



## 2015 Council Banquet Honors Volunteers

**E**ach year, the Piedmont Council recognizes some of our top volunteers at the volunteer recognition banquet.

The Silver Beaver award is given to volunteer Scouters for noteworthy

service to youth, and is the highest honor a local Boy Scout Council can bestow upon an adult volunteer. The award is based on service and outstanding performance as a volunteer Scouter.

Congratulations to all those who were recognized for their outstanding support to the youth of the Piedmont Council.



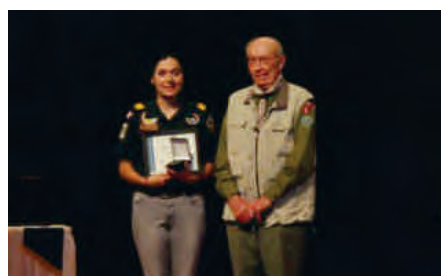
Council President Mark Williamson leads the program



Aaron Cook And Ronnie Thompson



Pierre Rheeder, Aaron Laws, Karen Laws recognized for The Polar Plunge!



Carolyn Tiller and Don Crawford



The 2015 Class of Silver Bearers

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### Treasure Chest Drawings

**April 3, and May 1, 2015**

For every \$100 (10) in Camp Cards sold, Scouts are eligible for a special prize! Go to the council website, and click on the Treasure Chest to enter names! Please only enter each boy's total sales once before each drawing.



## PIEDMONT COUNCIL CALENDAR

VISIT THE PIEDMONT COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR CALENDAR UPDATES

### APRIL

- 3 Good Friday – Scout Office closed
- 5 Easter
- 6-10 Spring Break (most counties)
- 15 International Scout Committee meeting – LRU
- 17-19 Woodbadge weekend #2
- 19 Camp Card Sale ends
- 22 Council-wide Eagle Banquet at CVCC
- 24-26 Climbing Instructor Training – Camp Bud Schiele
- 30 Last day to turn-in Camp Cards to receive 100% commission

### MAY

- 7 National Day of Prayer
- 10 Mother's Day
- 15-16 Cub Scout Odyssey – Cub Scout Camp
- 25 Memorial Day – Scout Office closed



## 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 send it – along with pictures – to:*

**Smoke Signals: Scouting in Action  
PO Box 1059, Gastonia, NC 28053**

Or, email your stories and pictures to Kim Deese at [kim.deese@scouting.org](mailto:kim.deese@scouting.org). Please send images as attached files, and do not insert pictures in another program such as Word or Publisher. Sorry – prints can't be returned. We look forward to sharing your stories with everyone in the Piedmont Council!

### ABOUT SMOKE SIGNALS...

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## PIEDMONT COUNCIL PROGRAM NEWS: April and May, 2015

**The Training Committee** will meet on **April 16 and May 21**. Both Meetings should start at 6:30 and be located at St. Martins Lutheran Church in Maiden. Please check the Council Website for Training Opportunities and updates. Please contact your District Training Team to know more, or to get involved.

The **Council Camping Committee** will work with the Summer Camp Staff to prepare for Summer Camp. They are also working toward development of a Council Cub Camping Committee. Please contact Dr. Wayne Hollar, Ralph Bumgarner, Boyd Hoyle, Chris Wallen, or Sean Grigg if you would like to be a part of their team.

The **Council Advancement Committee** is now working with the Summer Camp Staff to enhance our Merit Badge Program. They are also

working on updating the Merit Badge Counselor List. They are meeting on **April 28 and May 26** at Homesteads Restaurant in Lincolnton.

The Activities and Civic Service Committee Chairman, Peter Browne, is actively looking for folks to work on this new committee. Their focus will be Scouting For Food and the 2016 Rendezvous. Contact Peter, or Program Director Thad Cloer, to find out more about getting involved.

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**If you are not already on the Piedmont Council E-Mail Mailing List, sign-up NOW!**

*Click here, or find this icon at the lower left on the council website!*

## Get a Great Start on a Railroading Merit Badge

*(or just have fun learning about railroads)*

### April 11, 2015

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Hickory Metro Convention Center**

**The Alexander Chapter** of the National Railroad Historical Society once again invites all Piedmont Council Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to the Spring Railroad Show, at the Hickory Metro Convention Center, located just off of I-40 near Exit 125.



Come to the show to

see working model railroads and many exhibitors of model railroading supplies, books, railroad antiques, and collectibles.

