



2015 PIEDMONT COUNCIL POPCORN SALE TOP PERFORMERS

The Piedmont Council is proud to announce the Top Salesman for the 2011 campaign. Congratulations to Caleb Sears with Troop 91 in Kings Mountain. With a total of \$22,000 Caleb has hit an all-time sales record for the Piedmont Council (and may be a National Top 10 Salesman for 2015). What an outstanding effort!



We would also like to congratulate our top selling unit for this year's sale. Once again Pack 377 exceeded all expectations by selling over \$51,000 in popcorn. This record high could not have been achieved without a total buy in by all Scouts, Parents, and Leaders.

Other top performing units are our 2015 "Best in Three" units. Our "Best in Three" winners are those units who beat their best sales record over the past three years. We had a total of 43 units to hit this high sales mark, and doing so they have received an additional 3% sales commission. Great work to the following units:

(In addition to the bonus commission they will also receive an

invitation to the 2016 Popcorn Polar Bear Plunge!)

Two Rivers – Packs 11, 17, 62 / Troops 7, 54, 61, 62

Gemstone – Packs 171, 177, 180, 314, 370, 377,

Swamp Fox – Packs 210, 211, 805

Table Rock – Packs 182, 899 / Troop 184

Battleground – Pack 105 / Troop 92

Chimney Rock – Pack 151 / Troop 150

Foothills – Packs 254, 255, 271, 299 / Troop 241

Lakeland – Packs 231, 322, 341, 359 / Troops 250, 327, 341, 387, 726

Heartland – Packs 2, 75, 82, 83 / Troop 59

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RENDEZVOUS LOGO CONTEST!

**DEADLINE TO ENTER:
JAN. 1, 2016!**

Calling all Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Venturers, and Scouters! The Piedmont Council is looking for a logo for our 2016 Rendezvous and needs your help. Can you design a creative, innovative and professional logo?

The logo should be recognizable and help promote Rendezvous – a Jamboree-style Scouting extravaganza for all Scouting units in the entire 11-county area of the Piedmont Council. Rendezvous is a BIG three-day council-wide camping event for Boy Scouts, Ventures, and Explorers, with Cub Scouts attending on Saturday.

How to Enter Your Design

Submissions will be accepted through January 1, 2016. In order for your entry to be reviewed, it must be submitted: 1. Via email to rendezvouslogocontest@gmail.com, 2. As a high-resolution vector graphic or pdf with 300 dpi or higher resolution.

Logo Requirements

Your design must be easily reproducible and scalable for large and small formatting. This logo may be

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PIEDMONT COUNCIL CALENDAR

VISIT THE PIEDMONT COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR CALENDAR UPDATES

JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day – Scout office closed
- 6 Eagle Banquet Steering Committee meeting – Homestead Taproom, Lincolnton
- 10 Winterplace Ski Event
- 15 Webelos Camp In – Catawba Science Center
- 16 Pow-Wow Cub Leader Training
- 18 MLK Day – office closed, Scout Shop open
- 20 Council Commissioner Mtg
- 24 Ski Beach Event
- 27 Executive Board meeting
- 29 Webelos Camp-In – Catawba Science Center
- 31 Winterplace Ski Event

FEBRUARY

- 3 Scoutmaster's Dinner at Camp Bud Shiele
- 5 Bear Camp In – Catawba Science Center
- 6 Scout Sabath
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 10 Ash Wednesday
- 12 Bear Camp In – Catawba Science Center
- 13 Venture Winterfest
- 19 Wolf Camp In – Catawba Science Center
- 20 Merit Badge University
- 21 Winterplace Ski Event
- 24 Council Banquet
- 26 Wolf Camp In, Catawba Science Center
- 28 Ski Beach Event

POPCORN SALE TOP PERFORMERS

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Our final recognition is for those boys who qualified as a "Super Golden Kernel" being one of the first 25 Scouts to sell \$1,500. These great salesmen will receive a \$70 credit to attend either Cub Scout Day Camp or Boy Scout Summer Camp.

T-771 Camdon Collins	P-377 Dallas Prosser
P-377 Tyler White	P-83 Jake Perry
T-250 Samuel Goins	P-83 Nick Loden
T-92 Caleb Sears	P-999 Chase May
P-83 Sebastian Evans	P-377 Alec Lawrence
P-377 Aidan Zanotti	T-812 Chase Creasman
P-83 Aidan Yount	T-264 Xander Callihan
T-173 Hiatt Alford	T-73 Gavin Haynes
P-327 Win Batten	P-180 Blake Mayhew
T-254 Aaron Laws	T-101 Gage Freeman



2016 CUB SCOUT CAMPING SCHEDULE

JANUARY

- 15 **Webelos Camp In** – Catawba Science Center, Hickory
- 29 **Webelos Camp In** – Catawba Science Center, Hickory

FEBRUARY

- 5 **Bear Cub Camp In** – Catawba Science Center, Hickory
- 12 **Bear Cub Camp In** – Catawba Science Center, Hickory
- 19 **Wolf Cub Camp In** – Catawba Science Center, Hickory
- 26 **Wolf Cub Camp In** – Catawba Science Center, Hickory

MARCH

- 5 **Baloo Outdoor Leader Training**
- 18-19 **Webelos Woods**

MAY

- 13-15 **Cub Scout Odyssey**

JUNE

- 13-17 **Cub Scout Day Camp** (Two Rivers, Foothills, Gemstone, Table Rock)
- 20-24 **Cub Scout Day Camp** (Battleground, Chimney Rock, Lakeland, Heartland)

JULY

- Week of the July 10 – **Webelos Resident Camp**

OCTOBER

- 1 **Trail to Bobcat**
- 21-23 **Rendezvous Extravaganza 2016!**

Nominations Due January 7 for the 2016 Adams Eagle Scout Service Project Award

In 2009, the National Eagle Scout Association established the Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award to recognize valuable service of an exceptional nature by a Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout leadership service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. Each year, local councils select a council-level winner, and from that pool, each region selects a region-level winner. A national winner is then selected from the four regional finalists.

Please distribute this information freely and encourage Eagle Scouts earning their award after January 1, 2015 to participate in this NESA event. As PDF 542-026 demonstrates, some

scholarship money can be earned.

For interested Eagle Scouts, the Adams Award nomination form must be submitted to the Piedmont Council Advancement Committee by noon on Thursday, January 7, 2016. This date will give the council committee time to review submissions and submit to NESA by their deadline of January 21, 2016.

The nomination form can be found at www.nesa.org/PDF/542-026.pdf.

Please snail mail the completed form, name and summary of the project, the Eagle Scout's contact information, and a copy of the Eagle Scout Workbook to:

Advancement Committee
P.O. Box 1059. Gastonia, NC 28053
Attn: Thad Cloer – Adams Award

Or email the materials directly to thad.cloer@scouting.org.





CUB SCOUT PROGRAMS AT CATAWBA SCIENCE CENTER

Join Catawba Science Center and Piedmont Council of Boy Scouts of America for a night to remember at Catawba Science Center. These events are filled with fun for the boys and the accompanying adults. Hands-on classes help fulfill Scout activity requirements. Enjoy snacks and a late night movie, too! This year, participants have the option to attend "Evening Only" or "Overnight." Overnighters get to sleep throughout CSC, see an early morning planetarium show, and visit CSC exhibitions. Also new this year for overnighters – a warm breakfast from Chick-fil-A.*

All registration forms must be signed by Scout leader. Please send registration forms in together, as a pack. Space is limited to 100, so register early! Note: Piedmont Council is not accepting registrations or payments for camp-ins. Register online at www.catawbascience.org/education/scout-camps

WEBELOS CAMP-INS



January 15-16 & January 29-30, 2016

Registration Deadlines: January 4 for the January 15-16 Camp-in; January 15 for the January 29-30 Camp-in.

WOLVES CAMP-IN ACTIVITIES

Astronomer – Study the sky as it changes throughout the night and learn how to locate Polaris using Ursa Major. Create your own scale solar system to carry in your pocket. **Objectives: Adventures in Science #3f**

Chemist – Try your hand at creating chemical reactions, safely, using household materials! Observe liquid nitrogen and fiery demonstrations. **Objectives: Adventures in Science #3g**

Naturalist – Learn how to identify plants, insects and reptiles—including those that may be poisonous or venomous while working towards your Into the Wild elective. Meet one of CSC's reptiles. **Objectives: Into the Wild #6 - #9a**

Geologist – Become a rock hound as you learn how to identify rocks and minerals. Get your own geode to crack. **Objectives: #1a & b, #2, #3a & b, #4a & b #5, #6a & b**

BEARS CAMP-INS



February 6-7 & February 12-13, 2016

Registration Deadlines: January 22 for February 5-6 Camp-in; January 29 for the February 12-14 Camp-in.

