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COUNCIL CALENDAR

January

- 1 Reynolds Family Scout Office Closed
- 1-4 Scout Shop Closed – Inventory
- 3 OA First Event
- 4 Steering Committee Meeting, 2:30 at Reynolds Family Scout
- 4 Winterplace
- 10 Hemric Work Day
- 10 Boy Scout Camp & Webelos Camp Staff Interviews
- 17-18 Cherokee Sporting Clay Weekend
- 19 Office Closed
- 20 Hagan Sea Base Committee Meeting
- 21 Council High Adventure Committee Meeting
- 21 Council Commissioners Meeting
- 21 Council Membership Meeting
- 24 Commissioners College
- 24 Standard First Aid w/ CPR & AED
- 26 Executive Board Meeting
- 27 Cub Scout Camping Committee Meeting
- 28 Boy Scout Camping Committee Meeting

February

- 1 OA Exec. Committee Meeting, 2:30, Scout Office
- 7 Scouting For Food Bag Drop-off
- 8 Winterplace
- 11 Council Membership Committee Meeting
- 14 Scouting for Food Bag Pick-up
- 16 Office Closed
- 18 Council Commissioner Meeting
- 18 Council High Adventure Committee Meeting, 7PM
- 21 Old North State University, Scout Office
- 22 CSR Camp Promotions Meeting, Scout Office
- 23 Council Executive Committee Meeting
- 25 Boy Scout Camping Committee Meeting
- 28 Boy Scout Leader Training, Scout Office
- 28 Sporting Clay Weekend, Cherokee

2008 ANNUAL EAGLE SCOUT BREAKFAST



Pictured is Royce Reynolds and Eagle Scouts Matt Moss (Left) and Denver Morrison (Right)

The 4th Annual Eagle Scout Breakfast was held December 2 at the Reynolds Family Scout Office. As usual, this was a successful event, but this year it was extra special because our guest speaker was Eagle Scout, Royce Reynolds. He gave an inspiring speech, the Old North State Council is privileged to have Royce Reynolds in our Scouting family.



SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Let's have **100%** participation from all units for this great community project! The food you collect goes to needy families throughout the communities in our council. There is even a greater need this year than ever before.

Pick up your collection bags at the Scout Office or at Roundtable, drop them off at door steps in neighborhoods in your area on Saturday, Feb. 7 and collect the bags on Feb. 14. Each District has a delivery sight for your unit to deliver the collected food to. Call your Dist. Executive if you have questions about Scouting For Food.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

March 10, 2009

Old North State Council is pleased to announce it's 4th Annual "FRIENDS OF SCOUTING" Kick-Off Breakfast featuring keynote speaker:

Joe Theismann



WWW.LODGE70.ORG

BROTHERHOOD CONVERSION

If you have been an Ordeal member for at least 10 months and are a registered member of the lodge, you are eligible to seal your membership in the Order of the Arrow and convert to Brotherhood membership. We will be offering brotherhood conversion this year at the March Induction Weekend. There is no longer a cost for this. Seal your membership today!

OA DUES

Don't forget to renew your lodge dues for 2009 by December 31st! The annual dues for the lodge is \$10.00. The option to pay your dues on line is available through the Council Web site. Please pay now.

COMING SOON!

On January 3 Tsoiotsi Tsogalii will proudly present the first event of the New Year from 8:45 AM until 4:30 PM at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Greensboro. The cost is \$10, lunch is included. This event has been designed to offer pertinent information and quality instruction to help you learn all that there is to learn about the Native American Programs of the Order of the Arrow. Visit the OA website at <http://www.lodge70.org> for updates and more information.

2009 CONCLAVE

Conclave will be held April 17-19 at Camp Tuscarora in Four Oaks, NC. The cost is \$40. Registration forms and memorabilia order forms can be found on-line, or you can register and preorder memorabilia on-line also.

Pictured below are scouts that participated in the December OA Ordeal at Woodfield. It was a memorable experience, even though temperatures dropped to the 20's at night, a great time was had by everyone.



World Championship Quarterback with the Washington Redskins and ESPN NFL broadcaster.

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 7:30 AM at the Koury Convention Center, High Point Rd., Greensboro. Contact Tim Harper at 336 378-9166 or tharper@bsamail.org for more information.

EAGLE SCOUT BANQUET AND COUNCIL AWARDS CEREMONY

Join us on March 26 in honoring the Class of 2008 Eagle Scouts, Silver Beaver recipients and Whitney Young recipients. This event will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel near the Airport at 6:30 PM. Invitations will be mailed to all 2008 Eagle Scouts. Eagle Scouts, their families and friends and Scout Leaders are encouraged to attend this special occasion. Please call Tina Carroll or Scott Rehrauer at the Scout Office for more information.

TROOPS OR VENTURE CREWS INTERESTED IN TOP-ROPE OUTINGS

Do your Scouts or Venturers enjoy climbing? Not enough trained adults or not enough equipment? Joe Libera, Scoutmaster with Troop 9, Burlington, NC, is interested in assisting or leading small Scout or Venture groups in top rope outings. Joe is qualified as BSA Climbing Director and Tope Rope Site Manager with American Mountain Guides Association. He also works as an adjunct instructor for Fox Mountain Guides and Climbing School of Pisgah Forest, NC (www.foxmountainguides.com). Joe can be contacted at 336-684-0500 or jlibera@triad.rr.com.