The regular \$5.00 admission fee is waived for Scouts who are accompanied by a parent or other adult. One Scout *in uniform* admitted free per adult. **Learn what model railroading is all about, and get started on a fun merit badge!**



# Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

## April 11-12, 2015

**Camp Camp Bud Schiele. Cub Camp Akela Shelter**  
**Cost: \$20 – payable to Council in advance or at training**

**The Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills** is the final training required (After taking This is Scouting, Boy Scout Leader Fast Start, and Scoutmaster Specific training) for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters to be considered fully trained. If you have not already taken the course, I encourage you to sign up for this great course, which will be led by Aaron Cook.

Training will begin at 9:00 am, Saturday morning, April 11, and end at 11:00 am, Sunday morning, April 12. All food will be provided except dinner on Saturday, which the participants will cook. We will have each group bring

their food to the Akela shelter and we will have a group meal. The format will be a Round Robin format. The cost will be \$20 payable through the Council office or onsite Saturday morning.

Participants need to be prepared to spend one night in a tent that they bring. Bring all your sleeping gear, and all ingredients to cook a meal. Generally this is done in Dutch ovens. Mess kits are a good idea. Bring Class A uniforms, compass, toiletries, and Health Form Part A, B, for safety. This training is basically up to First Class skills.

Contact Greg Cook for more information: [kgcook413@gmail.com](mailto:kgcook413@gmail.com)

# SCOUTING IN ACTION..

## Troop 377's Star Scout Carson Cook Crowned State Chess Champ



In February, Star Scout Carson Cook from Troop 377 was crowned the 2015 North Carolina K-12 U1600 STATE CHESS CHAMPION.



## Troop 253 Participates in Pangea MUN

Troop 254 participated in the Pangea MUN conference. Front row: Jack Crawford, DJ Mangum, Isaac Whitener, Hunter Curtis; back row: Aaron Laws, Benjamin Alexander, Griffin Whitener, Ethan Porter.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT: CUB SCOUT PROGRAM TRANSITION

**O**n June 1, 2015, the Cub Scout Program will change in order to provide a more appealing, exciting and culturally relevant experience to today's youth and families.

To ensure that National Scout Shops are ready to support the new program, we will be doing a 'retail' launch of the new Cub Scout Program on May 1, 2015, which will also ensure that the new program materials are available for year-end Pack graduations, for those units providing handbooks to their Scouts.

The new Cub Scout program materials will be shipped in two different waves to National Scout Shops, with two corresponding reset dates:

### New Cub Scout Literature & Tiger Uniform Accessories

Sent to stores: April 13-24, 2015  
 Store Reset: April 30, 2015  
 (at the close of business)

### New Cub Scout Awards & Belt Loops

Sent to stores: June 15-26, 2015  
 Store Reset: June 27-29  
 (at the close of business)

The resets will consist of displaying all new program materials and removing ALL of the outgoing materials from the sales floor. The outgoing program materials will be maintained in the Scout Shop's stockroom until further notice for the support of units that haven't fully transitioned to the new program.

Prior to the scheduled resets, stores will receive:

- 1) Instructional guides to help stores organize their backroom stock of Cub Scout materials
- 2) Price labels
- 3) Marketing materials
- 4) Labels for stockroom organization of outgoing materials.

# Philmont 2015 July 12 – 25, 2015

# LAST CHANCE!

**L**ast chance to sign up for Philmont 2015 is NOW! The Piedmont Council still has a few open slots for both youth and adults for the 2015 Philmont Contingent. The dates for this trip are July 12 – July 25, 2015, and the cost (all inclusive) is \$1850.00 per youth/adult.

This is a great opportunity for a father and son to experience all that Philmont

has to offer and is truly a once in a life time opportunity. If you have an interest in finding out more information or would like to register, please email [kara.miller@scouting.org](mailto:kara.miller@scouting.org) to be placed on the list. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait – only a few spots remain for this AWESOME Scouting ADVENTURE!



## Photos from the 5th Annual Pangea MUN Conference



Opening ceremony for the 5th annual Pangea MUN conference led by West Caldwell HS NJROTC.



Hani Nasser, Chair of the Hickory International Council, official sponsor of the Pangea Model UN Conference held at Lenoir Rhyne University.



Steering committee members Dr. Marion Love and Amy Green discussing ideas for next year's conference.



International Youth Council Explorer Post 575 representing South Africa: Danielle Canaday, Mallorie Defour, Kristina Stuckey.



Hickory High School representing Lebanon: Claire McCrae, Daniel Tellez, Virginia Tanner



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*In Memory of:*  
**HENRY LYNN NEWTON SR.**

September 21, 1937 to March 5, 2015

Lynn Newton earned his Eagle rank in the East Carolina Council in Wilson NC. Later became an adult leader with Troop 250 In Hickory at St Luke's UMC where he held various positions. He served on the Piedmont Council Executive board and was awarded the council's highest recognition, the Silver Beaver award, in 1984. He was an active scouter throughout his life.