BEARS CAMP-IN ACTIVITIES

Wildlife – Learn about wildlife including extinct animals. Use a real microscope to examine a plant up close. **Objectives: Fur, Feathers and Ferns #1, #2, #5**

CSI – Learn a few of the techniques used to solve crimes, including fingerprinting, chromatography and identifying mystery powders. **Objectives: Forensics #1 - #5 Paws for Action #2 B. i.**

Moving On – Discover simple machines while making objects move. Design your own Rube Goldberg. **Objectives: Make it Move #1 -#4a**

Super Scientist – Become a super scientist in this experiment-packed class! Investigate static electricity, buoyancy and the science of colors. **Objectives: Super Science #1 - #6**

Piedmont Council does not accept registrations or payments for any of the CSC camp-ins. Register online at the Catawba Science Center website.

WOLVES CAMP-INS



February 19-20 & February 26-27, 2016

Registration Deadlines: February 5 for the February 19-20 Camp-in; February 12 for the February 26-27 Camp-in.

WOLVES CAMP-IN ACTIVITIES

Science of Air – Learn the facts of air as you investigate its properties and the Bernoulli principle. Build your own kite and learn how to fly it safely. **Objectives: Air of the Wolf #1 a & b, #3**

Snotty Science – Investigate "snot" in a whole new way. Learn why it is important to your body. **Objectives: Germs Alive #1 - #4**

Can You Grow It? – Discover the wonderful world of plants! Learn about growing zones while making your own terrarium to take home. *Bring your own 2 liter bottle. **Objectives: Grow Something #1, #2, #4**

Planes to Boats – Create paper airplanes and wind-powered boats. Test them against others and see how well they work. **Objectives: Motor Away #1, #2**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Payment must accompany registration forms. Registration received after deadline is an additional \$5 fee. *Registration as a pack is strongly encouraged, but not required.*

Overnight Cost: \$32 CSC members, \$37 nonmembers. Primary Scout leader free, additional adults \$15 each.

Evening Only: \$43 CSC members, \$48 nonmembers. Primary Scout leader free, additional adults \$18 each.

What to Expect: A full evening of classes and two light snacks. Evening ends with an optional educational

**To register for CSC Camp-ins, go to:
www.catawbascience.org/education/scout-camps/**

CUB SCOUT PROGRAMS AT CATAWBA SCIENCE CENTER

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movie and downtime before lights out at midnight. Wake up and enjoy a warm breakfast from Chick Fil-A beginning at 7:15. Exhibits open for exploration.

What to Bring: Sleeping bag, sleeping pad, pillow, toothbrush, toothpaste, and spending money for the Science Shop. Due to space limitations, no queen-size air mattresses, please.

Where to Come: Catawba Science Center, Ground Level Lobby (located off Third St. NE, near library entrance). CSC is located on the SALT Block, 243 3rd Ave. NE, Hickory.

When to Arrive: Check-in begins at **5:45 p.m.** in the Ground Level Lobby (library side). Orientation begins at **6:15 p.m.**

Refund Policy: Refunds are available two weeks prior to camp in, minus a \$10 administrative fee. **No refunds available after this date.**

For more information about CSC: visit www.CatawbaScience.org or contact CSC at (828) 322-8169.

Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath



Scout Sunday will take place on **February 7, 2016**, and is the start of **Scout Anniversary week**. The **Scout Sabbath** will be held on Saturday, **February 6, 2016**.

If you haven't already, your unit should make arrangements to take part in a worship service at your chartered organization, or, if you are sponsored by a Civic Organization, you can still participate by making arrangements with a place of worship that one of your parents or leaders attend. This is a great time to show the congregation that Scouting is a part of their community and is making a difference in the lives of our young people.

Here are some ways that Scouts can participate in a worship service: Scouts and Leaders should be in Class A Uniform, have Scouts serve as ushers, have a Scout read a scripture passage, perform a flag ceremony at the beginning of the service (if appropriate for your worship service), have Scouts

serve as altar bearers or acolytes, ask members of the congregation who were in Scouts or were Eagle Scouts to stand up and be recognized, have the troop historian present a slide presentation of your unit's activities as people are gathering before the service, and have the troop's chaplain's aide offer a prayer during the service. Remember that **a Scout is Reverent**, and **Scout Anniversary Week** only comes once a year. Therefore, make every effort to participate and express the importance of participation to your Scouts and Leaders.

*Visit the council website for the latest Scouting news!
Get updates about council and district events, register for activities, find and print necessary forms, access online training, and more!*

www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org

Scoutmasters, Mark FEBRUARY 3 on Your Calendars!

Scoutmasters, please mark your calendars, and plan to attend the annual Piedmont Council, Camp Bud Schiele Scoutmasters Dinner! This is hosted by the Esauw Huppaday Order of the Arrow Lodge and is free of charge. Each Scout Troop is invited to send two

representatives to the Dinner. The date is February 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Camp Bud Schiele Dining Hall.

As always, it is a lot of food and fellowship as well as an opportunity to find out about our Summer Camp plans for 2016. The Leader Guide will be

handed out as well as other program promotional material. Find out about Woodbadge, NYLT, SCUBA, High Adventure and more!

Register online by Monday, January 25, 2016 so that we have an accurate headcount.

Have your Scouts learn to ski and earn the snow sports merit badge or the skiing belt loop!



January 10, January 31, and February 21, 2016

Anyone can attend this event – registered Scouts and leaders, family, friends, aunts, uncles, cousins, ANYONE! Bring your Scouts and their families to this Piedmont Council event and receive:

- A full-day lift ticket (8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.)
- Ski rental equipment (snowboards extra)
- A 90-minute lesson customized to your skiing level
- A meal voucher valued at over \$8.00
- Fun, fun, fun, and more fun!

704-864-2694



All this, only \$56 per person (includes helmet) – Check-in Sunday 8:00 a.m. until noon (don't be late!)
SPECIAL RATES FOR HOUSING AT GLADE SPRINGS RESORT: 1-855-543-7773



THE INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING CORNER

2016 JamCam Ecuador Interest Survey for Venturers

Southern Region Venturing

is currently working on putting together a Venturing contingent for the 2016-2017 Ecuador Scout Jamboree.

They are looking to take 30-50 Venturers!

The 15th Interamerican Scout Jamboree, **JamCam Ecuador**, will be held from December 27, 2016, to January 2, 2017, in the Park "Los Samanes" in the city of Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Venturers: if you have any interest at all; fill out the Google survey here: tinyurl.com/venturingjamcam

The form is not a commitment; so don't be afraid to fill it out. The form is so you can be kept informed as plans are made and notified as soon as registration opens.

If you have any questions about this trip, please email Southern Region Venturing President Douglas Taylor at Dbtaylor008@gmail.com.



Scouting and Model United Nations – Prepared For Life, on Earth

Scouting is the largest youth movement in the world and has proven to work across cultural and geographic borders. An important aspect of Scouting is that it allows Scouts to develop valuable communication skills from the exchange with others around the globe.

Model United Nations provides a fun way for young people to learn about their world, practice leadership skills, and discover possible careers. That's why the Piedmont Council is a proud sponsor of the Pangea Model United Nations Conference through its International Committee and Exploring program, along with the Hickory International Council, and Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Pangea Model UN will be held at Lenoir-Rhyne on March 8-9, 2016. Exploring units from area High Schools and Middle Schools, and other Scouting units will gather and represent UN Member Countries in delegations that will debate real world issues like Combating ISIS and Cyber Warfare.

Pangea Model UN is a fun exercise in research, public speaking, and teamwork. Our world becomes more tightly linked everyday. MUN develops leadership skills that young people will need throughout their life by giving them a chance to practice.

For more information on how to get your unit involved, visit pangeamun.org.



PANGEA
MODEL UN CONFERENCE

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featured online, on a patch, on a t-shirt, etc., so we want the logo to be eye-catching and legible.

