



Scoutmaster Notes



Journeys are so much a part of our lives! As I was preparing words to deliver for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor last month the word "journey" kept coming to mind as I thought about our troop attending the lecture given by Buzz Aldrin at Wofford the week before. Now that guy epitomizes what a journey is with his mission to walk on the Moon! More thinking on the subject of journeys causes one to see many more applications as one thinks of boy scouts.



To be a Troop 1 Scout encompasses a mighty journey that has given lifelong memories to generations of young men over the past 100 years. It is a journey that begins with a few small steps across a rustic footbridge. In just a few weeks about 23 fifth grade boys will take those few steps on a journey to a Council Ring just after their parents have removed the Webelo Neckerchief and Pin to join the 73 current members of Troop 1. They will find 73 "big brothers" waiting in that council ring who will place the neckerchief of a Troop 1 Scout on their necks and who are ready to lead them onward on a journey like they have never experienced. These boys will quickly learn the ways of being a boy scout.....things like setting goals and having the discipline to accomplish

them, preparing and packing for weekend camping trips, cooking all of their meals on those trips, and learning from the many mistakes he will make over the course of his Scouting career. I have watched countless boys begin this marvelous journey over the past 12 years with the first batch of them having graduated from college last spring. It is truly a pleasure to be a part of their trek.

This journey will take those 23 boys through the ranks of Scouting with each level signifying more knowledge and maturity gained. The journey will teach them such things as responsibility to one's own self, making good decisions during those critical years of adolescence, and helping other people as the Scout Oath and Law becomes a part of their





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character. Pretty soon they will have the vision of an Eagle Scout on their radar. But the journey will be also filled with so many other things along the way. They will visit places they never would have imagined, do things they thought were impossible, and see so many fears disappear. They will find out what true friendships are all about as they learn to live together with each other at places like summer camp. There will be quite a few challenges along the trail that will test their endurance and my experience is most of these boys will use those challenges to strengthen their character.

The culmination of this journey will be when that young man will come forward in the church and his parents will pin the Eagle Badge on his uniform after he dedicates himself to living the life of an Eagle Scout. They will then remove that red neckerchief from the neck of a young man who

shows very little resemblance to that little boy they sent across that rustic footbridge only a few years before and place the neckerchief of the Eagle Scout on his neck. That is when we will realize that his journey in Troop 1 was the real thing!!

... Ted



Prepared. Packed. Pisgah.





Outdoors Update



Our next overnight will be Crossover at the beautiful Johnson Pavilion. We will have Mark & Ted's 2nd Annual attempt to perfect the BBQ once again. Bill Swartz will be present to help kick the chicken up a notch.

Saturday after Crossover, we will head out to earn the first merit badge of the 2014 season and with Horsemanship!

Details are still being worked out as to the dates for the summer trips. Edisto River is on the horizon and possibly another visit to the White Water Center in Charlotte.

We will keep you posted. See you at crossover.

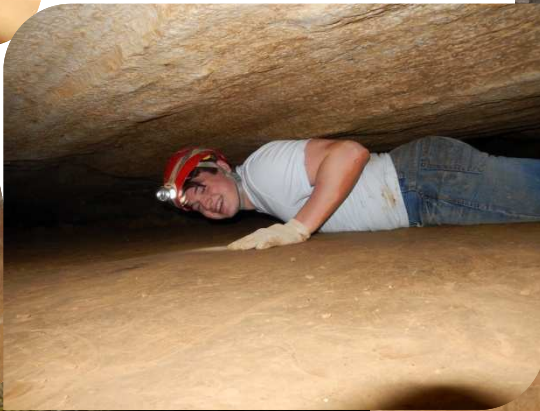
... Mark





Outdoors


Spelunking at Worley's Cave





<u>Upcoming Meeting Schedule:</u>				
Day	Date	Older Scout MB Activity	First Year's Activity	Parent Duty (OS/1 st Yr)
Tue	15 Apr	Public Speaking & SPL Elections	Tendefoot 10a & Name Your Patrol	
Tue	22 Apr	Public Speaking & Patrol Elections	Make Patrol Flags	Tebbe
Tue	29 Apr	TBD	TBD	Wildrick
Tue	06 May	OA Election/Patrol Elections	Tenderfoot 10b	Wise
Tue	13 May	End of Year Party	End of Year Party	ALL Invited