SCOUT NIGHT-ACC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

MARCH 6, 2009 AT 6:00 PM

GREENSBORO COLISEUM

TICKETS ARE \$7-FOR GROUPS OF 10 OR MORE

-ONE PRICE & TWO GAMES AT 6:00 & 8:00

-EXCITING BASKETBALL

-NEW-SCOUT PATCHES

-ACC FAN FEST

-MASCOTS

DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS IS FEB. 23

PICK UP AN ORDER FORM FROM THE SCOUT

OFFICE OR DOWNLOAD IT FROM OUR

WEB SITE: WWW.BSAONSC.ORG



CAMP NEWS

2009 WEBELOS CAMP RESERVATIONS

Has your Pack made their reservation for Webelos Camp yet? Week two is already full! Make your reservation today by going to the WSP web site - www.bsaonsc.org/wsp, view the availability chart and make your reservation on-line. A \$50 deposit is required.

MAKE YOUR 2009 CHEROKEE RESERVATION

You may reserve your camp site for 2009 by calling Gail Simpson at the Scout Office. A \$50 deposit is required. Don't wait too long, your spot may get taken!

WOODFIELD & CHEROKEE SUMMER CAMP STAFF

2009 Seasonal Camp Staff Applications are available on-line. Interviews for Woodfield and Cherokee are scheduled for January 10 at the Council Office. Call Lynn McNair at 336 378-9166 to schedule an appointment.

SUMMER CAMP PROMOTIONS MEETING

Learn about changes in the 2009 Camp Cherokee Summer program on February 22 at the Reynolds Family Scout Office. Details will be mailed to all leaders later this month.

Webelos Camp Leader Orientation will be held March 1 at 3:00 at the Reynolds Family Scout Office.

FIRST AID/CPR/AED TRAINING

Courses will be offered Jan. 24 and March 7, 2009 at the Reynolds Scout Office on Westover Terrace in Greensboro from 8:30am - 5:30pm. Lunch is on your own. Course fee is \$28. Registration deadline is the Thursday two weeks prior to the course for which you register. No registrations will be accepted after the deadline. Register early, class sizes are limited. The courses include First Aid, CPR/AED-Adult, and Child CPR. Minimum age for taking these courses is 14. Leaders—these courses are very intense. Be sure, if recommending a Scout to participate, that they are mature enough to handle this rigorous and long day of training. Scouts must attend with a buddy or appropriate adult partner—BSA Youth Protection Guidelines are adhered to.

2009 FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING CAMPAIGN

Attention all units. If you have not watched the three minute video containing an important message from two great Scouters here in the Old North State Council, our President David Barksdale and Family Friends of Scouting Chair Charlie Holderness, do so today. It will share with you compelling reasons to participate in the 2009 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. After you have finished watching this brief video, we ask that you make the commitment to schedule a 2009 presentation for your unit. Go to the Council web site to view the video and make the commitment. Thank you very much for the important role you are playing in helping young people succeed in life. Our communities need Scouting!

Honors and Memorials

Benbow Hennings Fund

Jocelyn Edwards

In Memory of Bob Duncan

Brent McKinney

Alex and Kay Shugart

Becky Wray

Penny London

Ronnie and Betty Smitherman

Brenda Frazer

Jeffrey Miller

High Point Bank

In Honor of Jeff Mott

Margaret Fontana

In Memory of Jim Pennington

Judy Pennington

In Honor of Meredith Scales

VF Corporation

In Memory of Scott Swink

VF Corporation

In Memory of Raymond Wagoner

Aaron and Beatrice Jaffe

UWHARRIE CONTINUED FROM PG. 8...

ANNUAL UNIT CHARTER RENEWAL'S

All Uwharrie District Units are scheduled for charter renewal during January 2009. Charter renewal packets have been distributed to each unit. All units are encouraged to use the on-line charter renewal process, the code is included in the recharter packet. Charter Renewal Paper Packets and a unit check for fee's can be turned in beginning at 5:30 PM on January 8 at Boy and Cub Leader Roundtable Meeting and also from 5:30-7:00 PM on January 15 and 22 at the Davidson County Public Library.

All units must submit their Charter Renewal Packet and Fee's no later than January 23, 2009.

Questions contact Dave Abbott at uwharriedistrict@yahoo.com or call 336-425-6088.

2009 UWHARRIE DISTRICT CHARTER RENEWAL

Each District in the Old North State Council is due for charter renewal in December. If your primary registration is with the Uwharrie District serving as a member of the committee your annual registration fee is \$11.00. If you would like to receive "Boy's Life Magazine" the cost is an additional \$12.00. Please make your check payable to "Old North State Council" and either give to Dave Abbott or mail to: UWHARRIE DISTRICT, P.O. BOX 2052, LEXINGTON, NC 27293-2052 NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 19, 2008.

Old North State University

Saturday, February 21, 2009, 9:00 am until 5:00 pm
 Old North State Council, Reynolds Family Scout Office
 1405 Westover Terrace, Greensboro, NC

Name _____ Unit _____
 Phone H _____ W _____ District _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____

Cost: \$6.00 for as many courses as you want! Red Cross courses and exams, as noted below, have additional fees.