Content: Logo must contain the following text information:

- Rendezvous
- Piedmont Council, BSA
- October 21-24, 2016

Professional: Logo must contain a Boy Scouts of America corporate identifier such as "BSA" without any periods, "Boy Scouts of America" or the BSA fleur-de-lis.

Theme: The 2016 Rendezvous will have a STEM theme – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. STEM is part of an

initiative the Boy Scouts of America has taken on to encourage the natural curiosity of youth members and their sense of wonder about these fields through existing programs. From astronomy to welding, Scouts cannot help but enjoy the wide range of STEM-related activities! Your logo should incorporate a STEM theme.

Integrity: Logos cannot contain copyrighted material. Logos must have been created and edited by you. Logos may not include images or licensed images that have been previously published. Must be easily reproducible and scalable for large and small formatting.

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY: FEBRUARY 20, 2016

The Piedmont Council Advancement Committee would like to cordially invite your troop to participate in the 2016 Merit Badge University to be held on **Saturday, February 20, 2016.**

The 2016 location for MBU will be at Gaston College in Dallas, NC. **Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m.; classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m.** The cost for the one-day event is **\$14.00 for Scouts and those adults taking classes.** The fee is the same as last year and includes lunch, teaching materials for the day, and a patch.

The Boy Scout Field Uniform is the uniform of the day. Most troops refer to this as a Class A uniform.

MBU is an opportunity to learn from professionals and experts in a variety of fields. It is not intended to be an easy way to get a merit badge but rather a well-earned experience. Scout advancement works best when a scout learns, is tested, is reviewed and then recognized. To earn a badge at MBU will require scouts to participate fully and each scout must complete all requirements to earn a merit badge. Scouts who do not complete requirements at MBU will still have a chance to learn new skills and be on the way to completing the merit badge. Troops should make arrangements with MB counselors in their home area to complete any partials.

As leaders, you can help your Scouts be successful by registering them for appropriate badges. Younger scouts should be discouraged from advanced badges they may be unable to complete. Troop leaders should know the abilities of troop members and should spend the needed time prior to MBU preparing each scout for his session. Most badges have prerequisites that must be accomplished before MBU day. Please make sure the boy's do their homework, stress to your scouts the importance of working hard in class and cooperating with counselors and classmates.

Once again, this year registration for individual classes for scouts and scouters will be done online. Troops, not individual scouts or parents should do registration. Please designate one person from your troop to operate the registration process. **Classes will open February 4, at 6:00 p.m.** You can pre-register now and start building your troop's roster. See website for details. Class requirements and class list are also online.

If you have any questions or would like to offer to teach a merit badge please contact us at kara.miller@scouting.org.

We look forward to seeing you on February 20, for Merit Badge University.

– Yours in Scouting,
Piedmont Council Advancement Committee



We gratefully acknowledge the following friends who recently presented memorial gifts to the Piedmont Council:

In Memory of:

TOM BROYHILL
Peg Broyhill

In Memory of:

PATRICIA ANN LUTKEHOLTER
Sherry Matthews

In Memory of:

HENRY L. PATRICK, JR.
Thomas Koval

In Memory of:

ALEX HALL
Dr. William Current, Sr.
Dr. Tom Warren
Grayson Kellar

In Memory of:

JERRY CAMPBELL
Ben Hines

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and at [facebook.com/PCBSA](https://www.facebook.com/PCBSA)

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Don't Miss This Piedmont Council Ski Outing!

*All Day Session:
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.*

\$54 All Day Lift Ticket, Shaped Ski Rental, Lesson, Meal Ticket – retail: \$95

\$57* All Day Lift Ticket, Snowboard Rental, Lesson, Meal Ticket – retail: \$105

\$8 Additional Meal Ticket

*Includes damage waiver deposit



Call 704-864-2694, or visit www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org



POW WOW CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

JANUARY 16, 2016, 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Lincoln County Senior Center/Lincoln County Campus of Gaston College
514 South Academy Street, or 511 South Aspen Street, Lincoln, NC 28093

**THE EVENT OF THE YEAR
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!**

Pow Wow is an annual get-together of Cub Scout leaders. It's a "Convention" for all. Pow Wow is a training conference that takes place in a festive atmosphere where you are the cub scout. It's a learning extravaganza.

WHY SHOULD I GO?

Pow Wow offers a time for all new, prospective, and experienced leaders to learn new things, share ideas and see what other packs are doing. Take away useful resources and tons of ideas.

For registered Cub leaders, the Pow Wow meets the supplemental training requirement for leader recognition awards (training knots). For more information, ask your District Training Chair.

Click here for PDFs of the Training Award Progress Report Forms:

- Scouter's Training Award for Cub Scouting
- Den Leader Training Award

The **\$20 registration fee** includes: patch, BBQ lunch, program and facility fees. Consideration for restricted /special dietary needs. No refunds unless weather-related cancellation. (\$5.00 non-refundable).

SCHEDULE:

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration
- 8:15 a.m. – Midway Displays
- 8:45 a.m. – Opening Ceremony
- 9:15 a.m. – Session 1
- 11:30 a.m. – Blue and Gold Banquet
- 12:30 p.m. – Session 2
- 1:15 p.m. – Session 3
- 2:00 p.m. – Session 4
- 2:45 p.m. – Closing Ceremony

Register online at the council website:
www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org

"EXPLORE THE WORLD OF CUB SCOUT ADVENTURES"

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS:

Arrow of Light Ceremony – Make it special! Create and present a meaningful ceremony.

Bear Cub Den Meeting: "You're the Cub Scout" – Participate in a den meeting. Review adventures and electives and recognition.

Blue and Gold – Planning the Family Banquet.

Cheers, Songs & Skits – How to teach songs, cheers and group participation activities.

Crafts – Share projects and ideas. Make a neckerchief slide that any Cub Scout would love to have.

Derbies – How to run a Pinewood or Space Derby and Raingutter Regatta.

Games – Learn why fun and games are important.

Journey to Excellence/Annual Planning – How to use the JTE requirements to plan your annual pack program on a budget.

Let's Go Camping & Outdoors Activities – What is the Council Cub Camping Program and other outdoor activities.

Pack Meeting/Pack Committee Meeting – Learn the responsibilities of a successful pack.

Pack Pizzazz – Create and present meaningful ceremonies, meeting sparklers, and learn the proper way to show respect for our nation's flag. See props and ideas.

Scoutbook – Tracking your scouting achievements and proper recognition.

Sharing Resources – Sharing District, Council, and National resources with your den leaders.

Tiger Cub Den Meeting: "You're the Cub Scout" – Participate in a den meeting. Review adventures, electives and recognition.

Webelos Den Meeting: "You're the Webelos Scout" – Participate in a den meeting to include Webelos and Arrow of Light. Review Adventures, electives and recognition.

Webelos to Scout Transition – Enhance communication and activities between webelos leaders and scout coordinators.

Wolf Cub Den Meeting: "You're the Cub Scout" – Participate in a den meeting. Review Adventures, electives and recognition.

POW WOW ADVENTURE TRAILS

To register, select your Adventure Trail:

Tiger Cub Scout Adventure Trail

- Tiger Cub Scout Den Meeting
- Games
- Crafts
- Cheers, Songs and Skits

Wolf Cub Scout Adventure Trail

- Wolf Cub Scout Den Meeting
- Cheers, Songs and Skits
- Games
- Crafts

Bear Cub Scout Adventure Trail

- Bear Cub Scout Den Meeting
- Crafts
- Cheers, Songs and Skits
- Games

Webelos Scout Adventure Trail

- Webelos Scout Den Meeting
- Let's Go Camping
- Webelos to Scout Transition
- Arrow of Light Ceremony

Cubmaster Adventure Trail

- Pack Meeting /Pack Committee Meeting
- Derbies - Wheels, Wings and Rudders
- Pack Pizzazz-Ceremonies & Flag Etiquette
- Sharing Resources

Pack Committee Adventure Trail

- Pack Meeting /Pack Committee Meeting
- JTE/Annual Program Planning
- Scoutbook
- Blue and Gold Banquet

POW WOW Registration

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Daytime Phone _____
 Email _____
 Pack # _____ District/County _____
 Scouting Position(s) _____
 # of years in Scouting _____
 # of Pow Wow's Attended _____

Please indicate your ADVENTURE TRAIL:
 Tiger Webelos Wolf Bear
 Cubmaster Pack Committee

Please indicate diet restrictions/special needs:



