



*Ghosts, Goblins and... Scouts?  
Come spend a frightfully fun weekend!*

## CUB SCOUT SPOOK-O-REE

### OCTOBER 23-25, 2015

#### PRE-REGISTER BY OCTOBER 8!



**Check-in officially begins** on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m., but campers may arrive Friday evening after 5:00 p.m. to setup and decorate their campsites. The program will begin Saturday morning. Food will not be provided on Friday evening.

**WHO CAN ATTEND?** All first through fifth grader Scouts and their families! **Limited to first 300 paid participants.**

**WHAT'S THE COST?** \$25.00 per person (Scout must be accompanied by a parent/guardian) and includes Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast, and all the fun you could possibly have!

- BBs and Archery
- Creepy Campfire Program
- Treat Trail & Much More!
- Haunted Campsite Decorating (*bring your own decorating supplies*)

- Ghoulish Games & Crafts
- Fishing (bring your own gear and bait)

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Flashlight
- Uniform
- Poncho
- Light Jacket
- Prescription Medicine (if needed)
- Extra Pair of Shoes
- Clean Clothes
- Toiletries (soap, towel, toothbrush)
- Fishing Gear
- Your Halloween Costume!**

**HOW CAN I REGISTER?** Fill out the registration form and mail to the Council Office with your check enclosed today!

*Once the registration fee has been paid, an individual may become ill or otherwise be unable to attend the event. Since the event has already incurred expenses such as camp staff, food, etc, not all fees are refundable. All requests for refunds MUST BE IN WRITING and submitted to the Piedmont Council on or before the planned date of arrival of event.*

(PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN)

### 2015 SPOOK-O-REE REGISTRATION

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY AND NEATLY

Registration fee: \$25 per person (Cubs must be accompanied by parent or guardian). T-Shirts: \$12 each (limited to 300). **Deadline for pre-registration is Wednesday, October 8, 2015. Limited to first 300 paid participants.**

Pack # \_\_\_ District /County \_\_\_\_\_ Cub Scout's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Youth \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Member (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(EMAIL MANDATORY FOR COMMUNICATION)

T-Shirt Pre-Order Deadline: October 8. Youth \$12: M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ Adult S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ Adults \$14: 2XL \_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_ 4XL \_\_\_

Number of Council Tents at \$2 per tent \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Personal Tents \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any Health Restrictions (Food Allergies, Handicap Parking, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**PACKS CAN BE GROUPED TOGETHER IF CHOOSING THE SAME TENT PREFERENCE.** Council-owned wall tents and platforms are provided on a first-come / first-served basis at a minimal charge of \$2 per tent; (**cots not provided, please bring sleeping mats or camping cots**). However, a family may choose to bring personal tents. Families cannot split their tent preference.

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## PIEDMONT COUNCIL CALENDAR

VISIT THE PIEDMONT COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR CALENDAR UPDATES

### OCTOBER

- 12 Baloo Training
- 17 Jamboree on the Air – Catawba Science Center midway
- 23-25 Cub Spook-O-Ree

### NOVEMBER

- 1 Daylight Saving Time ends
- 3 Election Day
- 7 University of Scouting – Gaston College
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14 Scouting for Food door hanger distribution
- 17 Pathfinder Dinner
- 18 Council Commissioner mtg
- 21 Scouting for Food Collection
- 26 Thanksgiving – Scout Shop and Scout Service Center closed
- 27 Service Center Closed, Scout Shop open



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

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

## ROCKET ACADEMY! aka... Trail to Bobcat 2015 FIND A ROCKET ACADEMY NEAR YOU

Due to severe weather predicted for Saturday Oct. 3, Rocket Academies have been rescheduled for the dates below. Please talk to your Cubmaster to confirm date and location for your District event.



**Saturday, Oct. 17 – Cleveland County**

**TBA – Lincoln County - Mt.Holly, Stanley, & Cherryville**

**Saturday, Oct. 10 – Alexander & Caldwell Counties**

**Saturday, Oct. 10 – Iredell County**

**Saturday, Oct. 17 – Catawba County**

**Saturday, Oct. 17 – McDowell County**

**Saturday, Oct. 10 – Gaston County**

**Saturday, Oct. 10 – Rutherford & Polk Counties**

**Saturday, Oct. 17 – Burke County**

**ATTENTION:  
DATE CHANGES  
DUE TO WEATHER!**



## 2015 JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET (JOTI) Log In To A World Wide Jamboree on October 16-18

**F**rom October 16-18, 2015, join over a million Scouts worldwide for the 19th Annual Jamboree-on-the-Internet. Participating in JOTI is super easy! Using any Internet accessible device, simply go to: [webchat.scoutlink.net](http://webchat.scoutlink.net).

JOTI starts at midnight on Friday, October 16, and runs until midnight on Sunday, October 18. You can log in any time! Since JOTI is a worldwide event, you'll find Scouts from different countries online at various times. Piedmont Council scouts are encouraged to participate anytime and anywhere during the JOTI weekend. You can use any Internet device to access JOTI online: computers, laptops, tablets, and mobile phones. You choose the time and place that's most convenient for you!

By going to [webchat.scoutlink.net](http://webchat.scoutlink.net), Scouts will be able to make new friends and learn about other cultures in a safe and friendly environment. ScoutLink is a Scout-operated Internet chat room



network. Experienced adult Scouter operators will be present in all ScoutLink chat channels providing assistance and security monitoring.

**The event is open to all Scouts:** Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturing, and Explorers. Scouts may participate at home, or units can host their own JOTI events.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN JOTI

**STEP 1** - Safety First: JOTI allows Scouts to "meet" other Scouts from around the

world through the Internet and share more information than just "Hi." While experienced volunteer Scouters will be monitoring communications in order to help ensure a safe environment for all participants, it's important that all participants follow the Internet Safety section of the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Always have your parent or guardian's permission to go online. Never give anyone online your real last name, phone numbers, your parent/guardian's workplaces, the name or location of your school, or your home address.

Your JOTI conversations can include such information as: first name, general location (i.e. country/state), Scout rank, age, and hobbies.