Please make check payable to Old North State Council. Mail to P.O. Box 29406, Greensboro, NC 27429. Include this completed application with your payment.

Select the courses below by checking the box(es) next to the course(s) you want to take. Pre-registration is encouraged as classes will be filled based on each paid registration in the order it is received. Sign in and on-site registration (for available class space) will begin at 8:00 am on February 21.

For more information, contact the Scout Office at 336-378-9166.

New Leader Essentials	9:00 – 11:00
Trek Safely and Climb on Safely	9:00 – 10:00
Youth Protection Guidelines: Training for Adult Venturing Leaders	9:00 – 10:00
Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat	10:00 – 11:00
Allergic Reaction and Use of the Epinephrine Auto-Injector additional fee of \$8.00 required	10:00 – 11:00
Risk Zone	11:00 – Noon
Webelos to Scout Transition	11:00 – Noon
Swim Check Supervisor Training	11:00 – Noon
Scouting Software	1:00 – 2:00
What is a “Scout’s Own” Service?	1:00 – 2:00
Chartered Organization Representative Training	1:00 – 2:30
Asthma and Use of the Asthma Inhaler	1:00 – 2:00
Cub Scout and Boy Scout Paperwork	2:00 – 4:30
Venture Leader Training	2:00 – 5:00
Youth Protection Guidelines: Training for Volunteer Leaders and Parents	2:00 – 3:30
Owning Your Unit Membership	2:30 – 3:30
Troop Committee Training	3:30 – 5:00
Adult CPR Challenge and First Aid Challenge exams The challenges require an additional \$10 fee, whether taking one or both exams. Each exam will take from 45 to 60 minutes. .	On a floating basis from 9:00 am to Noon

ALAMANCE AT A GLANCE

(Serving Burlington, Saxapahaw, Snow Camp, Mebane, Graham, Elon College, Union Ridge and all points between)
 Dist. Chairman: Michael Splawn 584-5466
 Dist. Commissioner: David Burge 229-0723
 Dist. Executive: Mark Saxon: 378-9166

Jan.	
5	Deadline for Banquet Awards Submission
7	District Committee Meeting (Macedonia)
8	District Commissioners Meeting
12	District Eagle Board
15	Deadline for Banquet Registrations
15	District Roundtable
22	District Banquet
31	District Officers Training
Feb.	
4	District Committee Meeting (Macedonia)
5	District Commissioners Meeting
7	Scouting for Food Distribution
9	District Eagle Board
12	District Roundtable
14	Scouting for Food Collection

RING IN THE NEW YEAR AT THE BANQUET

Robby Wolfe and the activities committee has really sunk its teeth into organizing a banquet to remember. Council President David Barksdale and Scout Executive John Meeks will be in attendance to help honor the achievements of Alamance Scouters. Seating is extremely limited so don't get left in the cold. Advance registration will be accepted at the office and online before the January roundtable. Cost is \$15 per plate and the festivities kickoff at 6:30 p.m. at Shiloh Presbyterian Church in Burlington. The Lightning Troop will be in the kitchen cooking up a storm.

WELCOME NEW FRIENDS

2008 was a magical year in terms of welcoming in new units here in Alamance. In the Fall Troop 40 at Bethany Presbyterian returned to the family. In December a lot of people worked hard to regenerate Pack 47 and now I am proud to announce Tracy Claiborne has a Wolfpack at Mebane United Methodist. The District hit for the cycle in 2008 when it welcomed in Venturing Crew 379 at Elon University. Crew 379 is comprised of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity which was founded on the principles of Scouting by some of the same founders. The brothers (coed) will be helping to run our Soccer and Scouting Pack this spring and are always looking for service opportunities. Please do not hesitate to contact Associate Advisor Mark Saxon if you need help on an Eagle Project.

DISTRICT OFFICERS TRAINING

You asked for it and the Council is providing training for District Officers. The location is still in flux but the course will be offered here in Alamance on Jan. 31 from 3-6 p.m. Don't be shy. This will help empower our committee members to build upon the success of 2008.

MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Stuart Brandt and the advancement committee are fired up about the 2009 Merit Badge College for good reason. Check out the Alamance webpage for a full slate of classes and details. School's in on March 14th and 28th.

AKELA DISTRICT

(Serving High Point, Thomasville, Jamestown, Wallburg, Archdale, Trinity, and all points between)

District Co-Chair Bill Milliken 883-4480
 District Commissioner Nick Platt 454-1289
 Field Director Doug Thorne 378-9166



Jan.	
8	Dist. Committee Meeting 6:00 PM, Wesley Memorial UMC
8	Round Table, 7 PM, Wesley Memorial UMC
12	Eagle Board, Wesley Memorial UMC
15	OA Chapter Mtg. at First UMC at 7 PM
23	District Banquet
Feb.	
4	Key 3 Meeting
7	Scouting For Food Bag Drop-off
9	Eagle Board, Wesley Memorial UMC
12	Dist. Committee Meeting 6:00 PM, Wesley Memorial UMC
12	Roundtable, 7 PM, Wesley Memorial UMC
14	Scouting For Food Bag Pick-up
19	OA Chapter Meeting at First UMC at 7 PM
26	Dist. Commissioners Meeting, 6:30, Wesley Memorial UMC

**ANNUAL DISTRICT BANQUET
 January 23, 2009**

All units are urged to make plans now for the Akela Annual Banquet which will be held Friday, January 23, 2009 at Jamestown Presbyterian Church. Pack and Troop 68 will host the banquet. The cost is \$12.00. In addition to the fun, fellowship and food, leaders and youth will be recognized.