PIEDMONT COUNCIL DISTRICT NEWS

BATTLEGROUND

Serving Cleveland County

District Chairman
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District Commissioner
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District Executive
Michael Hovis980-241-6636
michael.hovis@scouting.org

FOOTHILLS DISTRICT CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 Scout Service Center closed
- 2 OA Winter Banquet
- 5 Eagle Board
- 7 Committee/ Commissioners meeting – 6:30pm Aldersgate UMC
- 10 Winterplace Ski Day
- 14 BG District Banquet – Cleveland County Office Building (January Recharterers Due)
- 15 Catawba Science Center – Webelos Camp-in
- 16 Pow Wow
- 18 Scout office is closed
- 24 Ski Beech Day
- 29 Catawba Science Center – Webelos Camp-in
- 31 Winterplace Ski Day

FEBRUARY

- 2 Eagle Board
- 3 Scoutmaster Dinner – CBS
- 4 Committee/ Commissioners Meeting – 6:30pm Aldersgate UMC
- 5 Catawba Science Center- Bears Camp in
- 6 Scout Sabbath
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 7 Merit Badge College Day 1 – Gardner Webb University
- 11 Roundtable – 6:30pm Aldersgate UMC (February Recharterers Due)
- 12 Catawba Science Center – Bears Camp-in
- 13 Venturing/Exploring Winterfest
- 19 Catawba Science Center – Wolves Camp-in

- 21 Merit Badge College Day 2 – Gardner Webb University
- 21 Winterplace Ski Event
- 24 Piedmont Council Banquet
- 26 Catawba Science Center – Wolves Camp-in
- 28 Ski Beech Day

BATTLEGROUND DISTRICT NEWS

2016 FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

If we have not scheduled or held a 2016 Family Friends of Scouting campaign at your Pack/Troop/Crew, please contact Michael Hovis (980-241-6636) so that we may get you on our schedule this year. We want to be able to continue supporting the Scouting program, and the Friends of Scouting campaign is a great way that the local community can help.

RECHARTER

Thank you to everyone that worked together to turn in their unit Recharter on time. I am proud to be a part of the Battleground District, and I am glad that we are able to have such a high percentage of on-time Recharterers. Keep up the great work.

MEDIA

As always, if your unit is working on something in the community that you would like to have published in the local newspaper, please contact Michael Hovis by email at michael.hovis@scouting.org, and let him know. It is very important for our community to be able to see what great things we are doing.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Thank you to everyone that helped make Scouting for Food such a success. We were able to collect a great deal of food, just in time for the holidays. The many organizations that we benefited greatly appreciate the work that was put in.

CHIMNEY ROCK

Serving Rutherford and Polk Counties

District Committee Chairman
Cooper Flack828-245-8061

District Commissioner
Bill Giles828-286-0273

Assistant District Commissioners
Dr. Mark McCall828-859-5839
Rodney Blanton828-305-3404

District Executive
Travis Walker828-286-3394
travis.walker@scouting.org

CHIMNEY ROCK DISTRICT CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 7 Chimney Rock District Roundtable – Rutherfordton Scout Hut, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 District Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting – Scout Hut, 7:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

- 4 Chimney Rock District Roundtable – Rutherfordton Scout Hut, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 District Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting – Scout Hut, 7:00 p.m.

CHIMNEY ROCK DISTRICT NEWS

ROUNDTABLES

It is extremely vital to the success of your unit that you have representation at the monthly District Roundtables. It is at these meetings that you will get important materials and information that will allow for your program to flourish! We have a blast at our Roundtables, and it always makes me feel like I am going to my monthly “family reunion.” I hope to see each of you there! Please don’t forget that we have Pack 165 & Troop 132 hosting the Chimney Rock District Roundtable every 1st Thursday of each.

RE-CHARTER PROCESS FOR 2016

Every Cub Pack, Boy Scout Troop, Venture Crew, Explorer Post, and Learning for Life Group has either completed or is in process of doing so for their Re-Charter process for 2016 very quickly. Please make every single possible effort to try to complete the Re-Charter process as efficiently and as quickly as possible. This process in Scouting is VITAL to the continued success of the mission of Scouting, and I can guarantee you that the quicker you get this process completed and behind you, the more relaxed



and happy you definitely will be. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact Bill Giles or Travis Walker. We are here for any assistance we could be blessed to provide to help you complete this process quicker and more efficient than ever before.

PUBLICITY

Another great month has passed with super articles in the paper! I hope everyone in the District will keep up the great work in getting Scouting out to the public. If you have any pictures or stories you would like to get in the paper, please contact the local paper or get in touch with me and I would love to help you out! If you do get articles in the paper, please try to retain a copy to give Travis Walker so that I may take a copy of it to the Piedmont Council Scout Office to show how Scouting is getting out into the community within our District.

2016 FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

If we have not scheduled or held a 2016 Family Friends of Scouting campaign at your Pack/Troop/Crew, please contact Travis Walker (828-447-4194) so that we may get you on our schedule this year. In order for us to continue to grow the Scouting movement, we must ensure its financial security by giving as many Scouting supporters as possible the opportunity to be a part of helping this great program continue for years to come. We have already begun with great success in the District this year with the groups we have spoken to, and look forward to having you all be a part of this campaign this year.

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FOOTHILLS DISTRICT CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 Scout Service Center closed
- 2 Order of the Arrow Winter Banquet
- 6 Foothills January recharter turn in – 6:30 p.m., Philadelphia Lutheran
- 6 Foothills Popcorn money turn-in meeting – 6:30 p.m., Philadelphia Lutheran
- 7 Foothills January Roundtable meeting – 7:30 p.m., after the turn-in meetings
- 10 Winterplace Ski Day
- 13 Council Day Camp Director & Program Director meeting
- 15 Catawba Science Center – Webelos Camp-in
- 16 Pow Wow
- 18 Scout office is closed
- 20 Council Commissioner meeting
- 22-24 Carolina Indian Seminar
- 24 Ski Beech Day
- 28 FH Commissioner meeting
- 29 Catawba Science Center – Webelos Camp-in
- 30 Scoutmaster Specific Training

FEBRUARY

- 3 Scoutmaster Dinner – CBS
- 5 Catawba Science Center – Bears Camp-in
- 6 Scout Sabbath
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 11 All February Unit Recharter Due & Camp Card Distribution – 6:30pm
- 11 Roundtable – 7:30pm
- 12 Catawba Science Center – Bears Camp-in
- 13 Venturing/Exploring Winterfest
- 18 Foothills District Leader Banquet – 6:30pm
- 19 Catawba Science Center – Wolves Camp-in
- 20 Merit Badge University
- 21 Winterplace Ski Event
- 24 Piedmont Council Banquet
- 25 Foothills Commissioner meeting – 6:30pm, Whitnel UMC
- 26 Catawba Science Center – Wolves Camp-in
- 28 Ski Beech Day

FOOTHILLS DISTRICT NEWS

TRAINING

A big thanks to all of the Foothills Training Team Members that helped out with the University of Scouting Training! Also I would like to congratulate and thank the 6 leaders that attended the Univ. of Scouting! Great Job! Please help to really promote and stay on top of those non-trained leaders to

attend and stress the importance of learning how the program works and how to administer a quality program. Please log onto www.scouting.org/ to take the most up-to-date trainings.

RECHARTER

January units are due on January 6. If you need any help with your charter please give Chris Scruggs a call at 851-1302! If you have any questions or foresee that it will not be ready by the deadline, please contact Chris Scruggs. The recharter turn-in meeting will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. before the January 6 Roundtable meeting. Please come prepared with all signatures and forms properly filled out. I promise this is a painless procedure!

POPCORN

Reminder: The money turn-in meeting will be held January 6 at 6:30 p.m., at Philadelphia Lutheran Church.

D.E. NOTES

Thanks for all that you do to instill good values and morals for our youth! I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy New Year!

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GEMSTONE DISTRICT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 5 BS Roundtable
- 7 CS Roundtable
- 12 OA Chapter Meeting
- 19 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting
- 18 Eagle Board
- 23 Klondike Derby

FEBRUARY

- 2 BS Roundtable
- 4 CS Roundtable
- 8 District Scout Vespers Service
- 9 OA Chapter in Mooresville
- 12 District Banquet
- 16 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting
- 15 Eagle Board



GEMSTONE DISTRICT NEWS

TRAINING

Cub Leader Training, Youth Protection Training, Fast Start for position, and New Leader Essentials Training can all be completed online at www.scouting.org. If you have questions, or trouble getting online, contact Lee Barnes by emailing lee.barnes420@yahoo.com. There are links on the Gemstone District website, gemstonedistrict.com, with information on the new Cub Scout Program. You can also visit scouting.org/scoutsource, and click on Program Updates.