**STEP 2** - Connect to ScoutLink by going to: [webchat.scoutlink.net](http://webchat.scoutlink.net)

**STEP 3** - Enter a Nickname to use online: Use your First Name or a Nickname. Help us know how many Scouts from the Piedmont Council participated in JOTI by adding `_PC420` to the end of your Nickname. Ex. Jack\_PC420

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## 2015 JAMBOREE-ON-THE-INTERNET (JOTI)

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**STEP 4** - By default, your Channel will be set to English (#english), so just click the Start button after entering your Nickname. That's it! You'll be placed in a Chat Room with Scouts from around the World after you click the Start button.

### PATCHES, BADGES, AND AWARDS

JOTI patches are temporary insignia that are worn on the right pocket of the Scout uniform or on jackets or vests. This year, you can order your patches from the BSA Supply Group at <http://www.scoutstuff.org/>

JOTI participation can be used to fulfill requirements for the Citizenship in the World or the Computers merit badge, as well as the International Spirit Award. So make plans to join JOTI in October! For more information, contact the Piedmont Council's International Representative, John Green, at [john.green@gmail.com](mailto:john.green@gmail.com).

## "CQ JOTA... CQ JOTA... CQ JOTA"



*"This is W1FAI, Whiskey One Foxtrot Alpha India, at the Science Center in Hickory, Western North Carolina, USA, calling all Scouts and Scouters world-wide for the 58th annual JAMBOREE ON THE AIR."*



**T**he above will ring out world-wide over Ham Radio on 17 October 2015. This is the 58th year that the third weekend

of October has been when Amateur Radio Operators make their stations available to assist Scouts in contacting each other to share Scouting experiences, meet new friends, and perhaps learn something about Scouting in another country.

In previous years Scouts in the Western Piedmont have talked with Hams & Scouts in Italy, Brazil, Germany, the United Kingdom, Switzerland,

Canada, Slovenia, and many US States - from ME to FL as well as MD to CA - all without wires, any form of social media, or the Internet.

**Our local event will be held on Saturday, 17 October 2015, on the East Lawn of the S.A.L.T. Block, in front of the Science Center, in Hickory.**

Anticipated hours of operation are from 9 AM to 5 PM. There will be at least three Ham stations in operation, one of which will be solar powered. With nearly one million scouts involved JOTA is the largest Scouting event in the world, and last year involved more than 7,700 Scouts in the USA alone, making some 6,707 contacts across all 50 States and 88+ countries.



### GASTONIA SCOUT SHOP

1222 East Franklin Blvd.,  
Gastonia, NC 28054 704-864-2694  
Mon. - Fri., 9:30 am-7pm  
Sat. - 10 am-2pm / Sunday - closed  
Kathy Keiger, *manager*

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## 2015 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

**I**magine 33,000 Scouts from more than 150 countries pouring into one place at the same time, all for the sake of fun, service, and friendship. Pretty amazing, right? Well that's exactly what happened at the 2015 World Scout Jamboree in Kirara-hama, Japan in



July and August! Scouts from all corners of the globe arrived in Japan for the largest event of the Scout movement in the world. 1,600 Scouts from the BSA travelled from all over the USA to attend, including one from the Piedmont Council. The next World Scout Jamboree

is landing right in our own backyard, at the BSA's newest adventure base from July 22 to August 2, 2019. That's right, the Summit Bechtel Family Reserve in West Virginia will be the next stop for the largest Scouting celebration on the globe. You can get a

jump on things by registering to attend as a participant or staff volunteer for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit and then when the World Jamboree arrives in 2019, you'll be ahead of the curve!

## Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation



**B.A.L.O.O.** is a one-day training course in basic outdoor camping, in accordance with BSA policy. This course is design to introduce new leaders and parents in preparing for pack overnights. At least one B.A.L.O.O. trained leader in attendance is mandatory for packs to camp overnight.

### B.A.L.O.O. covers:

- Aims & Purposes of Cub Scout outdoor programs
- Campfire Programs
- Planning an Overnight Outing
- Cooking
- Health & Safety
- First Aid & Sanitation
- Outdoor Ethics
- Stoves, Lanterns & Fire Safety
- Outdoor Activities
- Equipment

# B.A.L.O.O.



When: **October 10, 2015, 8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

Where: **St. Luke's United Methodist Church,  
52 16th Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601**

Cost: **\$15.00**

Registration Deadline: **October 7, 2015**

Other Information: Please wear your uniform. Please bring a pencil and notepad for notes. Sessions will be held outside, please dress accordingly as this will be a rain, or shine event. Lunch provided

**NOTE: This is an adult training class, with limited outdoor activity that is required by National, BSA for Cub Scout Leaders to take Cubs camping.**

**Questions?** Please contact Gene Annas, [catawbascouts@gmail.com](mailto:catawbascouts@gmail.com) or call 828-850-3710

**Register online at the council website:** [www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org](http://www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org), or **Snail Mail:** Piedmont Council, BSA, Attn: BALOO, P.O. Box 1059, Gastonia, NC 28053

# WILDERNESS ADVENTURES



## MERIT BADGES

BACKPACKING  
CAMPING  
CLIMBING  
FLY FISHING  
HIKING  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
SEARCH & RESCUE  
SIGNALING  
TRACKING

## WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

**828-595-HIKE**  
**HIKEMOREADVENTURES.COM**





# NRA INSTRUCTOR CLASS

## NOV. 6-8 2015

CAMP BUD SCHIELE, RUTHERFORDTON, NC

**WHO MAY ATTEND:** Any Venturer, Boy Scout, or Adult Registered BSA Leader. This course certifies you as an NRA instructor. The course does not allow you to take a troop to Camp Bud Schiele and open the ranges. Your certification does allow you to take a troop to a local range and sign off as a merit badge counselor for rifle or shotgun merit badges

**NRA PRE-QUALIFICATIONS:** A Pre-Qualification Test must be taken during the first 1/2 of class to determine your skill set level and a score of 80% must be achieved to be admitted to class. This score is not hard to achieve if you have had any previous shooting experience. NOTE: (These classes are open to all Venturing Youth regardless of previous shooting experience. Your score will not be a determining factor in your acceptance into this course)

**DISCIPLINES TO BE TAUGHT:** NRA Basic Instructor (Mandatory for all new trainers), Shotgun Instructor, Range Safety Officer

**PRICING:**

DISCIPLINE	ADULTS	YOUTH
NRA Basic Instructor	Included	Included
NRA Shotgun Instructor	\$125.00	\$75.00
NRA Range Safety Officer	\$50.00	\$50.00

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:** Registration deadline is Friday, October 23. This deadline has been established to allow us ample time for supplies to arrive. In emergency cases we may be able to add additional individuals. Payment is due on or before the course date. Details regarding course syllabus, time schedules for the weekend, food arrangements etc will be sent to you upon your confirmation attendance.