## CHIMNEY ROCK

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### CHIMNEY ROCK DISTRICT CALENDAR

#### APRIL

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

#### MAY

- 2 Rutherfordton May Fest/Scout Show – 10:00 a.m.
- 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.

### 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.

#### 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.

#### 2015 FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

If we have not held a 2015 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. Great job again this year so far Chimney Rock District!!!!

#### 2015 CAMP CARD SALES

Great JOB so far this year Chimney Rock District! Keep up the hard work and effort to make this the greatest benefit possible to all the Scouts in Chimney Rock District. There has been even greater incentives and opportunities put out there this year for all the Scouts (ex. X-Box ONE, Dr. Dre BEATS, iPads, etc.). The highest selling Cub Scout in the Chimney Rock District will receive a FREE week of Day Camp this summer, and the highest selling Boy Scout will receive a FREE week of Summer Camp this year at Camp Bud Schiele. The opportunities are endless, and not to mention that your Pack/Troop/Crew can earn as much as \$5 for every single card sold! That is absolutely AMAZING! Continue with your strong efforts all the way through this sale, and let’s see the Chimney Rock District exceed \$30,000 in sales this year and set our highest mark EVER!

## FOOTHILLS

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## FOOTHILLS DISTRICT CALENDAR

#### APRIL

- 1 Foothills District Committee mtg – 6:30pm
- 1 Foothills Roundtable Meeting – 7:30pm
- 15 Foothills District Leadership Recognition Banquet – 6:30pm
- 18 Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day
- 22 Piedmont Council Eagle Banquet
- 24-26 OA Dixie Conclave – Charlotte NC
- 24-26 Climbing Instructor Course – CBS

#### MAY

- 6 Foothills District Committee mtg – 6:30pm
- 6 Foothills Roundtable Meeting – 7:30pm
- 9 Foothills District Pinewood Derby Race
- 15-17 Cub Scout Odyssey
- 15-17 Foothills Camporee- Nature Theme
- 15-17 OA Ordeal
- 28 Foothills District Commissioner Mtg.
- 28 Foothills District Day Camp Staff Training – 6-8pm
- 30 Foothills District Day Camp Staff Training – 9-11am

## FOOTHILLS DISTRICT NEWS

### CUB SCOUT NEW ROLLOUT PROGRAM – APRIL ROUNDTABLE!!

We need each Cub Scout pack to plan to attend the April roundtable so you can hear about the New Cub Scout Program and all the changes. Any of your registered cub leaders can attend to get the information. Please promote within your packs!

### FOOTHILLS DISTRICT LEADER RECOGNITION BANQUET – APRIL 16

I would like to ask each unit to please promote the district banquet and also send in their nominations! This banquet is designed to recognize leaders for their hard work and dedication to scouting during the 2014 scouting season! Sagebrush will be catering the meal for the banquet. We originally had the location set for the Methodist Church in Lenoir but they have services that evening so we are working on a new location and will let everyone know as soon as we relocate! We had a lot of Eagle Scouts that got their Eagle Rank in 2014. I would like for each of those scouts and parents to attend as well so we can recognize them on the district level. We will need your attendance by the April roundtable – the 1st!

### CUB SCOUT SHOOTING SPORTS DAY

Please register early for this event!! There is a limited amount of slots and they go fast. Any leaders that would like to take the Range Officers Certification Course it will be



held this weekend and will start no later than 7pm Friday night with the book work portion and then you will do the practical learning/instruction during the day and help with the shooting sports event. This will be held at camp. For more information please contact Joy Dixon- 704-734-7871.

**FOOTHILLS SCOUT SHOW**

I would like to thank all scout units that have participated so far in allowing a presentation to be held at their unit. Al Powell (ASM- troop 263) has agreed to help chair this division of the campaign. If you unit has not set a date for a presentation we would like for you to please consider letting either myself or Al come to one of your meetings when parents are present and speak to them. Please see either Al or myself to set!!

**DISTRICT EXECUTIVE NOTES**

I would like to thank each volunteer for their hard work and dedication to youth in our area!! Remember, what we do is for the YOUTH!!!

**GEMSTONE**

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Visit our district Website at [www.gemstonedistrict.com](http://www.gemstonedistrict.com)

**GEMSTONE DISTRICT CALENDAR**

**APRIL**

- 7 No Boy Scout Leader Roundtable
- 9 Cub Scout Leader Roundtable
- 14 OA Chapter
- 20 Eagle Board
- 16 District Committee Meeting
- 16 Unit Commissioner Meeting
- 18 Scout Show

**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](http://www.scouting.org). If you have questions, or are having trouble getting online, contact Lee Barnes at

lee.barnes420@yahoo.com . NOTE: Leader Specific Training can also now be completed online.

**FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

Please let Dwayne Cloar know of your upcoming Blue and Gold Banquet or Troop Court of Honor. All units are encouraged to participate in a Family Friends of Scouting program to promote support of Scouting and to educate families on how Scouting is financed within the county.

**OUTDOOR LEADER SKILLS TRAINING**

Outdoor Leader Skills training will be offered at the Spring Camporee on May 2. This will be held at Van Hoy Farms. No registration is required.

**RECHARTERS**

All recharterers should be completed and turned in to Dwayne Cloar. If you still have your recharter, please contact Dwayne Cloar immediately.

**CAMP CARD KICK-OFF**

Camp Card sale 2015 has begun. If you need cards please contact Dwayne. The sale ends April 30. Please make sure all cards and money due are turned in by that date to get your full commission and incentives. This is a great way for scouts to earn money for summer camp fees. Remember to log an and enter the boys in the treasure chest drawings.

**DAY CAMP**

Day Camp will be held again this year at Van Hoy Farms June 15-19. Start promoting and planning to attend now. This is a great week for your Cub Scouts. Remember that each pack attending needs to provide two leaders to attend each day. Training dates are March 17 and 25 at Vandenburg United Methodist Church. You must attend one of these trainings to work at camp. If you have questions or want to volunteer please contact Cindy Bell at oldjunk1@bellsouth.net.

Remember to bring your aluminum can tabs and soup can labels to Roundtable.

**SCOUT SHOW**

The Scout Show is taking place at the Statesville Arbor Day Celebration on April 18. This will be held at the soccer complex. We want to have as many packs and troops set

up booths. This is a great opportunity for the community to see what Scouting is all about. Please contact Melba Ritchie if you have questions: pack 607@bellsouth.net.

**CAMPOOREE**

Spring Camporee will be held May 1-3 at Van Hoy Farms. The theme will be Zombie Survival Skills.

**DISTRICT WEBSITE**

Remember to keep checking our District Website for up-to-date Information on upcoming events, contact information, or if you Just want to check out what is going on in our District. Please checkout our website at [www.gemstonedistrict.com](http://www.gemstonedistrict.com). If you have information you would like to have posted on the website, call Seth Overcash at 704-664-0820 or send email to [seth.overcash@windstream.net](mailto: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](http://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.

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**HEARTLAND DISTRICT CALENDAR****APRIL**

- 2 Roundtables – 7:00PM, FUMC
- 3 Good Friday – Scout Service Center Closed
- 6-10 Gaston and Lincoln County Schools Spring Break
- 24-26 OA Dixie Conclave – Charlotte NC

**MAY**

- 7 Roundtables

**HEARTLAND DISTRICT NEWS****DISTRICT BANQUET HIGHLIGHTS**

The Heartland District would like to recognize those units and individual volunteers who were recognized at the District Banquet. Congratulations to Pack 82 and Troop 707 who were recognized as Pack and Troop of the year respectively. Congratulations to Jason McSwain Cubmaster of the Year, Chris Thompson Assistant Cubmaster of the Year; Barbara Saunders Den leader of the Year, Rick Ayers Scoutmaster of the Year, David Cate Assistant Scoutmaster of the Year and Mike Reeves Committee member of the Year. Great Job!

A special thank you was also presented to Kathy Robinson for her many years of dedicated service as the Heartland District Commissioner. She provided leadership to the district and has continued to offer her knowledge at the District level and for that we say, "Thank You"!

**2015 CAMP CARDS**

The Camp Card Sale is well underway and at this point is coming to an end. Want to remind everyone of the OFFICIAL TURN-IN Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th. At the time of this newsletter the location was not official but you should have all the details at the April Roundtable. ALL (that means ALL) cards must be accounted for and returned at the April 29th turn-in meeting. The turn-in will be from 5:30pm until 8:00pm. Look for details at the April Roundtable.

**FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATIONS**

I want to thank those units in the Heartland District who have planned or conducted a Family Friends of Scouting presentation at your local meeting. Also a big thank you to Rick Ayers who has assisted in some of the unit presentations. Those units who have conducted or scheduled a

presentation at the time this article was submitted (March 9, 2015) Packs 59 - 73 - 74 - 82 - 83 - 84 - 707

Troops 73 - 84 - 707 – To date, the units of the Heartland district have raised over \$7,000 for the Scouting program and have helped subsidize items such as Day Camp and Summer Camp Fees – Thank YOU!