RECHARTERS

Please remember that all charters are due at the roundtable of the month that the recharter is due. This allows time to review the paperwork and get any corrections made before the month end. Also, Journey to Excellence forms are required with your charter paperwork. Please print off all internet rechartering papers and get the proper signatures before turning them in.

CAMP CARDS

Camp card season is almost upon us!! The 2016 camp cards will be available at the February roundtable. This is a great way to raise funds for your pack, support the council and local businesses. Please begin to select your unit camp card chair and prepare to sell!

VESPERS SERVICE

The Gemstone District Scout Vespers service will be held on February 8. The location will be Landmark Church of God on Broad Street in Statesville. Please promote this among your scouts and leaders. We would like to have participation from each troop's Chaplain Aide. We are also recognizing anyone that has earned their religious award in the last year. Please submit those names ASAP.

DISTRICT BANQUET

The Gemstone District Banquet will be held on Friday, February 12, 2016, at Landmark Church of God on Broad Street in Statesville. This is a great night to celebrate the great volunteers in our district. All awards are due to Bill Hicks by December 28.

SCOUT SHOW

We are once again joining the City of Statesville for the Arbour Day Celebration again this year. This is a great chance for the community to see Scouting in action. Over 500 people come through this event. Please begin to plan what activity your unit would like to facilitate this year. Please contact Melba if you have qu

DISTRICT WEBSITE

Check www.gemstonedistrict.com for updates on upcoming events, contact information, or to check out what is going on in our District. If you have information you would like to have posted, contact Seth Overcash at 704-664-0820 or email seth.overcash@windstream.net.

SUBMIT PICTURES OF YOUR SCOUTS TO THE PAPERS

Thank you to everyone for submitting pictures and articles to the newspaper. Send pictures of Scouts in action to our local papers and the council *Smoke Signals* newsletter! Encourage your Scouts to wear their uniform to Scout field trips and events. When submitting photos and articles, please include this: "For more information on local Scouting, contact the Piedmont Council at 704864-2694 or visit www.scouting.org." Photos can be submitted to: *Neighbors of Lake Norman* (was *Iredell Neighbors*), *The Charlotte Observer*, 20916 Torrence Chapel Road, Cornelius, N. C. 28031; *Mooresville Weekly*, 209 Delburg Street, Suite 209, Davidson, NC 28036; *Statesville Record and Landmark*, 222 East Broad Street, Statesville, NC 28677.

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HEARTLAND DISTRICT CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 4 Committee / Commissioner / Roundtable Meeting – 6-8 P.M., 1st U.M.C., Lincolnton, N.C.

MARCH

- 3 District Banquet – 6-8 P.M., Boger City U.M.C., Boger City, N.C.

April

- 7 Committee / Commissioner / Roundtable Meeting – 6-8 P.M., 1st U.M.C., Lincolnton, N.C.

Heartland District News

HEARTLAND DISTRICT NEWS

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING (FOS) 2016

Is there an event or evening where a family presentation could be made in your local community or unit? Please look at your calendars in January, February, and March and let us know at our next Roundtable meeting and we will make it happen for your local unit. Our dedicated chairperson is currently coordinating our Family Friends of Scouting Campaign this year for the Heartland District. They have done a great job working with our local units in the past for the Heartland District. Currently, it costs the Piedmont Council approximately \$175 per youth to run the program. The vast majority of this funding comes from the Friends of Scouting Campaign. For as little as \$15 per month, you can sponsor one scout and make a difference in the lives of youth in your community. Many of you have already given your time, talent, and treasure to support Scouting and for that, I would like to personally thank you. If your unit has not selected a date for your presentation, please contact your District Executive. It is our goal to give all of the families in the Heartland District an opportunity to give to the Friends of Scouting Campaign and learn how their individual financial donation helps deliver the program in their local community.

DISTRICT AWARDS BANQUET 2016

Unit Leaders, please start thinking about who you want to nominate for our Leader of the Year Awards. We have awards



in Den Leader, Cubmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Assistant District Advisor, and Venture Advisor of the Year. These are chosen by the District Committee after reviewing letters of recommendation written by volunteers. If you wish to nominate someone, please write a personal letter, put it into an envelope, and give it to one of our Key 3 members (listed above) or turn it in at the Gastonia office. Unit awards are chosen by the District Committee after reviewing the record of each unit for the year. District Award of Merit is given by a separate committee of past District Award of Merit recipients in the district.

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP STAFF 2016

We are in the planning stages for Cub Scout Day Camp 2016! If you have participated on staff in the past or would like to be a first time staff member, please let us know immediately. We are looking for adult volunteers and Boy Scout youth volunteers who can serve for one, two, three, four, or all five days of day camp for this current season. Please e-mail your contact information and which activities you would be interested in helping with (examples: Scout Skills, Arts & Crafts, and/or Archery) or if you would like to be considered for Cub Scout Day Camp staff.



**WANTED!
SCOUT NEWS
AND PHOTOS!**

If your Scout or Unit has gone on an outing, participated in an activity, or if you just have an interesting Scouting story, please share it!

Email stories and pictures to Kim Deese at kim.deese@scouting.org. Please send images as attached files, and do not insert pictures into another program such as Word or Publisher. Or, send prints and LEGIBLE stories to: **Smoke Signals: Scouting in Action, PO Box 1059, Gastonia, NC 28053**

Sorry – prints can't be returned. We look forward to sharing your stories and photos with everyone in the Piedmont Council!

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LAKELAND DISTRICT CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 6 District Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM at Partnership for Children, 738 4th Street SW, Hickory, NC
- 7 Roundtable – 7 PM at First United Methodist Church, 410 1st Ave N, Conover, NC
- 21 Eagle Board – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1686 6th St SE, Hickory, NC

FEBRUARY

- 3 Scoutmaster Dinner – Camp Bud Schiele
- 3 District Committee Meeting – 6:00 PM at Partnership for Children, 738 4th Street SW, Hickory, NC
- 4 District Banquet (in lieu of Roundtable) – 6:30 PM at First United Methodist Church, 410 1st Ave N, Conover, NC
- 18 Eagle Board – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1686 6th St SE, Hickory, NC

LAKELAND DISTRICT NEWS

SCOUTING FOR FOOD A SUCCESS

Thanks to Gail Caldwell, Lakeland's Scouting for Food Chair, and all of the volunteers and Scouts who participated in Scouting for Food. We collected more than 22,960 pounds of food for the local food banks in Catawba County! Great Job! Recipients of the food included Greater Cooperative Christian Ministries in Hickory, Eastern Cooperative Christian Ministries, and the Salvation Army. Thank you for helping to provide food for those who need it.

DISTRICT BANQUET

The Lakeland District Banquet will be held in lieu of the February Roundtable on Thursday, February 4, 2016. The banquet will be held at First United Methodist Church in Conover (normal Roundtable location) and begin at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$10 per person. All Scout families are encouraged to attend. The banquet is being hosted by Troop 322. More details to follow.

The district banquet is our opportunity to recognize our leaders who have done extraordinary things for our Scouts. The District Award of Merit is the highest award that a district can give to a volunteer. Other awards that we are seeking nominations for include: The Claude Abernethy Award (Scouters must have a minimum of 20 years of Scouting service), Commissioner of the Year, Scoutmaster of the Year, Scouter of the Year, Cubmaster of the Year, Cub Scouter of the Year, Den Leader of the Year, Crew Advisor of the Year, and unit of the Year (a Pack, Troop, and Crew can be recognized). There is a special nominating form for the District Award of Merit. There is also a General Nomination Form for the other awards listed. The nomination forms were originally e-mailed out on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015. If you did not receive the forms, and would like to have them, e-mail Michael Montgomery at michael.montgomery@scouting.org. Once you have the forms, review the criteria and think of a deserving Scouter in your unit who should be recognized. Once you have done this, please take the time to complete the form and submit it to the District Banquet Awards Chair, Cheryl Martin, at thomj@charter.net by January 15, 2016. There are many volunteers who should be recognized. Please take time to help us in this process and mark your calendars for Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016!