Register your attendance for this class online:



[Shotgun Class Registration](#)

[Range Safety Officer Registration](#)

Please contact us with any questions you may have regarding the course: NRA Master Training Counselor, Mark Belli –703-267-1550, mbelli@nrahq.org



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

*In Memory of*  
**HELEN TURNER**

Mr. & Mrs. William Young  
Carolyn Braswell

*In Memory of*  
**GARY WHITE RAYLE**

Emily McClamrock

*In Memory of*  
**ROBERT AREY, SR.**

Dr. George Clay  
Don & Emily Yelton  
Robert & Shelva Wilson  
C.A. & Frances Horn  
Bill & Patty Lee  
Mr. & Mrs. William Young  
Will & Tina Rucker  
Phil Rucker

*In memory of*  
**STAFF SGT. DAVID A. WYATT**

SGL Group

*In honor of*  
**BILL HICKS**

Dr. Jane Teseterman

### 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**



## 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 wavier deposit



**SUNDAY, JAN. 24, 2016  
& SUNDAY, FEB. 28, 2016**

Call 704-864-2694, or visit [www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org](http://www.piedmontcouncilbsa.org)

# Scouts Enjoy Camping at Crowder's Mountain State Park



**T**roop 28 camps at Crowder's Mountain State Park at least once or twice a year, not counting occasional day hikes. It's convenient and close,

saves a lot of time and cost in travel and planning. Camping is always located in their Wilderness Group Camping area, water, latrines and firewood are always available. If we have a Scout with physical limitations, the Park Staff have been great to allow back road transportation to the campsite to allow them to join the rest of the Troop for camping. This is a great place to get the 5-mile hikes in, practice compass and map reading, trees and wildlife identification. When the lake has been open, we have gone canoeing and fishing.

The Park has also cooperated with several of our Eagle Scouts for their Service Projects including building a compass course, erecting nature and information kiosks, bat and bird houses, and trail improvement projects. The Park has become much more popular and the process of making reservations and planning ahead is much more complicated than it used to be... good news: it's a great venue for Scouting; bad news: everybody is finding that out!

Crowders Mountain State Park is located in Gaston County, 25 miles west of Charlotte and six miles southwest of Gastonia. Exit Interstate-85 EXIT 13 turn left on Edgewood Rd. and go South to US 29/74 and turn right. Continue 29/74 to the

next traffic light and turn South onto Sparrow Springs Road (SR 1125) to the park entrance.



- If you plan on climbing, you need to turn left onto Linwood Road from Sparrow Springs road at the Golf Course sign. Follow Linwood road until you see the Linwood Access off to your right.
- If you are going to the Boulders Access, you need to travel south on I-85, turn right onto Dixon School Road, and then left at Bethlehem Road. Follow Bethlehem road and right at Van Dyke Road. The Boulders visitors center will be on your right.





# PIEDMONT COUNCIL DISTRICT NEWS

## BATTLEGROUND

*Serving Cleveland County*

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### BATTLEGROUND DISTRICT CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER

- 1 Committee/Commissioner Meeting – 6:30 pm, Aldersgate UMC
- 3 Rocket Academy
- 6 Eagle Board
- 8 Roundtable – 6:30 pm, Aldersgate UMC (January Recharter Packets distributed)
- 23-25 Fall Camporee – Gardner Webb University

### BATTLEGROUND DISTRICT NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

My name is Michael Hovis. I am honored to be joining the Battleground District as the new District Executive. Having grown up in scouting, I know how beneficial the movement can be, and I am excited to see what all it has in store for the Scouts of today and tomorrow. I look forward to meeting you as soon as possible, and I want you to know that I am available if you need me. If you need to contact me, please feel free to email me at michael.hovis@scouting.org. Yours in Scouting, Michael Hovis

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## CHIMNEY ROCK

*Serving Rutherford and Polk Counties*

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- Chimney Rock District Web Site:  
www.chimneyrockdistrict.net

### CHIMNEY ROCK DISTRICT CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER

- 1 Chimney Rock District Roundtable – Rutherfordton Scout Hut 7:00 pm
- 8 Chimney Rock District OA Chapter Meeting – Rutherfordton Scout Hut
- 10 Chimney Rock Rocket Academy – Cub Scout Camp, 9:30 Check-in

### 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 and Troop 132 hosting the Chimney Rock District Roundtable the first Thursday of each month.

#### 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 POPCORN SALE

As we all get GEARED UP and EXCITED about the upcoming Scouting year, make sure to get FIRED UP also about the upcoming 2015 Trails End Popcorn Sale. Thanks so much to Chuck May for being our 2015 Chimney Rock District Popcorn Kernel. There is such a HUGE opportunity for every Scouting Unit in the Chimney Rock District and also for EVERY Scout in the District also. The annual popcorn sale is a great way to continue to expose our community to Scouts and Scouting and have such a tremendous positive impact in doing so. Not only does the efforts of our Scouts, Scout Leaders, and Scouting families help to promote Scouting to our community, it also is a fantastic way to teach our Scouts about GOAL SETTING, GOAL ACHIEVEMENT, TEAMWORK, LEADERSHIP, and learning life-long valuable SALESMANSHIP & COMMUNICATION skills. Thanks in advance to each and every one of you for all your efforts & Good Luck on working towards a RECORD YEAR for the Chimney Rock District.