**FIELD DIRECTOR NOTES**

I am hopeful that the biggest news for the May issue of the Heartland Smoke Signals will be the announcement of a new District Executive for the Heartland District. However, if that isn't the case, I will continue to proudly serve the Heartland district. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or District Commissioner Mike Strader (contact info above). Thanks for all you do and continue to do for Scouting in the Heartland District.

**LAKELAND***Serving Catawba County*

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**LAKELAND DISTRICT CALENDAR****APRIL**

- 1 District Committee Meeting – 5:30 PM, YMCA in Conover (Redbarn)
- 9 Roundtable – 7 PM in Conover at First United Methodist Church, 410 1st Ave N, Conover, NC
- 16 Eagle Board – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1686 6th St SE, Hickory, NC
- 17-19 Spring Camporee – Murray's Mill, Catawba, NC
- 30 Camp Card Settlement – 4-8 PM in Conover at First United Methodist Church

**MAY**

- 6 District Committee Meeting – 5:30 PM, YMCA in Conover (Redbarn)
- 7 Roundtable – 7 PM in Conover at First United Methodist Church, 410 1st Ave N, Conover, NC
- 9 District Pinewood Derby – 1 PM at Valley Hills Mall, Hickory, NC
- 15 Early Registration Deadline for Cub Scout Day Camp
- 21 Eagle Board – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1686 6th St SE, Hickory, NC

**LAKELAND DISTRICT NEWS****EARLY MONEY TURN-IN FOR CAMP-CARDS**

The Camp Card Sale this year came with a great new option of allowing you to secure your commission early for cards sold! If you need additional camp-cards, your unit simply needs to report how many cards have been sold to date and make a 60% payment based on those cards sold. This will lock-in your 40% commission even before April 30 for the cards that you are settling for ahead of time. For cards that you are still selling, unsold cards and/or the commission based on the cards you checked out is still due on April 30; although you are encouraged to turn-in money early so that you can lock-in your commission. By turning in money early, you are in essence protecting your commission (for cards sold to date) against a late settlement which would result in a reduction in commission. If your unit begins to qualify in a different sales category by selling 250-499 (for 45% commission) or 500 or more (for 50% commission), then the money collected at future money turn-ins will be adjusted so that you will get the appropriate amount of commission. On Thursday, April 30 (the last day for on-time settlement), there will be an official camp card turn-in at 1st United Methodist Church in Conover from 4-8 PM. Please come prepared with your cards in order and have a check ready (it may be wise to write in the amount at the settlement). Remember that there will be others waiting in line, so please come organized so that we can settle your account quickly. At the April 30 turn-in, in most cases we should be able to settle the remaining balance by adjusting the check amount to reflect the appropriate commission. If this cannot be done, then the council will mail a check for the balance.

If you are in need of additional cards, they can be received from Hittstech in Conover. The address is 103 6th St. NE, Conover, NC 28613. You may also contact Michael Montgomery for those who live closer to Hickory. Please e-mail him at michael.montgomery@scouting.org or call him at 828-962-6069. Michael can also be contacted for Early Money Turn-ins. Remember that we are asking that you settle for cards that you have sold to date before receiving additional cards. For units that settle their accounts by April 30, they will





receive one bonus camp card for every 10 sold. The bonus cards can then be sold for 100% commission. Units can give those bonus cards to the Scouts who "earned" them. For example, if Johnny sells 100 cards, then you can give Johnny the 10 bonus cards so that his family can use the proceeds to pay for activities or Scouting equipment. Settling your account means that you turn in cards (cards must have all pieces) and money equaling to the amount of cards checked out. Expecting each Scout to sell 10 cards each is not too much to ask. Set goals for your Scouts and let participation be an expectation. Each Scout can be encouraged to sell his "fair share" of cards.

### EAGLE PROJECT PROPOSALS

Attention Boy Scout Leaders. If your troop has Eagle Project Proposals to submit, please contact Eagle Board Member, Bob Wright. Bob can be contacted by e-mail at [scouting@bellsouth.net](mailto:scouting@bellsouth.net) or by phone at 828-464-0919.