CHARTER RENEWAL

December Charters were due at the December Roundtable. Charters for December units expire on Jan. 1, 2016. January Recharterers are due at the January Roundtable and February Recharterers can be submitted the night of the District Banquet. For those who are taking care of your unit's recharter, remember that you have to click on the "submit" button on-line for the on-line process to be completed. Once that is done, you will be prompted to print out a signature page that will need to be signed by the appropriate individuals. If there are any items to be completed on page 1 of the print out, then you will need to submit those items as well (for example, page 1 may say that you need to submit youth or adult applications- don't forget to have them signed by the appropriate people). Many recharterers will not



have anything listed on page 1 and this simply indicates that there are no special issues with your recharter that need to be addressed. In addition to taking care of items on page 1, you will need to have the recharter papers signed by the appropriate individuals and submit your recharter fees. Finally, the Journey to Excellence Form for this year needs to be completed, signed, and submitted at the December Roundtable (for December Units) with your Recharter. Gerald Loftin, our Recharter Chairman, will review your recharter to ensure that you have completed everything correctly. If you submit a recharter that is incomplete or has errors, then your recharter will be delayed and will require extra work for all involved (including you, the district volunteers helping with this process, and the office staff at the Scout Office). This is why it is important that Gerald review your recharter before it is submitted. If you have questions about rechartering, do not hesitate to contact Gerald Loftin at (828) 320-5565 or e-mail him at Gerald.Loftin@HITSTech.net

CAMP-INS AT THE CATAWBA SCIENCE CENTER

Wolves, Bears and Webelos are welcome to camp-in at the Catawba Science Center for a night to remember. This year Cub Scouts have the option to participate in Evening only activities from 5:45-10:30 PM or Overnight Activities from 5:45 PM- 9:30 AM. The classes are specially designed to engage scouts with exciting hands-on activities that address requirements and electives found in the Cub Scout Handbook.

Here are the scheduled dates for Webelos, Wolves, and Bears:

The Webelos Camp-in will be held on Jan. 15-16 & 29-30, 2016 and will feature activities including: Astronomer, Chemist, Naturalist, and Geologist

The Wolves Camp-in will be held on Feb. 19-20 & 26-27, 2016 and will feature activities including Science of Air, Snotty Science, Can You Grow It, and Planes to Boats

The Bears Camp-in will be held Feb. 5-6 & Feb. 12-13, 2016 and will feature activities including Wild Life, CSI, Moving On, and Super Scientist

Visit www.catawbascience.org, and click on "education/scout-camps/" to print out the registration forms for these events (or from the home page, click on Education, and then scroll down and click on Scout Camps). Once on the Scout Camps page, you will need to scroll down to the bottom where it says "Boy Scout Camp-in Registration Forms" and then click on the appropriate link (Webelos, Wolves, or Bears).

SCOUT SUNDAY AND SCOUT SABBATH

Scout Sunday will take place on Feb. 7, 2016, and is the start of Scout Anniversary week. The Scout Sabbath will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016. Your unit should make arrangements to take part in a worship service at your chartered organization or if you are sponsored by a Civic Organization, you can still participate by making arrangements with a place of worship that one of your parents or leaders attend. This is a great time to show the congregation that Scouting is a part of their community and is making a difference in the lives of our young people. Here are some ways that Scouts can participate in a worship service: Scouts and Leaders should be in Class A Uniform, have Scouts serve as ushers, have a Scout read a scripture passage, perform a flag ceremony at the beginning of the service (if appropriate for your worship service), have Scouts serve as altar bearers or acolytes, ask members of the congregation who were in Scouts or were Eagle Scouts to stand up and be recognized, have the troop historian present a slide presentation of your unit's activities as people are gathering before the service, and have the troop's chaplain's aide offer a prayer during the service. Remember that a Scout is Reverent and Scout Anniversary week only comes once a year. Therefore, make every effort to participate and express the importance of participation to your Scouts and Leaders.

CAMP CARDS

It is our plan to have the camp cards distributed on the night of the District Banquet (Feb. 4, 2015). Stay tuned to the Lakeland District News E-mails for the latest updates on Camp Cards. Encourage each of your Scouts to sell a specified amount of cards. It is not unreasonable to expect each

Scout to sell 10 cards. This can easily be done in an hour, selling door to door on a Saturday afternoon. Discuss setting goals for Scouts with your unit leadership to see what is appropriate for your unit. If you are not doing Scout accounts so that your Scouts can use the camp card money for Scout activities, supplies, dues, etc. then this is something that you should seriously consider. They are called camp cards for a reason; namely, so that each Scout can earn his way to camp!

SPRING CAMPOREE

Boy Scout Troops, mark your calendars for April 29-May 1, 2016. These are the dates for the spring camporee. The camporee will be held at Camp Bud Schiele and it will be hosted by Troop 250 of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Hickory. All troops are encouraged to participate. More details to follow. Stay tuned to the Lakeland District News E-mails for updates.

TABLE ROCK/ SWAMPFOX

Table Rock – Serving Burke County; Swampfox – Serving McDowell County

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DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Please note: If you would like to nominate anyone to serve on the District Committee, the support-system for our Districts Packs, Troops, Crews, and Posts, then please email Clint.Beilke@scouting.org.

TABLE ROCK/SWAMP FOX DISTRICT CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 5 TR Roundtable/ Recharterers Due – FUMC Morganton, 7pm
- 5 TR OA Chapter Meeting – FUMC Morganton – 7pm
- 7 SF Roundtable – FUMC Marion, 7pm
- 14 TR District Committee Meeting – Grace Hospital
- 21 TR District Awards Selection Meeting – Location TBA
 Roundtable Focus: Family FOS/Charter Renewal/Leader Training



FEBRUARY

- 2 TR Roundtable/ Recharter Due – FUMC Morganton – 7pm
- 2 TR OA Chapter Meeting – FUMC Morganton – 7pm
- 3 Scoutmaster Dinner – Camp Bud Schiele
- 4 SF Roundtable – FUMC Marion – 7pm
- 11 TR District Banquet/ Annual Business Meeting – 7pm – Location TBA
Roundtable Focus: Youth Protection Training / Charter Renewal / Camp Cards Distributed / Family FOS Presentations Scheduled

MARCH

- 1 Table Rock Roundtable – 7:00pm, FUMC Morganton, Fellowship Hall
- 1 TR OA Chapter Meeting – FUMC Morganton – 7pm
- 3 Swamp Fox Roundtable – 7:00pm, FUMC Marion, Scout Room
- 10 TR District Committee Meeting – Grace Hospital
Roundtable Focus: Camp Cards/Camp Early Bird/Webelos to Scout/FOS

TABLE ROCK/SWAMP FOX DISTRICT NEWS

POPCORN SUPPORTS SCOUTING!

Thanks to everyone in both districts that worked feverishly in support of the local Popcorn sale. Any unit that did not participate in the sale this year is highly encouraged to jump on board next year. The Popcorn sale is a great way to earn money to support YOUR local program at home. Please remember Popcorn settlements are due to Council by 5:00 p.m. on January 7.

PLAN THE PROGRAM YOU WANT, THEN SELL YOUR PROGRAM!

With Popcorn just in our rear-view, it's time to look at the rest of our program year and make sure we have enough money to cover the program we planned in August. And in order to do more, more, more, we have the camp card sales comping up in February!

Tips: Many units across the council have had amazing success selling cards in front of stores. As always, it's best to schedule with the store manager when planning to sell in front of their store.

SCOUTING'S JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to all the units that successfully achieved recognition for Scouting's Journey to Excellence in 2015. In a difficult year, we all pushed forward and navigated the course to growing Scouting,

servicing more boys, and having a higher quality program. Please review the Journey to Excellence criteria for your program early in 2015 and plan to achieve a "Gold" level recognition by your unit's recharter period. It is important to plan and have a strategy that is supported by all unit leaders and the unit's committee. A successful implementation of the components from the Journey to Excellence will help build a better-organized and efficient unit to serve the boys of the community. All JTE forms are due in the Council Office by December 15th. This is a change put in place last year from the national office.

EVERY BOY DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER

One important criterion on the Journey to Excellence is improving the percentage of direct contact leaders that have 100% Trained status. This is an extremely important area in which almost every unit can improve on. With the new online training courses offered on myscouting.org, all Cub leaders can complete all necessary training online at their leisure. With that training complete, Cub leaders are encouraged to take additional training such as BALOO and OWLS training to help develop their Scouting knowledge. Boy Scout leaders are encouraged to participate in the annual Boy Scout Leader Training to help promote BSLT to all available adults in the troop. Help the districts move forward to achieving 100% trained leadership by helping a fellow leader get trained in 2015!