SCOUT LEADERS, HEADS UP!

Please be advised that District Committee Member Bill Mahoney will soon contact you requesting assistance from your troop with the 2009 Merit Badge College scheduled for March 7th and 14th at GTCC in Jamestown. There is something that all of us can do to ensure this event continues to be as successful as it has been during the past several years. Troops that have already committed to help are Troop 68, Troop 42, Troop 25, Troop 57 and Troop 4. If others would like to make commitments, Bill Mahoney can be reached at William.mahoney@volvo.com. Let us hear from you!

2009 FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Make the commitment today to participate in the 2009 Family Friends of Scouting Campaign. Packs, Troops, Crews and Posts can go to the Old North State Council Web site and fill out the commitment form. The Family Friends of Scouting Campaign is essential to the success of the Old North State Council. Thank you for your support!

RANDOLPH RAMBLINGS....

(Serving Asheboro, Seagrove, Ramseur, Liberty, Randleman, Farmer and Franklinville, Gray's Chapel)

District Commissioner Anita Varner 861-4480
 District Executive Margaret Moose 378-9166

Jan.	
8	Roundtable, 7pm First Presbyterian Church
8	District Awards Turn-in Deadline
8	Eagle Packets due at Roundtable
8	Family FOS Presentation Sign-Up
29	District Banquet

RANDOLPH DISTRICT BANQUET

Our awards Banquet will be on the 29th of January at New Salem United Methodist Church. It will begin at 6:30pm. All of our adult volunteers are invited! The food will include Lemon Pepper Chicken and Sirloin Tips. Price will be \$15 each. If you would like to attend please turn in your money by January 8th at Roundtable. Be sure to submit paperwork for National Summertime Pack Award, National Camping Award for Troops, Leader recognition knots and other awards. Please turn these in as soon as possible if you have not yet.

RECHARTERS

Recharting will begin soon! We are encouraging as many units as possible to recharter online. It is easy, fast, and you'll love it! You can complete the renewal information yourself and you can do it from any computer. There is a special code on your recharter packet to do this with.

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING PRESENTATIONS

If you have not yet been contacted, you will have the chance to sign up for the Family Friends of Scouting Presentations at Roundtable on the 8th. We are only asking for about ten minutes during a Blue and Gold or Court of Honor to explain to your parents how Scouting is funded and how it benefits their children. As we approach the 100 year mark it is more important than ever that those involved understand the mechanism which keeps our movement alive. Thank you in advance! Give Margaret Moose a call for more information: 336-554-2123

....TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG....

Over eat over the holidays? Got a New Years Resolution to get healthy? It is important as role model's for our youth that we keep healthy and strong. Many volunteers and leaders work at Nautilus Family Fitness Center on S Fayetteville St., a business that supports Scouting. But that is not the only gym in our area! Search online and you will find plenty of places to work out that offer support and classes to help get healthy. On top of that you can make simple changes in your every day to help promote a healthy lifestyle...take the stairs, eat more veggies, use a shopping list and stick to it to avoid extra goodies, and plan hiking trips or walking tours of our area with your Scouts!

RANDOLPH CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN...

BATTLEFIELD DISTRICT

(Serving Brown Summit, Colfax, Guilford College, Oak Ridge, Stokesdale, Summerfield, and all Northwestern Greensboro)

District Chairman Ralph Jones 299-6224
 District Commissioner Sandra Ritter 209-9199
 District Director Jarrod Holmes 378-9166

Jan.	
8	District Dinner
12	District Commissioner Staff Meeting
13	Eagle Board and Project Review
20	District Committee
22	OA Chapter Meeting
Feb.	
5	Round Table
7	Scouting for food Drop off
10	Eagle Board and Project Review
14	Scouting for food pick up
26	OA Chapter Meeting

ANNUAL DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

The 2008 Battlefield District Recognition Dinner is fast approaching and we have much to celebrate. It is scheduled for January 8th at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Registration details have been emailed or sent to each unit, the registration deadline is December 29th. AWARDS Deadline December 22nd. Please be sure your unit submits paperwork for the National Summertime Pack Award, National Camping Award for troops and Leader recognition knots. The award paperwork must be submitted so that we can present the award to your unit. Nominations for the District Award of Merit are still being accepted. Please submit nominations by Dec. 22nd.

RECHARTERS

It is time again for us to experience the joy and excitement we call recharter. There is an online option for those who are inclined. The main thing is to have them in by January. Contact your Commissioner if you have any Questions.

FOS

If you have not set up a date for a Friends of Scouting presentation For 2009Please Contact Eddie Clark eddieclark@att.net or Jarrod Holmes @ 336-378-9166 or Jholmes@bsamail.org this is an important part of ensuring the success of our great Scouting heritage.