<u>Outdoor Schedule:</u>		
<u>2014</u>		
	25 – 27 Apr	Crossover
	02 – 04 May	GPS Camping
	16 – 18 May	Spring Aquatic Campout
	08 – 14 Jun	Camp Ho Non Wah
	08-10 Aug	OA Ordeal



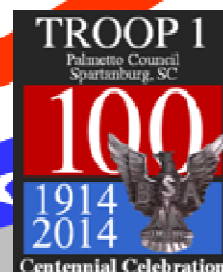
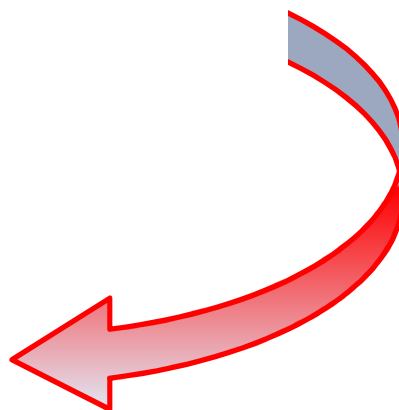
**Please join us for a
Reception
Honoring**

Coby Alexander

**And his 18 years of service
to Scouting and Troop 1**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2014
7:00 – 8:00 PM**

**The Episcopal Church of the
Advent
Family Life Building Lobby**



On My Honor

100 Years of Troop 1



This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Troop 1. The Church of the Advent was, and continues to be, the sponsoring body that enabled South Carolina's first Scout Troop to set sail on a long journey of nurturing young boys in the way of the Scout Law; to be Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. The values represented by the Law are just as important today as they were in 1914, perhaps even more so. Today Troop 1 is as strong as ever, and I am personally honored to have been part of Scouting for the past fourteen years.

To commemorate this Centennial Anniversary, the Troop intends to construct a new pavilion (see next page) on the Advent Church grounds adjacent to its historic and dearly loved Scout Hut. The pavilion will provide much needed new space for meetings and gatherings and will also include a fireplace for those chilly evenings. This new structure will also serve the Church as an additional space for gatherings. Additionally, the Troop intends to repair the existing Scout Hut (new roof, new windows, etc.) to ensure its integrity and service for the next 100 years.

I know that everyone past and present who has been a part of Troop 1 has tremendous pride in its history and accomplishments, and its service to the Spartanburg community. It is difficult to grasp just how many lives this organization has touched over 100 years. I do not know that its true impact can be accurately measured, but on a personal level, I do know how much Troop 1 has meant to my life and the lives of my two sons. Charles, Bennett and I have so many wonderful memories of trips taken, friendships forged, and lessons learned, and I am sure this holds true for all of you when you reflect on your Scouting experiences.

Troop 1 and Scouting have given so much to all of us, so please join me in returning that gift by supporting this campaign to create a beautiful addition to our corner of the world on the campus of the Church of the Advent, so that our boys, parents, and leaders can continue to "be prepared" to serve the world for decades to come. The Troop 1 Family is a large and generous one, and we want everyone to be involved.

In the coming weeks you will receive information on ways to contribute to this project. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to be involved.

I look forward to serving you, and to seeing this project completed in a way that makes us all proud.