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

How is Scouting financed at a local level? Who actually pays for Scouting? These are great questions that many individuals do not know! Family Friends of Scouting is the opportunity to share Scouting's mission and goals with our Scout families and explain to them the changes Scouting is seeing in the way the program is financed. Despite a tough economy, Scouting continues to grow and expand with no program cuts or support cuts to units! This has only been because of the generous support of numerous individuals in each community that wish to "Keep Scouting Strong" each year. We ask an opportunity to share our challenges to the families at your Blue and Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor and ask for their support. Remember,

all contributions to the Piedmont Council are tax deductible and stay here locally to support our local programs!

JOIN ROUNDTABLE AND GET IN THE KNOW!

Everyone is welcome to the monthly Roundtable sessions in the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the First UMC of Morganton. The Swamp Fox Roundtable convenes the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the First UMC in Marion.

ARTICULATE ADVANCEMENTS – TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ONLINE ADVANCEMENT

Is your unit entering advancements into the "Online Advancement" system? By doing so, your unit can keep a virtual record of all advancements "in the clouds." In case of a disaster, your unit will not have to worry about losing all the precious information found in youth and adult recognition information. Online advancement can be backdated, and allows for real-time updating and record keeping with the most accuracy possible. To get started, all you need is your unit's online 'advancement code' which can be given to you by a Council support person. Make use of the available technologies to help make your job just a little bit easier!

FAMILY FOS – SUPPORTING SCOUTING AT THE HOME FRONT

Do you know how the Council and local program is financed? Do you know that the Piedmont Council serves over 18,000 youth annually? Did you that the Piedmont Council operates solely on the generosity of those in the community and receives no federal, state, stimulus, or governmental funding?

Please let the local professional know of your upcoming Blue and Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor coming up in the first few months of the year. All units are encouraged to participate in a Family Friends of Scouting program to promote support of our mission and to educate families on how Scouting is financed within the county. All families that participate will be awarded a special token of our appreciation! Remember, all donations to the Piedmont Council are 100% tax deductible.

DON'T BE LIKE PEDRO – BE A 100% BOY'S LIFE UNIT

Ever wonder why some units have 100% *Boy's Life* recognition on their quality unit strips? You may have guessed it, that



indicates that 100% of their youth is enrolled with *Boy's Life* magazine. For \$1 an issue, you can provide a Scout with the best Scouting publication that has been around for over 90 years! Rechartering time provides units to maximize the 100% *Boy's Life* plan by subscribing every boy with a subscription. *Boy's Life* magazine promotes Scouting skills, competencies, and literacy, all while being written on the age specific abilities of the youth! Set your unit apart from the rest, become a 100% *Boy's Life* Unit.

TWO RIVERS

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TWO RIVERS DISTRICT CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 5 Roundtables – 7:00 (Cub), 7:30 (BS),
1st Pres-Gastonia
January Recharter Accepted
- 15 January Recharts Due in Council Office
- 19 Two Rivers District Banquet

FEBRUARY

- 2 Roundtables – 7pm(CS), 1st Pres –
Gastonia (NO BOY SCOUT RT)
District YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING
at Roundtable
- 15 February Recharts Due in Council Office

TWO RIVERS DISTRICT NEWS

ROUNDTABLES

It is extremely vital to the success of your unit that you have representation at the monthly District Roundtables. It is at these meetings that you will get important materials and information that will allow for your program to flourish. January Roundtables include important topics such as JTE Scoresheets (past due), training opportunities, and the Spring Camporee. Remember that due to the Scoutmasters Dinner on February 3rd, there will be NO Boy Scout Roundtable in February but we will feature Youth Protection Training (required every 2 years) at the Cub Scout Roundtable and ALL volunteers are welcome to attend.

DISTRICT BANQUET

As of the publication of this newsletter the Two Rivers District Banquet Date was still up in the air. It is listed on the Calendar for January 15th but that date may change. Currently our best option may be January 19th. Please watch your emails and share with your volunteers the date as soon as it is posted/emailed. Remember the District Banquet is the Volunteer banquet where we say "thanks" to those who have helped Scouting in 2015 and honor a couple key volunteers with the District Award of Merit.

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATIONS

It is that time of year where we ask that EVERY unit to open your doors and allow a district volunteer to come and share the information with all parents on how Scouting is funded. Once again for 2016 the Council will continue with the Scout Law patches and prints for this year. 2016 will be "Helpful" and a great way for parents to "help" is through a small donation to Scouting. For only \$15 per month, you can sponsor ONE scout for a year of Scouting. In 2015 we had great support from the families of Scouts at those units where presentations were held. In 2016 the goal for Two Rivers is 100% participation. Presentations will be conducted from January to May and should be held at a Pack Meeting, Blue and Gold or Troop Court of honor.

PUBLICITY

There are a lot of great things happening across the Two Rivers district. Service Projects, Eagle Scouts, or trips that your unit may take. Let's try to keep Scouting in the News every week in 2016! If you have an article you can submit, please sent it to Wil M c D o n a l d a t wmacdonald@gastongazette.com . Wil is great about sharing Scouting articles and I am sure that we have something GREAT to share EVERY week! Special prize will be awarded at the 2017 District Banquet for the unit with the most NEWS in 2016.

FROM THE FIELD DIRECTOR

The New Year has arrived and 2016 is sure to be another banner year for the Two Rivers District. Thanks to all the Volunteers who made 2015 a success. You may not always get the thanks you deserve but every

one of you should know you are changing lives every week. I am excited about 2016 and hope that you are as well. This year the Piedmont Council will once again host a Council Rendezvous in October and if you have never been to a Rendezvous you are in for something special. Let's do all we can to make sure that the youth of our community have GREAT programs, GREAT activities, GREAT events in 2016. I am hopeful that the February issue will be written by a new Two Rivers Executive but as always I am here if needed. Make it a GREAT DAY for SCOUTING. Kirk

Finally, I leave you with this; Those who believe youth need what Scouting Thanks for all you do for Scouting. Kirk

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ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS ESWAU HUPPEDAY WINTER BANQUET

2015 is coming to a close and that means many things. In reference to our lodge, this means the Winter Banquet is quickly approaching! The banquet is Saturday January 2nd at First United Methodist Church in Hickory. If you have not already, please pre-register so we can get the correct number for food. To register, please send your registration and money to Jimmy Arthurs. You can find the information about where to send your sign up at eswau.net under the forms tab.



The Winter Banquet will wrap up the 2015 year of Esau Huppeday and will take a look back at how the lodge celebrated a "Century of Service!" Along with the food, there will be presentation of awards for individuals and chapters. These awards include the Nabbys! Prepare for some laughs at as we honor some of our not-so wonderful moments. There will be another trivia challenge to see who will take home the Traveling Trivia Trophy (Triple T for short). Also, we will honor those Arrowmen selected as Outstanding Arrowman, Founder's Award, and the James E. West Fellow.

And now I have a request. We like to give door prizes out during the banquet but that is not possible without some donations. If you or your company would like to donate some items to give out as door prizes, please let me or Bryce Cassel know. We would like to know what is coming so we can get an idea of how many prizes we have. futuredrtrivett@gmail.com or bryce902@gmail.com

Thank you for your time and attention. I hope your holidays go well and that you have a Happy New Year!

In WWW,
Joshua Trivett

2016 CAROLINA'S INDIAN SEMINAR FAQ – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When is CIS?

The 2016 Carolina's Indian Seminar is coming up Friday, January 22, to Sunday, January 24, 2016. This year the event will be held once again at the Mitchell Community College Continuing Education Center in Statesville.

Who Can Attend CIS?

This event is open to everyone with a desire to learn. Bring your Scout or church group or make it a family weekend. Registration starts Friday at 5:00pm – follow the signs. Uniforms are not required but appropriate attire is requested.

What happens at CIS on Friday?

The weekend begins with a Powwow on Friday night at 8:30pm. All dancers are welcome. When the MC calls for everybody to dance, you may enter the dance arena in your street clothes. It is preferable for you to wear long pants instead of shorts.