#### ROCKET ACADEMY (AKA TRAIL TO BOBCAT)

The Chimney Rock is excited to be offering the 2015 Rocket Academy to ALL NEW Cub Scouts who join this fall. On October 10, beginning at 9:30am, we will open the Cub Scout Camp and welcome the NEW scouts to their FIRST event. The event is FREE to NEWLY registered Scouts and will include Archery, BB guns and of course a Rocket Launch. New Scouts will receive their rocket at the school sign up meeting and can bring them to the Rocket Academy to launch!



# FOOTHILLS

*Serving Caldwell and Alexander*

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## FOOTHILLS DISTRICT CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 3 OA LLDC
- 3 Cub Scout Trail To Bobcat (Launch into Scouting) Event – Hudson Recreation Center
- 7 Foothills District Committee mtg. – 6:30 pm
- 7 Foothills Leader Roundtable Planning mtg. – 7:30 pm
- 9 Bo’s Scout Night Event – Cub Scouts
- 9-11 NYLT #3
- 10 BALOO Training
- 10 Den Leader Specific – Whitnel United Methodist Church, Lenoir, 9-11:30 am
- 11 BSA Whitewater Center Day
- 16-18 Foothills Camporee – CBS
- 17 Jamboree on the Air
- 23-25 Cub Scout Spook O’ Ree
- 31 FH Commissioner meeting – 6:30 pm CCC & TI, Faye Broyhill Building

### NOVEMBER

- 4 FH Committee mtg – 6:30 pm
- 4 FH Roundtable mtg – 7:30 pm
- 5-6 NRA Training – CBS
- 19 FH Popcorn Order turn-in & Recharter lab night – Davenport Elementary School

## FOOTHILLS DISTRICT NEWS

### PROMOTE FALL EVENTS

We have a lot of great events and programs scheduled for the fall within the Foothills District and the Piedmont Council. With that said each scout unit can help to make these fun and successful by promoting all of the events in a timely manner to the youth in your units. Promote and let the boys and parents decide if they want to attend the event. Most of the events individuals (boys and parents) can attend even though the whole unit may not be attending. We will need help from not only the packs but also the troops for the upcoming Trail to Bobcat (Rocket Academy) event on October 3 for ALL new Cub Scout youth that joined this fall! Let’s just work together to promote and help make our events as successful as possible to help the Scouting Program during this challenging economy!

### TRAINING

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. The months of September-November have a lot of great opportunities for any adult leader to get good training. Please stress to any of your adult leaders to attend the upcoming trainings to give them the opportunity to gain great knowledge and ideas on how to provide a quality program for the youth in our communities.

### CUB SCOUTING FALL EVENTS

We have a lot of great events and programs scheduled for the fall within the Foothills District and the Piedmont Council. Trail to Bobcat (Rocket Academy) for all new 1st-5th grade boys and parents on October 3 at Hudson Rec Center starting at 9:30 am for checking and run from 10am, ending at 2pm! They will work on their bobcat requirements as well as do shooting sports and games.

October 9 – Bo’s Cub Scout Event for all 1st-5th grade Cub Scouts. The event begins with check in at 6:30 pm and the event will run from 7-11pm! Activities during the Bo’s event include: unlimited cosmic bowling/ unlimited mini golf/ unlimited arcade games



# WELCOME TO THE VERTICAL WORLD!



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as well as laser tag. The cost for the event is \$15 for youth and adults that want to participate fully and only \$7 for chaperones that do not participate. All folks that attend and pay will get two slices of pizza and lemonade!

Spook-o-REE will be held at the cub camp in Rutherfordton and is for all 1st-5th grade boys new and currently registered. Each scout unit can help to make these fun and successful by promoting all of the events in a timely manner to the youth in your units. Promote and let the boys and parents decide if they want to attend the event. Most of the events individuals (boys and parents) can attend even though the whole unit may not be attending. Let's work together to promote and help make our events as successful as possible to help the Scouting Program during this challenging economy!

**POPCORN SALE**

It's Popcorn time again! If your unit hasn't ever taken advantage of this great fundraiser you should give it a try. Daniel McLean is serving as the Foothills District Popcorn Chairman. If your unit needs any additional material or some popcorn to do a presentation with please give Daniel a call. Also, a good way to maximize the sale is to have your youth contact local businesses that might use the popcorn sale as a way to thank either their employees or customers during the holidays!!

**FALL REVIEW**

Fall Roundup for Cub Scouts and a lot of our Boy Scout troops has concluded. I would like to personally thank each and every volunteer that helped with either the school presentation or the night sign ups! Hopefully having the youth sign up earlier they can get to do more activities

This fall the Foothills District has revamped the Cub Scout roundtable format and added some new leaders to the training teams. Kay Callihan has taken over the Cub Scout Roundtable and brings some new ideas to the meetings. The roundtable staff has made it fun, educating and shorter- yes shorter. Paula has put together announcement and information power point that will help keep everyone on track and better inform everyone of what is going on in the district and council! Roundtable is

worthwhile to attend so please send any and all leaders to the once a month meeting. We have also made a change in the Boy Scout Roundtable division – Steve Austin has agreed to chair the boy scout breakouts. Come check out the changes.

**GEMSTONE**

*Serving Iredell County*

- District Chairman  
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- District Commissioner  
Mike Bernhardt.....704-252-2850
- District Executive:  
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dcloar@bsaemail.org

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

**GEMSTONE DISTRICT CALENDAR**

- OCTOBER**
- 1 CS Roundtable
- 3 Trail to Bobcat
- 3 Den Chief Training
- 6 BS Roundtable
- 13 OA Chapter Meeting
- 17 CS Leader Training
- 19 Eagle Board
- 20 District Committee/Commissioner Meeting
- 23-25 Camporee
- 24 Boy Scout Leader Training at Camporee
- NOVEMBER**
- 3 BS Roundtable
- 5 CS Roundtable
- 10 OA Chapter Meeting

**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 have trouble getting online, please contact Lee Barnes at [lee.barnes420@yahoo.com](mailto:lee.barnes420@yahoo.com). There are links on the Gemstone website, [gemstonedistrict.com](http://gemstonedistrict.com), with information on the new Cub Scout Program. You can also find program information at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org). Click on ScoutSource, then Program Updates. Cub Scout Leader Specifics will be held on October 17 from 9 until noon at St John's Lutheran Church on

North Center Street in Statesville. Scoutmaster Training will be offered on October 24 at Camporee.