In Scouting,

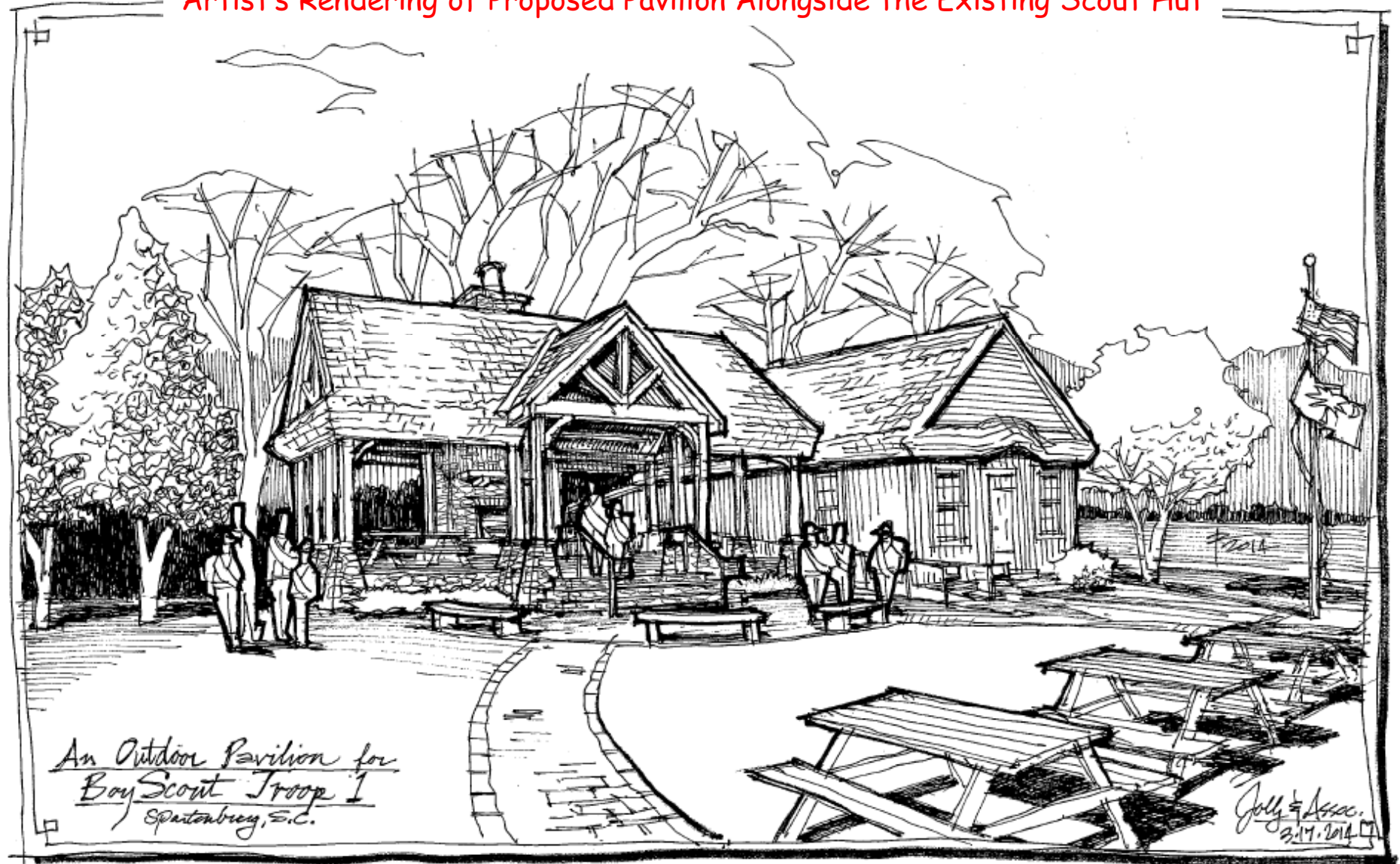
Jerry Setzer



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Artist's Rendering of Proposed Pavilion Alongside the Existing Scout Hut



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THEODORE W. GAGE, JR.



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100 Years of Troop 1



**Troop 1 Centennial Patches
have arrived!!
Have you received yours?
See Ted or Coby at the next
Scout Meeting!!**





Eagle Ceremony
Allston Burnett
Sam Spencer
Walker Wakefield





The Trail To Eagle...

Advancements Through
March 2014

B. Akridge	Skating, Snow Sports
Z. Austill	First Aid
J. Beets	Second Class Scout , First Aid, Salesmanship
W. Brooks	Second Class Scout , First Aid
J. Copeland	Bronze Palm
D. Dickerson	Personal Fitness, Welding
B. Fields	First Aid, Personal Fitness
A. Forrest	First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
S. Forrest	First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
B. Freedman	First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
B. Frost	Personal Fitness
C. Frost	First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
J. Gaskins	First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
W. Gillespie	Personal Fitness
M. Goldman	First Aid
A. Hall	Personal Fitness
B. G. Hall	Personal Fitness
A Ike	Silver Palm
F. James	Star Scout
T. James	Bronze Palm
B. Jungkind	First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
R. King	Second Class Scout , First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
W. Lawton	First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
H. Lovelace	Skating, Snow Sports