### SPRING CAMPOREE

The Lakeland Spring Camporee will be held April 17-19 at Murray's Mill located in Catawba, NC. The theme is "Are you Tougher than a Lakeland Scout." Cost is \$10 per person (adult or Scout), but if you register by March 31, then you can register for the discounted price of \$8 per person! Remember that "A Scout is Thrifty," so register early and take advantage of the discount! Troop 303 will be hosting the event. Leader guides were sent out through the district e-mail distribution list. If you aren't on that list and would like to be, then e-mail Michael Montgomery at [michael.montgomery@scouting.org](mailto:michael.montgomery@scouting.org) and ask him to add you to the list. If you have questions regarding the camporee, then please contact the camporee director, Ralph Bumgarner, at 828-455-9753 or e-mail him at [rbumgarner3@charter.net](mailto:rbumgarner3@charter.net).

### DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

This year's District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 1 PM at Valley Hills Mall in Hickory, NC. It will be held in the storefront where the Wetseal Store used to be (on the upper floor near Belk). Cost is \$5 to race. There is no fee for race fans (parents, siblings, friends, or fellow Cub Scouts cheering for their pack).

At 1 PM, we will start by doing weigh-ins and inspections. The official district Pinewood Derby rules will be printed on the back of promotional fliers (available at the Roundtable) and will also be e-mailed out through the district e-mail distribution list. Please make sure that Cub Scouts from your pack have a copy of the district rules and make sure that their cars are legal before coming to the district race. Cars not abiding by the rules will not be permitted to race. We don't want to disappoint any of our Cub Scouts; this is why it is important that this point is emphasized.

Cubmasters, please send the top 5 Cub Scouts from your pack (who can attend) to compete in the race. Let us know who your 5 entries are after your pack race is over. Verify that the 5 entries can make the race. Send your 5 entries to Gene Annas, the District Pinewood Derby Chairman, at [catawbascouts@gmail.com](mailto:catawbascouts@gmail.com). If your Cub Scout Pack does not have a race, then send all of your Cub Scouts to race in this event (this is only for packs who do not have a Pack race). Cub Scouts must be present to race their car. If they cannot be present, then the Cubmaster may choose a different Cub Scout to race. Example: Johnny has a soccer game and would like to send a parent to race his car. Since this is not allowed, the Cubmaster can choose an alternate. Let's suppose that Eric came in 6th place. Since Johnny's car cannot compete, then Eric has an opportunity to enter his car and compete in the district race. We're looking forward to seeing our Cub Scouts race at the Lakeland District Pinewood Derby! See you there!

### CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

Cub Scout Day Camp is just around the corner. This year's district Day Camp will be held at Mount Zion Lutheran Church located at 4420 County Home Road, Conover, NC. The theme is "Knights of the Roundtable." A Day Camp Orientation will be held on Sunday, June 21 from 3-5 PM. This is where parents meet the directors, instructors, and where they receive their son's Day Camp T-shirt for the week. The actual Day Camp will be held Monday, June 22- Friday, June 26. Monday through Thursday, the hours will be from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. On Friday, the hours will be from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. New Tigers (rising 1st graders) may participate, but an

adult partner must be with them at all times (there will not be a Tiger Night this year). The cost for Day Camp is \$80 for the week but if you register by Friday, May 15, 2015, you will receive the discounted rate of \$70! To register, go to the council website at [piedmontcouncilbsa.org](http://piedmontcouncilbsa.org) and click on Day Camp. Be sure to select Lakeland District. Contact the Day Camp Director, Mary Bolton at [jasonmarybolt@aol.com](mailto:jasonmarybolt@aol.com) or call her at 704-942-1676 for more information or to volunteer. Note: There are a limited number of planned/permanent volunteer positions for the camp. Parents/Leaders may volunteer for the week for one of these roles and you can qualify for a free week of camp for your son. This must be approved by the camp director (you may not sign-up to be a Day Camp volunteer on-line; you must be approved by the Camp Director). To get a free week of camp, Day Camp Director-approved volunteers must help all week in an already "planned-for" position. Once those planned positions are filled, we can still take help from additional volunteers, but we will not have anymore "free weeks of camp" to give away. Because there are a limited number of permanent Day Camp volunteer positions, it is suggested that you contact Mary Bolton ASAP if you are interested in getting the free week at camp option.

### FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

As of March 9, 2015, the Lakeland District has raised \$211,790 for FOS. Pierre Rheeder is this year's district Family FOS Chair. If you have not yet scheduled an FOS presentation with Pierre, then please call him at 828-238-8630 or e-mail him at [scouter-pierre@usa.com](mailto:scouter-pierre@usa.com). *Friends of Scouting* is our council's annual fundraising campaign that helps to support our operations. "Free" rank advancements, communications through this Newsletter and e-mail communications, the professional staff, the Council Service Center, and year-round maintenance at Camp Bud Schiele are just some of the things that each Pack, Troop, and Crew receives by being a member of the Piedmont Council. Help support your council and participate in FOS by scheduling an FOS presentation with Pierre today!