**CUB SCOUT JOIN SCOUT NIGHTS**

Each pack is expected to have representatives at your Join Scout Night. Packs who are in attendance will sign-up the new Cub Scouts. Please be prepared with a copy of your pack calendar to hand out to prospective new parents; be sure to include den and packs meetings, trips, Cubmaster phone number and e-mail, dues information, etc. This will show new parents that your pack is organized and will give them details about the time commitment for participating in Cub Scouting. Important: The cost for each new Cub Scout joining in the month of September for December Units is \$12 (this is \$8 for registration and \$4 for Boys' Life Magazine). For February Units, the cost is \$18 (\$12 for Registration and \$6 for Boys' Life Magazine). The extra \$1 for insurance is collected at Recharter only. It is suggested that you collect only the basic registration and Boys' Life at your Join Scouting Night. If you collect dues, it is encouraged that you do that at your next den meeting or pack meeting. If you encounter a parent who insists on paying for everything at once, then have them write two checks; one for registration/Boys' Life fees made out to BSA and the other for your unit dues made out to your pack. In this way, the district representative will be able to leave that night with your applications and money without having to schedule a follow-up meeting to receive a unit check. Each youth application must be signed that night by the Cubmaster (or designee).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RECRUITMENT**

Attention Boy Scout Leaders. If you are interested in participating in a Middle School Recruitment for your troop, then please contact Dwayne Cloar to coordinate. These can be set up in late September or in the month of October (after Cub Scout Recruitments have been completed). Dwayne will help you with the recruitment. Dwayne can be reached at 704-495-5564 or at [dcloar@bsaemail.org](mailto:dcloar@bsaemail.org).

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**CUB SCOUT ROCKET ACADEMY (ALSO KNOWN AS TRAIL TO BOBCAT)**

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**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. If you have information you would like to have posted, call 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**

**OCTOBER**

3 Rocket Academy – Betty Ross Park in Lincolnton

**ROCKET ACADEMY**

Every new scout will have the opportunity to participate in the Rocket Academy (aka. Trail to Bobcat) event on

Saturday, October 3, 2015 at Betty Ross Park in Lincolnton, North Carolina; your NEW scouts will not want to miss to important Cub Scout event in the Heartland District. I would like to thank Sebrena Pearson.

**FROM THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE**

My name is Adam McCarrison and I am your new District Executive for the Heartland District of the Piedmont Council. I am excited for the opportunity to work with our adult and youth volunteers in Lincoln and Gaston Counties.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email me anytime at adam.mccarrison@scouting.org. Have a great month! Yours in Scouting, Adam McCarrison.

**LAKELAND**

*Serving Catawba County*

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**LAKELAND DISTRICT CALENDAR**

**OCTOBER**

- 1 Roundtable – 7 PM at First United Methodist Church, 410 1st Ave N, Conover, NC
- 3 Cub Scout Rocket Academy (AKA Trail to Bobcat) – 9 AM at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 4420 County Home Rd., Conover, NC 28613
- 4 Cub Scout Leader Training – 1PM at First United Methodist Church, 410 1st Ave. N, Conover, NC
- 7 District Committee Meeting- 6:00 PM at Partnership for Children, 738 4th Street SW, Hickory, NC 28602
- 15 Eagle Board – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1686 6th St SE, Hickory, NC
- 17 Boy Scout Leader Indoor Training – 8 AM at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1686 6th St SE, Hickory, NC



**NOVEMBER**

- 1 Cub Scout Leader Training – 1PM at First United Methodist Church, 410 1st Ave. N, Conover, NC
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- 5 Roundtable – 7 PM at First United Methodist Church, 410 1st Ave N, Conover, NC
- 7 University of Scouting – Gaston College, 201 Highway U.S. 321 S, Dallas, NC 28034
- 14 Scouting for Food – Bags Out
- 21 Scouting for Food – Food Collection
- 19 Eagle Board – Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1686 6th St SE, Hickory, NC

**LAKELAND DISTRICT NEWS****MIDDLE SCHOOL RECRUITMENT**

Attention Boy Scout Leaders – If you are interested in participating in a Middle School Recruitment for your troop, then please contact Michael Montgomery to coordinate. These can be set up in the month of October (after Cub Scout Recruitments have been completed). Michael will help you with the recruitment. He can be reached at phone at 828-962-6069 or by email at michael.montgomery@scouting.org.

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**CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING**

There are two opportunities to complete the classroom version of the Cub Scout Leader Specific Training. The dates are Sunday, Oct. 4, and Sunday, Nov. 1, in Conover at First United Methodist Church (the regular Roundtable location). The training will start at 1 PM and not go past 4 PM. You have the option of coming on Oct. 4 or Nov. 1 (you do not need to attend both). Please note that this training will be made available for all adult leader Cub Scout positions (Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader, or Committee). Contact Valerie Labo at [evlabo@charter.net](mailto:evlabo@charter.net) to register for the Cub Leader training.

**BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAINING**

Scoutmaster specific training will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. We will start registration at 8 AM and should be through by noon. This is for all new Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. Troop Committee members

are welcome to come; especially any new members who are unfamiliar with the way a troop is supposed to operate. Please register for the training by e-mailing Bob Wright at [scouting@bellsouth.net](mailto:scouting@bellsouth.net).

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

Units, please recruit a leader to serve as your unit's Scouting for Food Coordinator. Please plug the following dates into your calendar: Bags out is on Saturday, Nov. 14 and Food Collection is on Saturday, Nov. 21. More details will follow in upcoming e-mail editions of Lakeland District News.

**LAKELAND DISTRICT NEWS E-MAILS**

If you would like to receive the Lakeland District News E-mails, please e-mail your District Director, Michael Montgomery, at [michael.montgomery@scouting.org](mailto: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 (and so that you don't have to scroll down on your computer to get passed all of those e-mail addresses). 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.