E. Manke	Skating, Snow Sports
H. Morris	First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
J. Mullen	Star Scout , Citizenship in the Nation, First Aid
W. Nowatka	First Aid, Personal Fitness
C. Patinello	Skating, Snow Sports
T. Phillips	Personal Fitness
T. Pittman	Citizenship in the World, Pets, Skating, Snow Sports
W. Pitts	Second Class Scout , First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
J. Pye	Personal Fitness
B. Rudolph	Second Class Scout , First Aid
T. Rudolph	Personal Fitness
C. Sanchez	Personal Fitness
G. Scheel	Second Class Scout , First Aid, Skating, Snow Sports
B. Setzer	Gold Palm
C. Sposa	Skating
N. Stafford	Communication, Cooking
B. Switzer	Boy Scout
K. Switzer	Boy Scout
B. Wakefield	First Aid
H. Warren	First Aid, Skating
J. Warren	Personal Fitness
C. Wildrick	First Aid





Pack 1- Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos

The Wolves have been very busy this past quarter each competing in the Derby, cleaning the Cottonwood Trail and completing the 10 requirements needed for their Golden Arrow!

Fort Johnson, Copeland Foster and John Watson Simon are now on track to get their Silver Arrow before summer break and are pictured below completing the "Be An Artist" elective requirement.



... Tripp





Announcements

Troop 1 Welcomes Our Newest Scouts



Kent Switzer, Barton Switzer, and Nate Stafford

Kent and Barton are 7th Graders and are new to the pleasures of Scouting.

Nate is a 10th Grader transferring from a Troop in Greenville!

Make sure you meet these guys and help them acclimate to our Troop!!

Ed Note: My Apologies if I listed Kent and Barton backwards ... but I bet they are used to that!





Upcoming Birthdays!

Scouts ...

April

Ike, Anders	04/04	18
Pye, Jackson	04/04	14
Cooper, Collin	04/10	17
Killoren, Clay	04/11	12
Corkery, Samuel	04/15	15
Coker, Will	04/24	17
Pitts, William	04/29	12

May

Dunbar, Pate	05/07	17
Freedman, Alex	05/21	16
Morris, Halstead	05/23	13
Spencer, Sam	05/26	16
Dickerson, DeHaven	05/29	14
James, Forest	05/30	16
Scheel, Graham	05/30	12

June

Sanchez, Cole	06/11	15
Price, Sam	06/28	13

Leaders ...

April

Oates, Walter	04/15
Lawton, Boyce	04/25

May

Setzer, Jerry	05/10
Ike, Harriet	05/14
Alexander, Coby	05/30

June

Wakefield, Jay	06/07
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NOTICE

Scouts should have their names embroidered on their Scout Shirts



Address Change?
Email Change?
Phone Number Change?

Send your updated contact information to
Ted Gage (twgage@bellsouth.net)
Coby Alexander (wca4@charter.net)





If you are interested in helping
to run YOUR Troop; contact ...

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Troop One Leadership Committee

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COBY ALEXANDER	ADVANCEMENT CHAIR
JERRY SETZER	100 TH ANNIVERSARY CHAIR
KYLE BOYLES	100 TH ANNIVERSARY
JAY WAKEFIELD	1 ST YEAR / OUTDOOR
WALTER OATES	1 ST YEAR/TROOP LEGACY FUND
JIM HALL	SCOUT CAMP CHAIR/ 1 ST YEAR
MARK MULLENS	OUTDOOR CHAIR
BILL COKER	FINANCE CHAIR
NED MORRIS	CHAPLAIN
HARRIETT IKE	BOARD OF REVIEW CHAIR
JACKY MIDDLEBROOKS	BOARD OF REVIEW
BUBBA LITTLEJOHN	BOARD OF REVIEW
CHIP HILL	BOARD OF REVIEW
SCOTT GRIFFIN	BBQ CO-CHAIR (FOOD)
RUSS RUDOLPH	BBQ CO-CHAIR (SALES)
DEDE FROST	MERIT BADGE COORDINATOR
BELINDA GILLESPIE	SECRETARY
CAROLINE JAMES	MASTER OF CEREMONIES
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MITCHELL MERCER	EAGLE'S NEST EDITOR
LAURA BAUKNIGHT	CHRISTMAS PROJECT
MICHAEL CHEWNING	CUB MASTER
NED MORRIS	CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REP.
JIM KISTLER	AT LARGE
TIM FIELDS	AT LARGE