RANDOLPH CONTINUED...

2009

If you have been thinking of getting more involved with Scouting or other community activities the new year is a great time to start. With the economy in crisis people need more help and support than ever. So if you have been thinking of making a change, what about now? Get a friend involved and show them how much *more* rewarding a weekend at Woodfield or a night at Roundtable can be than watching television. If you can't give a big donation, or have little time to spend, word of mouth is valuable. Talk about Scouting and be proud to be part of a nearly 100 year old movement that has changed the lives of millions of youth across our great nation.

CHEROKEE DISTRICT

(Serving Reidsville, Eden, Ruffin, Madison, Mayodan, Stoneville, Wentworth, Roxboro, Yanceyville and all points between)

District Chairman	Chip Smith	215-8959
District Commissioner	J. Stultz	504-5763
District Director	Todd Whalen	348-6933

ROUNDTABLE DATES

Roundtable in Rockingham County will be at Rockingham Community College in Wentworth on Thursday, January 8, 2009. Starting time is 7 pm. Any and all leaders are encouraged to attend these meeting which are held the first Thursday of each month in Rockingham County and the second Thursday of each month in Person County. Both Roundtable locations will have their programs on the 8th due to New Year's Day being on the 1st).

In Person County, we will have Roundtable on January 8, 2009 at Roxboro Baptist Church. Starting time is 7 pm.

CHARTER RENEWALS

The time has arrived to work on your charter renewal packet and get those turned in on a timely basis!! Your packets may have been given to you by now or you can get them at Roundtable for February, March, or April dates. It is very important you're your unit charter packet be completed and have the correct signatures where needed. **ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT TAKE A SCOUT OFF OF THE CHARTER UNTIL YOU HAVE TALKED TO HIM OR HIS PARENTS.** Sometimes a boy is involved in sports and will miss some meetings. Please verify first if he is or is not planning to be a Scout.

Remember you can do your charter renewal on-line and how to instructions are in the packet. Please contact someone if you need help with the charter in any way. Call your unit commissioner, J Stultz, or Todd Whalen for help.

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Cherokee District is happy to say we have a Family FOS Chairman. Derick Satterfield will help us this year to contact unit leaders about scheduling a Friends of Scouting presentation. We are asking for 10-12 minutes at a meeting where parents, family, and friends will be gathered to tell them how Scouting is funded. Each unit will receive a call soon to get this date, time, and location secured. Thank you in advance for your support of the district and council. Very important information will be shared with you and parents about keeping the Scouting Movement going.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2009

All leaders should be planning to take your units to the great events and activities set throughout all of 2009. There are fun things such as Cub Scout Day Camp, Webelos Camp, Boy Scout Summer Camp, Spring Camporee, Fall Camporee, and much more offered for our Scouts. Volunteers have worked and continue to work hard to make these events something you and the Scouts will remember for a long time. Watch for details in the newsletter and get more information at the monthly Roundtables.

WELCOME PACK 200, 288 AND TROOP 200

Please welcome our newest Scouting units in Cherokee District. Pack and Troop 200 are chartered to Westwood Baptist Church in Roxboro, NC. Pack 288 is chartered to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Hurdle Mills, NC. Thank you to the volunteers at each organization for your support of Scouting!

GOLDEN EAGLE BANQUET AND AWARD OF EXCELLENCE BANQUET

This year we will have 3 banquets to raise funds for Scouting but also to honor a citizen in the community.

In Person County, we will have our Golden Eagle Banquet on Friday, April 3, 2009, at the Homestead Restaurant in Timberlake, NC. Our honoree will be Mr. Ronnie Thomas of Roxboro. Mr. Thomas owns the NC/VA Warranty Company in Roxboro and is a supporter of our program in many ways. More information will follow soon.

In Caswell County, we will have the Caswell County Award of Excellence on Thursday, January 29, 2009. This event will be held at the Caswell Civic Center. We will be honoring several wonderful ladies from many different communities in the county. Mr. George Daniel is Chairman of the event once again this year. Tickets will be \$25 per person and a fantastic dinner is being planned. For more information, please call Danna at (336) 694-4363 or Todd Whalen at (336) 681-2233. Anyone is welcome to purchase a ticket and attend this great evening!

In Rockingham County, Mr. David French will be chairing the Golden Eagle Banquet. Details are being completed and information will be available very soon. Thank you for your support of Scouting with time and financial help!!

SUMMER CAMP SIGN UPS

Begin making plans to attend Webelos Camp at Woodfield Scout Reservation this summer for your 4th and 5th grade Scouts. Go to www.bsaonsc.org to see what camp sites are available and get your reservations in soon! Also, for Boy Scouts, you need to get your reservations in for Camp Cherokee as soon as possible. Both camps offer great programs and do an excellent job to make sure your Scouts have an unforgettable experience!

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Tune in to WFMY NEWS 2 and the Council Web site – www.bsaonsc.org for weather related delays and cancellations.