**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 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 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!



## TABLE ROCK/ SWAMPFOX

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### TABLE ROCK/SWAMP FOX DISTRICT CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER

- 3 SF Rocket Academy (AKA Trail to Bobcat) – 9am at Catawba River Greenway, Hwy 70 Marion
- 6 TR AND SF – Fireside Chat with Piedmont Council CEO, Connie Bowes, and Council President, Dr. Mark Williamson, 7pm at Grace Hospital
- 8 TR District Committee Meeting – 7:30 pm

- 13 Cub Scout Leader Training – 6 pm at Valdese Hospital
- 17 TR Rocket Academy (AKA Trail to Bobcat) – 9 am at Catawba Meadows Park, Morganton
- 20 TR Order of the Arrow Meeting – 7 pm at Drexel Scout Hut

#### NOVEMBER

- 3 TR Leader Roundtable – 7 pm at First United Methodist, 200 N King Street, Morganton, NC (Topic: Religious Emblems)
- 3 TR Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting – 7 pm at First United Methodist Church, 200 N King Street, Morganton, NC
- 5 SF Leader Roundtable – 7 pm at First United Methodist Church, 176 Robert Street, Marion, NC
- 7 University of Scouting – Gaston College, 201 Highway U.S. 321 S, Dallas, NC 28034
- 14 Scouting for Food – Bags Out
- 21 Scouting for Food – Food Collection

### TABLE ROCK/SWAMP FOX DISTRICT NEWS

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#### CUB SCOUT ROCKET ACADEMY (ALSO KNOWN AS TRAIL TO BOBCAT)

For Swamp Fox – The Cub Scout Rocket Academy will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3 from 9 AM to 12 PM at Catawba River Greenway off of Hwy 70 in Marion.

For Tablerock – The Cub Scout Rocket Academy will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 AM to 2 PM at Catawba Meadows Park in Morganton. Address is 701 Sanford Drive, Morganton, NC.

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#### CUB SCOUT LEADER TRAINING

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Contact Pepper Smyth at [smythpep@gmail.com](mailto:smythpep@gmail.com) to register for the Cub Leader training.

**BOY SCOUT LEADER TRAINING**

There are two opportunities to complete the classroom version of the Boy Scout Leader Specific Training. The dates are Tuesday, Oct. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 7, at University of Scouting. The Oct. 13 training will begin at 6pm with registration and the sessions will start promptly at 6:30pm. You have the option of coming on Oct. 13 or Nov.7 (you do not need to attend both). Please note that this training will be made available for all adult leader Boy Scout positions (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Committee). Contact Paul Vanover at [sm\\_troop899@yahoo.com](mailto:sm_troop899@yahoo.com) to register for the Boy Scout Leader training.

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Visit often to make the most of Scouting – keep up with events, sign up for activities, access necessary forms and online training!

**TWO RIVERS**

*Serving Gaston County*

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**TWO RIVERS DISTRICT CALENDAR**

- OCTOBER**
- 3 Tindol Cruise In – Tindol Ford
- 6 Committee Mtg. – 6:00 pm, First Pres (prior to Roundtable)
- 6 Roundtables – 7:00 (Cub); 7:30 (BS)  
1st Pres, Gastonia  
December and January Recharter Available
- 10 Rocket Academy – First Baptist Church, Gastonia
- 16-18 IOLS Training – Camp Hope, Belmont  
Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills
- 30-1 Fall Camporee – St. Paul's Lutheran, Hardin

**NOVEMBER**

- 3 Committee Mtg. – 6:00 pm, First Pres (prior to Roundtable)
- 6 Roundtables – 7:00 (Cub); 7:30 (BS)  
1st Pres, Gastonia  
District Youth Protection Training at Roundtable

**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. October Roundtables will have the Recharter packets for December and January units and include important topics such as recharter, training opportunities, and the Fall Camporee. November Roundtables will feature Youth Protection Training (required every 2 years), February Recharter and other important Scouting updates and/or features.

**TINDOL CRUISE IN**

The Tindol Cruise In is once again back by popular demand and will be Scouting opportunity to help giveback to the community and support Scouting. We need help from Scouts and Scouters alike. If you

are willing to help and plan to be there, please let Kirk know. Additional information will be sent out via emails very soon.

**ROCKET ACADEMY**

On October 10, 2015, ALL NEW CUB SCOUTS are encouraged to participate in the 2015 Rocket Academy. Those new scouts have the opportunity to participate in their FIRST cub event and will include BB guns, archery and a rocket launch. This event is FREE to NEW cubs and will also give them the opportunity to earn their Bobcat Badge. This program is vital to unit success and retention so make sure your NEW scouts participate!

**FALL CAMPOREE**

The Camporee Committee is working on the details of the upcoming fall camporee this October. It will be held on Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hardin. Additional details and information will be available at the October Roundtable.

**FROM THE FIELD DIRECTOR**

Roundup is in full swing and many units are getting NEW Scouts as we speak. I want to thank each volunteer who has helped with the Scout Night For Scouting and conducted sign-up meetings to ensure success in the district. If you have boys who have registered after the sign up meeting it is very important that you get their registration fees and application to the council office as soon as possible. Only those applications that are paid and in the office will receive a FREE book this fall. Thanks to one of our big sponsors BB&T and Susan Briggs for helping with the books. If you know Susan please tell her thank you! While we search for a new District Executive in the Two Rivers district, I just want to let everyone know that I will be covering the Two Rivers district and if you need anything please don't hesitate to ask. However, please also know that I am currently training TWO new District Executives and it may take me a day or two to get back with you. If you need immediate help, the best option is email. I can usually respond within minutes. Thanks for all you do for Scouting. Kirk



# Exploring NEWS

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## EXPLORING NEWS

### WINNER CIRCLE – EXPLORING AWARD

At this time, I want to congratulate the Council Exploring Program for achieving a national recognition qualifying for the Winner Circle Award. The Exploring Program had a growth of June over June membership growth. Great Job! Thanks to all the leaders and the explorers that made this possible.