**LAKELAND DISTRICT NEWS E-MAILS**

If you would like to receive the Lakeland District News E-mails, please e-mail michael.montgomery@scouting.org. Please put in the title of your e-mail, "Please add me to your Lakeland District News E-mails." Michael will send out e-mails using Blind Carbon Copy so that your e-mail cannot be used by others for non-BSA purposes. This is for official BSA business only. If you are not receiving these e-mails, you may be missing out on important information related to Scouting that is sometimes time-sensitive.

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**TABLE ROCK/SWAMP FOX  
DISTRICT CALENDAR**

**APRIL**

- 3 Good Friday – Council Office Closed
- 3 Cub Scout Mini-Lock-In
- 7 Table Rock Roundtable – 7pm; First United Methodist Church in Morganton
- 9 Swamp Fox Roundtable – 7pm; United Methodist Church in Marion
- 10-12 Swamp Fox Camporee – Clash of the Clans Style – Unit Registration deadline: March 18th
- 14 Table Rock District Committee Meeting – 7pm; First Baptist Church of Morganton
- 17-19 Woodbadge Weekend #2
- 30 Camp Card Turn-in Night – 6-8pm; Bojangles on Burkemont

**TABLE ROCK/SWAMP FOX  
DISTRICT NEWS**

**CAMP CARDS**

Camp cards have been on sale for a full month now and the results are great so far!! 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. The turn-in night for camp cards is April 30 between 6pm and 8pm at Bojangles on Burkemont.

**TABLE ROCK/SWAMP FOX DISTRICT NEWS  
SCOUTING'S JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE**

Congratulations to all the units that successfully achieved recognition for Scouting's Journey to Excellence in 2014. In a difficult year, we all pushed forward and navigated the course to growing Scouting, serving 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 15. 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](http://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!

**TWO RIVERS**

*Serving Gaston County*

- District Chairman  
Charles Gallman .....704-853-8103
- District Commissioner .....Duane Jenkins
- District Executive  
Patrick Lally .....plally@bsaemail.org  
704-864-2694 ext. 123

**TWO RIVERS DISTRICT CALENDAR  
APRIL**

- 3 Good Friday – Scout Service Center Closed
- 6-10 Gaston County Schools Spring Break
- 11 District Pinewood Derby
- 14 Roundtable – First Presbyterian Church, 7:00PM (CS), 7:30PM (BS)  
Commissioners Meeting – First Presbyterian Church, 6:30 PM
- 24-26 OA Dixie Conclave – Charlotte, NC

**TWO RIVERS DISTRICT NEWS  
SILVER BEAVER WINNER**

Congratulations to Mike Shrum for his reception of this year's Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest award given to a volunteer at the Council level. Your tireless efforts to constantly raise the standard of Scouting in Gaston County is greatly appreciated, and we are thankful for all that you do!

**CAMP CARDS**

Our sale of the camp cards is well underway, and we are looking at another successful year! If you have not checked out cards, you still have some time to sell and help your unit earn funds to send Scouts to Day Camp and Summer Camp! If you have

any questions, please contact Patrick Lally about your account, or speak with the Camp Card Chairman, John DeBardeleben. If you need contact information for either person, please contact the Scout Office at 704.864.2694.

**FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

Family FOS presentations are still being scheduled through the end of May. If your Pack or Troop has not signed up, please contact Patrick Lally to schedule a brief (5-10 minute) presentation about Friends of Scouting at an upcoming Pack meeting, Blue & Gold, or Court of Honor.

**PERSONAL NOTES**

The spring is a busy time for all of us, with Easter, Spring Break, and much, much more. Before we know it, summer will be here! But before that happens, a good thing to do is to take inventory of your Pack or your Troop, and that way you can plan for what you need to accomplish over the summer, and what you need to do when recruitment season comes. Our main goal is to continue to expand the impact of Scouting in Gaston County, and providing high quality programs like you do is a great way to make a positive impact! If you need training, or need help recruiting leaders, please speak with your Unit Commissioner to set up training. Thanks once again for all that you do to continue the betterment of Scouting in our county and in our council!

**Exploring NEWS**

- Exploring Chairman  
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**EXPLORING NEWS**

**PIEDMONT COUNCIL EXPLORING BANQUET**

The Piedmont Council Exploring banquet was held March 3 at Cleveland Community in Shelby. The highlight of the evening Lit. Dylan House was name the 2014 William H. Spurgeon award recipient. The follow is the list of the other awards winners. Congratulations to all.