“The Old North State News” is mailed to all unit leaders and to those who have requested to receive a copy by mail each month. Contact the Scout Office if you would like to subscribe to our newsletter. We encourage members to visit our Web site for an electronic copy. www.bsaonsc.org

GENERAL GREENE DISTRICT

(Serving Monticello, Gibsonville, Julian, Pleasant Garden, and all of Eastern Guilford County)

Carl Seager, Dist. Chairman 288-0242
 Dan Dobbins, Dist. Director 378-9166
 Michael Holt, Dist. Commissioner 674-7118
 Bob Purvis, Paraprofessional 378-9166
 Nate Lewis, Scoutreach Chairman 274-3026

Jan.	
1	Office Closed
7	Key 3 Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
8	ScoutReach Committee Mtg. 6:00 P.M. Scout Office
8	District Committee Meeting, Scout Office, 6:45 P.M.
8	Charter Issue Meeting, Scout Office, 7:30 P.M.
13	Eagle Board & Project Review, Scout Office, 7:30 PM
15	O.A. Achewon Chapter Mtg. Alamance Presby. 7 PM
19	Office Closed
29	District Banquet, 7:00 PM
Feb.	
4	Key 3 Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
7	Scouting for Food Bag Distribution Day
10	Eagle Board & Project Review, Scout Office, 7:30 PM
12	ScoutReach Committee Mtg. Scout Office, 6:00 PM
12	District Committee Meeting, Scout Office, 6:45 PM
12	Central Roundtable, Scout Office, 7:30 PM
14	Scouting for Food Bag Collection Day
16	Office Closed
19	O.A. Achewon Chapter Mtg. Alamance Presby. 7 PM

FAMILY FOS PRESENTATIONS

We are currently in the process of scheduling unit FOS Presentations for 2009. If you have your Troop Court of Honor or Pack Blue and Gold Banquet scheduled, please let us know so we can get a presenter at your event. Carolyn Clapp is our district representative and will be contacting unit leaders to schedule your presentation this year. Please contact Dan at the Scout Office with your date, time and place. Our Goal in 2009 is to hold a presentation in all General Greene District Units.

POPCORN CALENDAR

This years Popcorn Sale was a tremendous success. Our District sold a record of about \$172,000 and the Council sold well over one million dollars. Everyone certainly benefits greatly from such a successful fundraiser, especially our units. Special thanks to **Laura Booher** for another outstanding effort. She's the best Popcorn Chairperson in the world! Please thank Laura for making our sales successful again this year. She can be reached at 674-0093 or email at: onscpopcorn@yahoo.com

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Please plan to participate in our Scouting for Food drive this year. Hopefully, we will have the bags available by the January Roundtable meeting for distribution. The dates this year are: February 7th for bag distribution into the neighborhoods and February 14th for the bag collection day and delivery to Urban Ministries. Lots of needy and hungry people in the Greensboro area rely on the efforts of this "Good Turn" Project to supply warm meals during the winter season.

Centennial Quality Award Forms

We still have a number of Units who have not turned in their 2009 Centennial Quality Commitment Forms. Please don't penalize your program for not turning in the paperwork. Most of your units will qualify for this award. A very nice patch and recognition items are available for those who qualify. Please attend roundtable in Jan. and Feb. to understand how to complete the forms. If you need more information or would like to check to see if your forms were turned in please contact Michael Holt our Dist. Commissioner.

DISTRICT BANQUET

The General Greene District Annual Leaders Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 29th. The theme this year will be "Hazardous Weather Awareness". It will be held at the American Legion Post on Creek Ridge Road and will begin at 7 PM. The purpose of this banquet is to recognize our adult leaders and present awards to those who have completed the requirements for training and other special awards. We will also install the District Officers for 2009, recognize our veteran leaders and present the District Award of Merit. All unit leaders have an information packet which includes the criteria on all the requirements for leadership training awards and how to registered for the banquet. The Pre-registration deadline is Jan. 8th, and all leader award forms, unit attendance form and special recognition forms must be submitted to the council office by this date. The cost is \$10.00 per person which includes all awards and the meal. Please make sure your unit leaders are represented at the banquet so we can properly recognize those who dedicate their time to the scouting program. This years Banquet Chairperson is Nita Grubbs. If you have questions concerning the banquet please contact Dan Dobbins at the scout office, 378-9166.

NEW ROUNDTABLE FORMAT

A new District Roundtable Format has been developed to minimize unit leader's time, bring the programs to a more local area and address issues in which you need assistance. Roundtables will be held in three areas of the District--Southeast, Central and Northeast to minimize travel. See the below listed Roundtable listing for the scheduled date, time, and location in your area.

JANUARY ROUNDTABLE

The Jan. Roundtable will discuss the **Charter Renewal Procedure** and go over the **Centennial Quality Unit Award** process. It will be held at the Scout Service Center on Jan. 8th beginning at 7:30 PM. All units should have a representative attend this meeting as 2009 Charter Kits will be distributed.

FEBRUARY ROUNDTABLES

February 5th, Southeast area, will be held at Alamance Presbyterian Church from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
February 12th, Central area, will be held at the Scout Office from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M.
February 19th, Northeast area, will be held at Apple's Chapel Church from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.
Note: The program at each of the listed roundtables will be on **Rechartering** and the **Centennial Quality Award**.

UWHARRIE SMOKE SIGNALS...