### ONLINE SURVEY UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that we have two more school systems that have signed up to do our new online survey program. The following school systems are Mooresville City Schools and Iredell County Schools. Good luck this fall with the online surveys. The participation rate results will be an upcoming *Smoke Signals* newsletter.

### YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

If you are an advisor you need to go on online and take youth protection training.

### OPEN HOUSE AGENDA (SAMPLE)

This is a good guideline to follow.

- 1. Greeters (15 min prior to meeting start)**  
**Post Committee:** Greet the young people at the door. Welcome the, hand out nametags and Post program outline, and complete sign-in roster.
- 2. Introduction and Welcome (3 min)**  
**Post Advisor:** The Post Advisor starts the meeting with a welcome, and all participants of the adult leadership team introduce themselves.
- 3. Greetings from the Host (7 min)**  
**Head of Participating Organization:** The head of the participating organization gives the group a brief background on the organization’s interest in organizing an Explorer Post and the organization’s

commitment to this Post. This brief talk should be motivational in tone. Be sure to help this person beforehand in the correct use of Exploring language so that the individual feels comfortable and appears knowledgeable.

- 4. Icebreaker (10 min)**  
**Post Advisor:** Conduct an exercise that will help stimulate the participants to speak more freely by requiring everyone to talk for a few minutes. Games such as the interview game or Famous Person ID game will help to break the ice.
- 5. Description of Exploring and Purpose of Explorer Post (7 min)**  
**Youth Representative:** Consider creative ways to explain the meaning of Exploring. For a new Post, you could have a president from another Post introduce Exploring.
- 6. Description of Upcoming Program of Activities (3 min)**  
**Associate Advisor to Program:** Distribute copies of your planned program, with dates and times, for the first three months of the Post’s year. During this part of the meeting, You should explain the election of youth officers and their responsibility to lead the program of this Explorer Post.
- 7. Hands-On Activity (30-40 min)**  
**Post Committee:** Design a hands-on activity for each group to participate in. This should be a new experience and one of the most fun activities planned for the Post’s first three months.
- 8. Participation Process (5 min)**  
**Associate Advisor to Administration:** Explain the participation process. Explain that the national participation fee includes liability insurance and activities, awards, and scholarships supported by Learning for Life. Display copies of Exploring literature.
- 9. Invitation to Join (20 min)**  
**Post Committee:** Serve refreshments. Collect participation fees from those ready to join, and mark the sign-in roster “paid.” Ask others to have their fees ready by the second meeting, and mark their

- names “not paid.”
- 10. Closing Comments (5 min)**  
**Post Advisor:** Give a brief, motivational send-off. Be sure everyone knows the date, time, location, and program for the next Post meeting.

If you have not set up your open house, contact Richard Churn Senior Exploring Executive at richard.churn@scouting.org or at 704-864-2694. Good luck with your open houses.



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### ORDER OF THE ARROW NEWS NOAC CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

More than 60 local scouts attended the National Order of the Arrow (NOAC) Centennial celebration event at Michigan State University on August 2nd 2015. Nearly 15,000 boy scouts from across the United States converged on the East Lansing, Michigan campus to attend the NOAC Conference. More than 60 members of Piedmont Council's Esau Huppeday Lodge #560 traveled nearly 700 miles to attend this historic event held every three years. This year's event was historic because it marked the 100th year of the organizations being an intricate part of the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouts attending participated in training events as well as 4 arena shows held throughout the week with guest speakers, including Former Defense Secretary Dr. Robert Gates, Distinguished Eagle Scout and our current Boy Scouts of America President, Wayne Brock; Chief Scout Executive.

On Thursday night more than 4,800 Eagle Scouts gathered at the Munn Ice Arena on the MSU campus for a special Gathering of the Eagles event with keynote speaker Eagle Scout Rex Tellerson CEO of Exxon Mobil and Eagle Scout Mike Fossum NASA Astronaut. The event was the largest



gathering of Eagle Scouts ever at a NOAC event.

NOAC participants did their good turn on Friday by helping MSU test its evacuation plans. Friday morning, guests and staff participated in a mock severe weather drill at Spartan Stadium. The drill will better prepare MSU safety officials for real emergencies during the 2015-2016 school year. The drill was the largest non-emergency evacuation to ever take place at Spartan Stadium, a title, which is now honorably held by our Order of the Arrow.

Eagle Scout Creek Stewart from The Weather Channel's hit show "Fat Guys in the Woods" encouraged everyone to help two people as part of the #DAREtoDO theme. Arrowmen also participated in a card stunt while in Spartan Stadium. Photographers snapped pictures when everyone formed two centennial logos and the NOAC logo. MSU safety personnel then initiated the evacuation drill.

This evacuation was the first major service project of the #DAREtoDO campaign.

During the weeklong event Arrowmen competed in various American Indian Activities (AIA) and Induction and Ceremonial Events (ICE) Committees' Piedmont Council's Eswau Huppeday Lodge took national titles in the Individual Old Time Sioux Dance with 1st Place going to Layton Gantt, 2nd Place Nathan Davis, and 3rd Place Dylan DiSarro. The group also was awarded 3rd Place in the Historic Group Dance, and 2nd Place in the Southern Singing Team competition.



Dylan DiSarro being assisted by a fellow Scout with his ceremonial headdress prior to American Indian Activities competition held at the Munn Ice Arena.



15000 Scouts watch pyrotechnics at the final show held in the Jack Breslin Center on the campus of Michigan State University.



Eswau Huppeday Lodge Advisor David Cody poses for a picture with Eagle Scout Creek Stewart from The Weather Channel's hit show "Fat Guys in the Woods."



Members of the Eswau Huppeday Lodge attend a Rededication Ceremony recently at MSU. Each lodge brought pine and oak wood from their district to place on the ceremonial fire.



Members of the Eswau Huppeday Dance Team poses for a group picture following the awards ceremony held at the Munn Ice Arena. From left to right: Coty Land, Dylan DiSarro, Layton Gantt, Nathan Davis, Thomas Colton, and Jarrett Story. The dance team took 3rd place in the nation in Historical Group Dance. In the individual Old Time Sioux dance, 3rd Place – Dylan DiSarro, 2nd Place – Nathan Davis, and 1st Place – Layton Gantt.





