them a holiday season to remember through the generosity of Troop 1 Boy Scouts.

Each Scout was challenged to identify several "chores" they could do around their home to earn money for purchasing gifts for these children. These earnings were pooled together at the December 3rd Scout meeting where the Troop matched their contributions. The resultant funds were divided equally for the 7 children.

All Scouts were divided into 7 groups who headed out to Wal-Mart for a troop 1 version of Black Tuesday!

Finally, The Scouts wrote cards and notes to the children and capped off the night with dinner at Venus Pie where the Troop treated all Scouts for dinner before saying goodbye to each other until we meet again in 2014.





Advancement

Eagle Ceremony Tillman James / JD Copeland





Recent Eagle Scout Projects

Walker Wakefield

Walker constructed new benches for spectators at the Spartanburg Day School Tennis Courts.



Walker thanks his Advisors and the Troop 1 Scouts who also came out to help.





Advancement

L. Aiken	Salesmanship
W. Brooks	Salesmanship
A. Burnett	Personal Fitness
A. Forrest	Family Life, American Cultures, Railroading, Salesmanship
S. Forrest	Railroading, Salesmanship
B. Freedman	Railroading, Salesmanship
B. Frost	American Cultures
C. Frost	Second Class Scout , Railroading, Salesmanship
J. Gaskins	Railroading, Salesmanship
M. Goldman	American Cultures, Salesmanship
T. Griffin	Personal Fitness
B. Jungkind	Second Class Scout , Railroading, Salesmanship
R. King	Railroading, Salesmanship
W. Lawton	Second Class Scout , Railroading, Salesmanship
H. Lovelace	Railroading, Salesmanship
E. Manke	Railroading, Salesmanship
H. Morris	Railroading, Salesmanship
J. Mullen	Salesmanship
W. Nowatka	Railroading
C. Overcarsh	Salesmanship
C. Patinello	Salesmanship
T. Pittman	Salesmanship
W. Pitts	Railroading, Salesmanship
B. Rudolph	Salesmanship
C. Sanchez	Family Life, Salesmanship
G. Scheel	Railroading, Salesmanship
S. Spencer	Eagle
C. Sposa	Railroading, Salesmanship
A. Tebbe	First Class Scout , Salesmanship
B. Wakefield	Salesmanship
W. Wakefield	Emergency Preparedness
C. Wildrick	First Class Scout , Salesmanship

The Trail To Eagle...

Advancements Through
December 11, 2013





Announcements

Upcoming Birthdays!

Scouts ...

December

Bradley, Will	12/09	16
Manke, Eli	12/15	12
Gillespie, Walker	12/21	14
Nowatka, Will	12/23	14
Barrett, Will	12/29	14
Warren, Jack	12/31	14

January

Jungkind, Bern	01/07	12
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Leaders ...

December

Oates, Monty	12/13
Lyles, Mary Beth	12/23
Kennedy, Calhoun	12/24

January

Freedman, Arthur	01/07
Yurgiewicz, Ben	01/09
Hill, Chip	01/11
Mercer, Mitchell	01/14



NOTICE

Scouts should have their names embroidered on their Scout Shirts



Address Change?
Email Change?
Phone Number Change?

Send your updated contact information to
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WALTER OATES	1 ST YEAR/TROOP LEGACY FUND
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