(Serving Lexington, Mocksville, Midway, Advance, Denton Churchland, Southmont, Welcome and all points between)

District Chair.: Robert Hyatt 787-4308 tkhyatt@ptmc.net

District Commissioner:

Jay Trivette 764-5112 colonelsanders190@yahoo.com

District Exec.: Dave Abbott 378-9166 dabbott@bsamail.org

JAN.	
1	Happy New Year
7	Commissioner's Meeting
8	Combined Boy & Cub Scout Leaders Roundtable
13	Eagle Board & Project Review
14	Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting
15	Charter Renewal Turn-in
19	MLK Holiday/Council Office Closed
22	District Committee
24	Commissioner's College
30	Uwharrie District Dinner

EAGLE PROJECT REVIEW AND APPROVALS

Please remember all Eagle Scout Projects must be approved by the Eagle Board of Review before any work can begin on a project. All your questions can be answered by Ken Clodfelter, Advancement Committee and Eagle Board of Review Chairman, at (336)248-6939 or e-mail JClodfelter@lexcominc.net. Place all Eagle Project Workbooks in a 3 Ring Binder. All Eagle packets must be turned into the "Old North State Council" Office a minimum of two weeks in advance of the Eagle Board of Review date for verification.

The Eagle Project and Boards of Review are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in Shiloh United Methodist Church, 943 North NC Highway 150 in Lexington. Each Scout should be introduced to the Eagle Board of Review by his Scoutmaster.

FAMILY FRIENDS OF SCOUTING UNIT PRESENTATIONS

Please review your unit's calendar and schedule 2009 Family Friends of Scouting presentation. This takes approximately ten minutes and would be appropriate anywhere you have the majority of your scout parents attending. Contact Dave at 336-425-6088 or dabbott@bsamail.org or uwharriedistrict@yahoo.com to confirm your date, time, and location.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING

District Committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 22 @ 6:45 PM in the conference room at the Davidson County Public Library located at 602 South Main Street in Lexington. Our District Chairman is Robert Hyatt. Robert can be contacted at 336-787-4308 or e-mail tkhyatt@ptmc.net

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING

All Uwharrie Commissioners will meet on Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30 PM in the conference room at the Davidson County Public Library located at 602 South Main Street in Lexington. Our District Commissioner is J. Trivette and can be contacted at colonelsanders190@yahoo.com or 336-764-5112.

BOY and CUB SCOUT LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

Our monthly Boy and Cub Scout Leaders Roundtable meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8 at 6:30 PM. This month our host is Troop 230. We will assemble in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity United Methodist Church located at 902 South Main Street in Lexington. Meal is served for a \$5.00 donation. The Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner is Bob Bruton. Bob can be contacted at bbruton@triad.rr.com or 787-5195. The Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner is Rusty Strickland. Rusty can be contacted at uwharriecubscouts@yahoo.com or 336-357-2688.

XUALLA O.A. CHAPTER MEETING

All Order of the Arrow Members is encouraged to attend the monthly Xualla Chapter meeting. The chapter meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Scout Hut behind Paul's Chapel United Church of Christ located at 2791 West Center Street Extension in Lexington. The chapter adviser is Edwin Owens and can be contacted by e-mail at ncebo2001@earthlink.net or phone 336-284-2053.

SUMMER CAMP

The highlight of a Scout's year should be attending summer camp. Remember WEBELOS Resident Camp Sign-up for Packs at Woodfield Scout Preservation and Troops signing up for Cherokee Summer Camp at Cherokee Scout Reservation need to contact Gail Simpson at the council office 336-378-9166. Reservations for campsites at both camps require a \$50.00 deposit.

ANNUAL DISTRICT RECOGNITION BANQUET

Our Annual District Recognition Banquet is scheduled for Friday, January 30, 2009 beginning at 6:30 PM. We will assemble in the Christian Fellowship Hall of Midway United Methodist Church located at 9795 Old Highway 52 South. Reservations for Adults \$20.00 and children age 6-11 \$7.00 prior to January 20. Late reservations will be accepted until January 26 and the cost for Adults \$25.00 and children 6-11 \$10.00. Recognition of our 2008 Arrow of Light and Eagle Scout awardees as well as other Unit and Scouter Awards will be presented. Secure your reservation by mailing your check made payable to the "Old North State Council" and mailing it to: UWHARRIE DISTRICT, P.O. BOX 2052, LEXINGTON, NC 27293-2052.

TOP POPCORN SALESMEN

Congratulation's to the following five Scouts for being the 2008 Top Popcorn Salesmen for Uwharrie District:

- Aaron Barringer T-732 \$4,635.00
- Joey White T-238 \$4,600.00
- Joshua Condray T-777 \$2,535.00
- David Truman P-777 \$2,525.00
- Jacob Patterson P-101 \$1,605.00

Each will receive an engraved plaque announcing their success.

Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training 2009 Spring

**SCOUTMASTERS
ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS
TROOP COMMITTEE MEMBERS
WEBELOS DEN LEADERS**

A Boy Scout leader must complete five training courses in order to achieve the status of a TRAINED leader.