**Sally Stone Veterinary Advisor of the Year Post 595 Wilkerson Vet**



**Lit. Dylan Houser William H Spurgeon recipient Lincoln County Sheriff's Department**



**Travis Lewis Law Enforcement Advisor of the Year Iredell Sherriff's Department**



**Jamie Altieri Explorer of the Year Piedmont Council Mooresville Police**

**Sherrie Lee and Keren Sharpe Medical Advisors of the Year Post 614 Iredell Memorial**

Sherrie Lee is Director of the Education Department Iredell Memorial Hospital. Post Advisor Medical Explorers Post 614. Helps guide and direct high school students to a career in medical field. Helps plan and direct the United Way Campaign for Iredell Memorial.





## ORDER OF THE ARROW

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### ORDER OF THE ARROW CALENDAR

#### APRIL

24-26 OA Dixie Fellowship



Venture President .....Carolyn Tiller  
Venture Chairman .....Frank Willis  
Venture Commissioner.....Boyd Hoyle  
Venture Adviser .....Thad Cloer

# SCOUTING IN ACTION...



## Troop 84 receives Journey to Excellence Gold Award

**W**ebelos from Cub Scout Pack 83 and 84 recently visited Boy Scout Troop 84 to fulfill a requirement needed for a Webelos Arrow of Light requirement. During the meeting Troop 84 announced receiving the Gold Award which is the Council's measurement for performance recognition through the Journey to Excellence (JTE or sometimes J2E) which is the national performance assessment, communication, and recognition program. Troop 84 also achieved 100% Boy's Life participation which is the official youth scout publication.



## Summer Camp 2015 Payment Schedule and Refunds

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Site Deposit \$50 for every 10 scouts</li> <li>2. Unit's first initial payment of \$100 per scout due by April 1. Units that do not make this payment, in some capacity, risk losing their reservation.</li> </ol>	<p><b>In-Council Rate \$250.00</b> In-Council Paid by May 15, \$230.00</p> <p><b>Out of Council Rate \$280</b> Out of Council Rate Paid by May 15, \$260</p>										
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. To receive the discounted rate, payment in full <b>MUST BE PAID</b> by May 15.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Refund Policy</b></p>										
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. If not taking advantage of early discount any payments after May 15 will be at regular rate.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Cancellations on or before May 15:</b></p> <p>All fees paid are transferrable within the reservation. If the entire unit reservation cancels, the site deposit is forfeited.</p>										
<p><b>Program Fees</b></p> <p>Program fees will apply on some Merit Badge Classes and are due on settle up day at camp <i>or</i> can be paid in advance by May 15.</p> <p>Additional information about fees are located in the Program Section of the Guidebook.</p>	<p><b>Cancellations after May 15 and two weeks prior to camp:</b> A refund of all fees paid, less \$100 per Scout and request must be in writing or email and submitted to Council Office.</p>										
<p><b>Next Summer's Reservations</b></p> <p>Scout leaders are able to reserve space for next year at Camp. Reservations can be made on camp settle-up day, (Tuesdays) at camp. The reservation fee is only \$50 for every 10 scouts attending. If a unit cancels their reservation by November 1, a full refund will be issued. You may also make your reservation online by visiting <a href="http://www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org">www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org</a>.</p>	<p><b>Cancellations within two weeks of camp:</b></p> <p>No refunds unless the Scout in question finds himself in one of these circumstances: a) his family moves out of council b) there is a death or serious illness in his immediate family requiring his attendance c) he himself becomes ill and unable to attend camp. If a refund is granted, it will be for fees paid minus \$100 commitment payment when a Refund Request Form is filed</p>										
<p><b>Adult Fees</b></p> <p>Adult fees cover food, utilities, and other expenses, and are to be paid by all adults staying overnight, except subsidized 'free adults' based on the number of Scouts attending. Pre-paid adult fees are fully refundable. Adult fees may be paid upon arrival at camp.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Basic Fee</td> <td>\$75.00 (full week)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1/2 week</td> <td>\$38.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Daily Rate</td> <td>\$15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>High Adventure</td> <td>TBD</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COPE</td> <td>\$40.00</td> </tr> </table>	Basic Fee	\$75.00 (full week)	1/2 week	\$38.00	Daily Rate	\$15.00	High Adventure	TBD	COPE	\$40.00	<p>upon arrival at camp. These refunds will be measured to the refund policy (see above) and granted accordingly. Refunds will be mailed to the currently registered Scoutmaster in a timely manner, and will be combined with other refunds due to the unit minus any outstanding debts the unit owes the council.</p> <p><b>Non-Sufficient Funds</b></p> <p>For your convenience if your check is dishonored or returned for any reason, we will electronically debit</p>
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