This is a great opportunity to learn Powwow protocol. There are normally a number of exhibition dances on Friday night. If you haven't determined the style of dance you want to pursue, this would be an excellent opportunity to see the different outfits and dance styles. Please bring a camping type chair to sit in if you are not dancing.

Where do I stay at CIS?

Rooms are provided in the college for sleeping. There are designated classrooms for Females and Males as well as an open area in the gym. Bring your cot and/or sleeping bag. Showers are available in the gym and restrooms are available on each hall. There are a number of local hotels if you prefer to stay off-campus.

Is there food at CIS?

On Saturday, breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided. Breakfast will be provided on Sunday. You will receive a wristband to tell you which meal time to attend. Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase between meals.

Most people staying offsite eat breakfast at the hotel; old friends have supper at a restaurant; and many leave before breakfast on Sunday. We are trying to keep from increasing the event fee. One way to do this is to reduce the amount of food we throw away by having an accurate count for meals. Please indicate the meals you plan to eat on your registration form.

What happens at CIS on Saturday?

On Saturday, you will have the opportunity to attend as many as 5 classes starting at 9:00 am. A few classes may have a charge associated with them. An example would be an all-day class where you complete a pair of leather moccasins. Most classes, however, provide all of the materials you need free of charge.

There are approximately 125 classes available on Saturday. Everyone can find classes that suit their interests and skill level. The classes offered include outfit construction like beading, weaving, leatherwork, feather work, quill work, etc. as well as Powwow etiquette, dance styles/instruction, drumming, flute making, and basketry to name a few.

The instructors travel from all over the United States to teach. They are extremely knowledgeable and always happy to answer your questions. There will be vendors available Friday through Saturday to purchase outfit materials if you just can't wait to get started on your new outfit!

The Saturday night Powwow, starting at 8:15pm, is an excellent time to show off some of the skills you acquired during the Saturday classes. We often have in excess of 200 dancers on the floor on Saturday night representing a large variety of dance styles. This is a learning Powwow. Don't be afraid to ask someone to help you with your dancing or to help you better understand Powwow protocol. Most of the young men and women you see dancing started at CIS in years past and love to show off their skills.

What happens at CIS on Sunday?

Sunday morning breakfast is served at 8:00am and will be followed by a religious service at 8:30am. Plan to leave the campus by 9:30am or 10:00am.

CIS is a wonderful place to learn new skills and make lifelong friends. If you like the seminar weekend, the AICA committee, who hosts this Powwow, holds a local dance Father's Day weekend where you can rejoin your new friends and dance all weekend. The Cabarrus Powwow Association holds a Powwow in September where you can reunite once again. In addition to these local dances, your new friends would love for you to attend the Powwows in their communities.

We look forward to seeing you at CIS! For updates and if you have any additional questions, please go to esau.net. And follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/carolinasindianseminar](https://www.facebook.com/carolinasindianseminar)

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Jimmy is a smooth roller.



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VENTURING CALENDAR
JANUARY
28 VOA Meeting –7 PM, Hickory Airport
FEBRUARY
20 Venturing Awards Ceremony

VENTURING NEWS

VENTURING PROGRAM KICKOFF AND NEW OFFICERS

If you are a Venturer who would like to be involved in the Venturing Officers Association, please contact Will Carpenter at 704-915-5811 or e-mail to willcarpenterventuring@gmail.com. Meetings are generally held at the Hickory Airport on the last Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Be sure to logon to our Piedmont Council, NC, Facebook Page. This is where you can stay up to date with all things Venturing in our area!

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PIEDMONT COUNCIL WOOD BADGE EXPERIENCE 2016

Friday, April 1 - Sunday, April 3, AND Friday, April 15 - Sunday, April 17, 2016

Now is the time for you to gain a mountain top experience by participating in the Piedmont Council's Wood Badge leadership training course. This premier adult training course will be held in the spring of 2016. This innovative training program provides advanced training for leaders in all five divisions – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, Exploring, and Council/District operations.

Reflecting on the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, Wood Badge also draws upon the most current leadership models being used by corporate America, academic circles, and successful outdoor leadership organizations throughout the country.

The ultimate goals of the Wood Badge experience are to build a quality program for Scouts of all ages, while helping Scouters develop their leadership potential. The course is filled with exciting sessions to help volunteers understand how leadership roles interact with each other, with topics including: Managing Conflict; Communicating; Listening to Learn; Valuing People and Leveraging Diversity; Stages of Team Development; Team and Individual Leadership; Coaching and Mentoring; Project Planning; and much, much more. Once the classroom portion is complete, the practical portion begins: completing the Wood Badge ticket. Over a period of up to eighteen months, participants



complete various projects in service to others, service to the unit, and personal growth. Leaders desiring a deeper dedicated involvement in the Scouting program will find this advanced training highly rewarding.

The 2016 Wood Badge Course will be a two week-end course conducted at Camp Bud Schiele in Rutherfordton, North Carolina. Course dates are April 1-3 and April 15-17, 2016 and the cost of

the training is \$200 per participant. Each weekend is comprised of 3 full days of training, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Attendance at both weekends is required for completion of the course. You will camp in the platform tents in Cub World the first weekend, and camp in your tent the second weekend. A pre-course meeting will be held in March.

Registration will be limited to a course of 48 participants. Interested candidates are encouraged to complete the information sheet below and remit a \$50.00 deposit to hold a spot for the course. You should have completed Leader Specific Training for your registered position in Scouting prior to taking the course.

Course Director: Dean Perry – Email, ddjperry@bellsouth.net, phone, 828-289-0422



Wood Badge Experience 2016 April 1-3 AND April 15-17, 2016 Camp Bud Schiele

Name _____

Unit _____ Leadership Position in Scouting _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email: _____

Brief Background of Scouting Experience _____

Clip and return this form to: Piedmont Council Wood Badge 2016
PO Box 1059, Gastonia, NC 28053



SCOUTING IN ACTION..



Pack 19 Shows-Off Their Christmas Spirit

Members of Cub Scout Pack 19 sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church participate in the Gastonia Christmas Parade.

Pack 377 Celebrates Veterans Day



The Cub Scouts of Pack 377, sponsored by Rocky Mount Methodist Church in Mooresville, celebrated Veterans Day in a big way at their Pack Meeting on Friday, November 14. They were visited by Marines from the Navy Operational Support Unit in Charlotte, they assembled 75 Christmas Care Packages to be shipped to Marines serving in the Middle East and they contributed boxes of toys for the Marines Toys For Tots Campaign.

Special Recognition for FOS Contributors!

Contribute \$175 or more to the 2016 Piedmont Council Friends Of Scouting campaign, and receive a commemorative reproduction print of the Hintermeister painting, A Scout is Helpful. These historic limited-edition prints cannot be purchased! Only Friends of Scouting contributors will receive one as a thank you for their support. Quantity is limited, so don't wait to contribute to FOS.



Piedmont Council PRAY Youth Awards for the Third Quarter of 2015

Congratulations to these Scouts for earning recognitions from Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (PRAY)

SCOUT'S NAME	CHURCH	CITY
GOD AND ME – LEVEL 1		
Annas, Avery	1st United Methodist	Granite Falls
Bolick, William	1st United Methodist	Granite Falls
Howard, Thomas	1st United Methodist	Granite Falls
Norris, Kenan	1st United Methodist	Granite Falls
Watts, Harley	1st United Methodist	Granite Falls
Acosta, Kobe	Cornerstone Summitt	Boone
Cornell, James	Henson Chapel UMC	Vilas
Cornell, Paul	Henson Chapel UMC	Vilas
Cornell, David	Henson Chapel UMC	Vilas
Jennings, Charlie	Henson Chapel UMC	Vilas
Moore, Ben	1st United Methodist	Granite Falls
Tocci, Christopher	1st United Methodist	Granite Falls
GOD AND FAMILY – LEVEL 2		
Saunders, Zachary	First Baptist	Lincolnton
Perdue, Jayson	Pleasant Garden Baptist	Pleasant Garden
Ridge, Dennis	East Side Baptist Church	Asheboro
Davis, Ryan	Concord Presbyterian Church	Statesville
Marlowe, Cole	Concord Presbyterian Church	Statesville
Palinkas, Noah	Concord Presbyterian Church	Statesville
Bingham, Joe	Henson Chapel UMC	Vilas
Cornell, Michael	Henson Chapel UMC	Vilas
Saner, Cadence	Cornerstone Summitt	Boone