- Boy Scout Leader Fast Start--available online
- Youth Protection Training--available online
- New Leader Essentials--available in district events
- **Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training**
- Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

This is the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training and in it you will learn

- How a Boy Scout Troop is structured
- How to plan Troop meetings and outdoor programs
- About Troop finances
- How to make your Troop successful

WHEN: Saturday, February 28, 2009 arrive 7:00 - 7:30am; depart 5:00pm

WHERE: Royce Reynolds Family Scout Office
1405 Westover Terrace
Greensboro, NC 27408

COST: \$15.00 (includes program materials and lunch)

Acct #6037

Yes! Please enroll me in the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training--Spring 2009

NAME: _____ Please print legibly **Member #:** _____

Name you prefer to be called: _____ **Unit #:** _____

Address: _____ **Unit Position:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Telephone (home):(____) _____ **(work):**(____) _____

Check each block that applies:

- Sign me up for Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training @ \$15
- I have already attended Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills-----Please enter MO/YR attended: _____
- I have already attended New Leader Essentials Training-----Please enter MO/YR attended: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ **Please make check payable to OLD NORTH STATE COUNCIL-BSA**

The Safety Zone Risk Management in Action

Shooting Sports

Shooting sports can be great fun. BSA has provisions for all age groups (Cub Scouts to Venturing) to participate in various shooting sports, but there are policies and guidelines that must be followed when participating in shooting sports. Following these policies and procedures is vital to the safety and well being of all those who participate in shooting sports during Scouting activities.

The types of shooting sports are strictly defined based on the age group of your Scouts in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*. Cub Scouts, for instance, may participate in archery and BB gun shooting. They are, however, restricted to participating in shooting sports ONLY at “day camps, Cub Scout/Webelos Scout resident camps, council-managed family camping programs, or to council activities where there are properly trained supervisors....”

The Old North State Council now has a 12 station Sporting Clays Course at Cherokee Scout Reservation. This new area is open for Scouts and Venturers 13 years old or older and leaders. Scouts must have completed the Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge and Venturers must have completed the NRA Shotgun course to participate. The Sporting Clays course is open to units during the off season under the supervision of the Cherokee Range Masters.

Units can find information on the Sporting Clays range on the council website, with information on course policies, scheduling, range rules and forms necessary for setting up a time to use the range. Check out the council website for more information—www.bsaonsc.org/csrsportingclayinfo.html.

Just as there are shooting sports that under certain policies and guidelines are authorized in Scouting activities, there are also shooting sports that are unauthorized and restricted. The policies and guidelines for these are found in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, just as the authorized shooting sports are. According to BSA policy noted in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, “pointing any type of firearm (including paintball, dye, or lasers) at any individual is unauthorized.” “Hunting is not an authorized Cub Scout or Boy Scout activity, although hunting safety is part of the program curriculum.”

When participating in shooting sports, be sure to check the *Guide to Safe Scouting* for BSA policies regarding age appropriateness of the shooting sports you have planned and to be sure you meet all BSA requirements. Also, be sure to check on local laws regarding shooting sports. Both BSA policy and local laws must be adhered to. With proper planning and adherence to policies, guidelines and local laws, shooting sports can be very enjoyable addition to your unit’s activities.

The Safety Zone is a regular column in the *Old North State News*. Leaders are encouraged to comment on articles, make suggestions for articles or submit articles for publication. Content of submissions is subject to editing. Comments, suggestions, submissions, or questions should be directed to Nita Grubbs at npg72688@bellsouth.net.



TROOP 110 OF STOKESDALE HELPS GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRIES WITH THEIR NEW ANGEL TREE!

Good Samaritan Ministries were in need of a larger tree to display the group’s holiday “angels”, and Troop 110 was happy to take on the project. Leader Keith Pearson and his son cut a sheet of plywood into a tree shape. Troop members painted and decorated the tree. The tree was displayed at the Stokesdale Fire Department decorated with angels. People who picked out angels from the tree returned the wrapped gifts listed on the angel to the fire station.

Great job Troop 110! We are so proud of all of our scouts taking time to help the community!



EMPTY STOCKING FUND HELPS THOSE IN NEED

In the picture to the left, these young men happily gave of their time on Sunday to fill the bags for needy families. The brown bags represent one family, the stocking represent the child in that family.

The uncertainty of the economy has made one thing very certain: More people will be in need of help this winter, especially during the holiday season and after. There is little question that a tighter economy, in which layoffs and business closings are common occurrences, will mean that more people will be relying on the strength and generosity of the community. The **Empty Stocking Fund**, one of the Greensboro Jaycee's oldest charitable organizations, distributed gifts to low income families on Dec. 8

The Empty Stocking Fund, founded in 1927, empowers parents and guardians of children living at or below the federal poverty level by providing them with an opportunity to give their children gifts at Christmas time. Each year, The Empty Stocking Fund distributes gift packages for more than 15,000 children living in Guilford County.

Each holiday season, the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Old North State Council assist the Greensboro Jaycees by setting up, filling and distributing the bags of goodies to almost 1000 families in need of assistance during this holiday season. This years representatives from **Troop and Pack 160 and Troop 405**, helped to kick off this years drive.



Sunday, January 4

2009 Dates
Sunday, February 8

Sunday, March 1

FIND THE 2009 WINTERPLACE LEADER'S GUIDE ON-LINE: WWW.BSAONSC.ORG



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