Members of the Piedmont Council Eswau Huppeday Lodge attend a MSU Orientation upon arrive at the college.



Members of the Eswau Huppeday Drum Team pose for a group picture. Front Row – Left to Right - Thomas Colton, Aaron Laws, Caleb Rohlfing, Bryce Cassel; Back Row – Left to Right – Layton Gantt, Mitchell Harbin, Matthew Randall, Matt Cook, Chris Stinson



Wayne Brock addresses an audience of 15000 Scouts at the Opening Show at the NOAC.



Members of the Eswau Huppeday Lodge pose for a picture outside the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.



Eswau Huppeday Lodge member Luke Nichols attempts Ice Climbing at the National Order Of the Arrow Conference.



Layton Gantt (foreground) and Thomas Colton (background) compete in the Individual Old Time Sioux Dance competition at NOAC. Gantt received 1st place honors for his performance.



Ewsau Huppeday Member Evan Punch poses for a picture with Tico Perez, BSA National Commissioner, on Thursday night where more that 4,800 Eagle Scouts gathered at the Munn Ice Arena on the MSU campus for a special Gathering of the Eagles event with keynote speakers Eagle Scout Rex Tellerson CEO of Exxon Mobil and Eagle Scout Mike Fossum NASA Astronaut. The event was the largest gathering of Eagle Scouts ever at a NOAC event.



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Members of Esau Huppeday lodge prepare to board the bus home after the completion of the week-long National Order Of the Arrow Conference held at Michigan State University recently.



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**ABOUT SMOKE SIGNALS...**

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**Scouts Game at Gardner Webb – Boy Scout Overnighter**

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# Scouts Game

**Friday Night (Oct. 23)**  
 Camp-out on GWU athletic field  
 Meet GWU football team & coaches  
 Compete in the obstacle challenge

**Saturday Morning (Oct. 24)**  
 Morning devotional w/ GWU FCA  
 Ropes course w/ GWU student activities  
 Tour the GWU campus w/ admissions  
 Reserved seating at football game  
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 Breakfast and lunch provided

**Saturday Oct. 24**  
**1:30PM**  
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## 2015 SECOND ANNUAL WAYNE REESE SPORTING CLAYS EVENT

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015**  
HUNTING CREEK PRESERVES

**P**iedmont Council invites you to the Wayne Reese Sporting Clays Event on Saturday, November 7, at the Hunting Creek Preserves, 300 North Meadow Road, Harmony, NC 28634 (north of Statesville). Teams and individual shooters can enter the tournament, and shells and lunch following the event are included.

The event honors Wayne Reese, who was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America for over 40 years and served as Scout Master of Troop 238 for 25 years. While in Scouting he received many awards and remained active in Scouting's honor society, the Order of the Arrow.

To register, or for more information, contact John Teeter, [jteeter@pepsihky.com](mailto:jteeter@pepsihky.com), Richard Churn, [Richard.Churn@scouting.org](mailto:Richard.Churn@scouting.org), phone: 704-864-2694, or Frank Willis, [frankwillis@charter.net](mailto:frankwillis@charter.net).

Deadline for registration is October 30, 2015.



## POPCORN CALENDAR

Oct. 2-3	Fill-It-Up Weekend #1
Nov. 6-7	Fill-It-Up Weekend #2
<b>Nov. 16</b>	<b>Popcorn Sale Officially Ends</b>
Nov. 20	Unit Popcorn/Prize Orders Due
<b>Dec. 5</b>	<b>Popcorn Distribution</b>
Jan. 8, 2016	Unit Settlement Day

Contact your District Kernel or District Executive for individual District dates and locations.

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# 2016 SUMMER CAMP LINE-UP

Please find your troop to make sure you are in the correct week and campsite. If your troop has not signed up for camp yet, please do not delay in making your reservation. We are expecting an exciting program in 2016.

	Week One June 19- 25	Week Two June 26 – July 2	Week Three July 3- 9	Week Four July 10- 16	Week Five July 17- 23	Week Six July 24- 30
<b>Site One</b>	49-HL	999-CR	899-TR	197-TR	322-LL	184-TR
	254-FH	131-CR	201-TR	1-LL	104-BG	303-LL
		192-TR	182-TR	903-LL		
				82-HL		
<b>Site Two</b>	105-BG	101-BG	107-BG	327-LL	117-BG	238-LL
	707-HL			1-LL	402-BG	
					76-HL	
<b>Site Three</b>	398-LL	771-LL	898-TR	84-HL	826-ECC	
	7-2R					
	61-2R					
	6-2R					
<b>Site Four</b>	37-BR		10-CNC	3-2R		
	826-ECC					
<b>Site Five</b>	95-BR	45-HL	276-IW	9-2R	75-HL	81-HL
	518-IW			262-CF		
<b>Site Six</b>	95-BR	19-2R	92-BG	413-BG	324-CCC	238-LL
		35-2R				
<b>Site Seven</b>	351-LL	387-LL	387-LL	162-GS		
	210-SF			383-LL		
<b>Site Eight</b>	275-FH	377-GS	577-NFL	133-Pal	54-2R	812-SF
	276-PAL		169-GS	323-HL	325-LL	180-GS
	454-LL					
	87-HL					
<b>Site Nine</b>	321-LL	11-2R		132-CR	313-2R	250-LL
	300-LL			137-CR		
	615-GS					
<b>Site Ten</b>	103-BR	128-CR	501-2R	33-2R	112-2R	250-LL
	234-LL		174-GS	332-GS	363-GS	
<b>Site Eleven</b>	118-BG	193-BG	235-LL	609-GS	114-BG	806-SF
	348-GS		28-2R	347-FH	345-LL	
<b>Site Twelve</b>	199-TR	129-CR	241-FH	39-BG		
<b>Site Thirteen</b>	336-LH				225-TR	
	58-2R					
<b>Site Fourteen</b>	100-BG					
<b>Site Fifteen</b>	503-2R	166-GS		175-GS		
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