



Troop 13 Newsletter

June, 2003

Dates to remember:

- June 15-30, 2003: Philmont trek in New Mexico
- July 27-Aug. 2, 2003: Summer camp at Raven Knob
- August 22-24, 2003: Merit Badge Days at Camp Grimes



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Summer Camp

Good news, Raven Knob summer camp selection requests for the 48 scouts attending were submitted by the camp's June 1 deadline. This means we will likely get most of the sessions requested.

The camp requires us to pre-pay the \$4 to \$10 program fees for selected sessions. Gary is collecting these fees for each scout Tuesday nights.

John Hillery needs to know what nights any adults plan on coming and volunteering at camp. Please send it to

John in e-mail or write it down on the troop activity sign-up bulletin board.

All scouts attending should obtain the merit badge pamphlets for the merit badge sessions they requested for summer camp. The troop has some in its library. Many of the sessions have requirements that can be completed ahead of camp. Some have requirements that must be completed before going to camp. This information is detailed in the summer camp information handout you should have al-

ready. It also starts on page 12 in the Raven Knob 2003 leader's guide posted on the troop web site.

All scouts attending should also take the BSA swim test before summer camp. Many did at Clear Creek Scout Camp on June 7. A make-up session is planned for 6:45 PM on Monday June 30 at the Lexington swimming pool. This pool is at the end of Lexington Approach Dr. off of Mallard Creed Road. There is no charge. We are only doing the swim test on June 30.

Four Steps of Advancement

A Boy Scout advances from Tenderfoot to Eagle by doing things with his patrol and his troop, with his leaders, and on his own. It's easy for him to advance, if the following four opportunities are provided for him.

1. The Boy Scout learns. A Scout learns by doing. As he learns, he grows in ability to do his part as a member of the pa-

trol and the troop. As he develops knowledge and skill, he is asked to teach others; and in this way he begins to develop leadership.

2. The Boy Scout is tested. A Scout may be tested on rank requirements by his patrol leader, Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, a troop committee member, or a mem-

ber of his troop. The Scoutmaster maintains a list of those qualified to give tests and pass candidates. The Scout's merit badge counselor teaches and tests on the requirements for merit badges.

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Upcoming All-Troop Campouts

Summer camp this year is at Raven Knob Scout Camp. We are scheduled to occupy the Piney Ridge campsites A, B and C from July 27 to Aug. 2. More information is available on the troop web site.



We are holding a Troop 13 **Merit Badge Days** campout at Camp Grimes, NC. It is planned for the first weekend after Mechenburg County schools start, August 22-24, 2003. We are considering offering the Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, and Waterskiing merit badges.

Philmont High Adventure Trip

Eight scouts and four adults are finishing their preparation for a backpacking trip of a lifetime and have been training for this experience since March, 2002. The destination is Philmont Scout Ranch outside Cimarron, New Mexico. That's right; the Boy Scouts of America owns and operates a working cattle and buffalo ranch. Scouts from all over the world, some 16,000, come to be cowboys, backpack, and learn what high adventure is all about every summer. This year's trek includes Nathan Schulte as crew leader, Brian Smith as assistant crew leader, David Roesler as chaplain, Brian Taylor as quartermaster, John Forehand as grubmaster and then Chris Hulford, Don Hartley

and Peyton Smith.

These young men have trained hard for this adventure and are ready to go. On behalf of me, Larry Hartley, David Staton and Ivan Forehand, the adult advisors for the trip, we would like to thank all the Troop 13 parents, Pack 13 parents and scouts that helped to raise the necessary funds to make this adventure possible. A special thank you to Laura Smith, Lori Huddleston, Luana Hulford, Stephanie Smith and Cindy Hartley who worked very hard.

Our backpacking journey will begin on June 18th when we arrive at Philmont Camp Headquarters and go through orientation with our assigned ranger. Then on

June 19th we will leave headquarters that is located at about 6200 feet above sea level and start the steady climb up the mountains to eventually reach our highest point of 10,864 feet. Along the way we will stop at pre-determined camp areas where the staff of Philmont will assist with activities like rock climbing, black powder rifle shooting, archery and we will perform a conservation project to help keep Philmont in good shape for future scouts to enjoy. We will be on the trail for a total of 10 days. No CD players, cell phones, game boys or any other electronic brain mushing devices. Sounds like heaven to me.

Keep us in your families prayers that we will have a safe and fun filled adventure.

Contributed by Dan Schulte – Scoutmaster Troop 13

Planning Meeting

On June 1, we held our annual youth planning meeting. The meeting was successful. We had so many ideas, that we had to leave some out. Many of the events and dates selected are tentative and

subject to change. The Troop 13 calendar of events on the next page shows them as best we know.



TROOP 13 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Campouts and Special Events

June 15-30, 2003	Philmont: Trek in New Mexico
June 28-29, 2003	Pack Camping: Pack 13 Summer Campout at Clear Creek
June 30, 2003	Advancement: Make-up swim test at Lexington pool
July 27-Aug. 2, 2003	Camping: Summer camp at Raven Knob Scout Camp, NC
August 18, 2003	First day of school
August 22-24, 2003	Camping: Merit Badge Days at Camp Grimes, NC
September 5-7, 2003	Camping: Senior Scout Camporee at Camp Grimes, NC
September 9, 2003	Ceremony: Fall Court of Honor at UCUMC
September 19-21, 2003	Camping: Brown Mountain, NC
October , 2003	Camping: Invite Pack 13 Webelos Scouts
October , 2003	Camping or Day Trip: Golf Merit Badge
October 31-Nov. 2, 2003	Camping: Back Packing at South Mountain
November , 2003	Advancement: Day at Camp Barnhardt near Albemarle, NC
December 5-7, 2003	Camping: Yorktown Aircraft Carrier, Mount Pleasant, SC
January 10, 2004	Training: Cold Weather Camping at UCUMC
January 18, 2004	Teamwork: Laser Tag
January 30-Feb. 1, 2004	Camping: Klondike Derby Practice
February 27-29, 2004	Camping: Klondike Derby at Camp Grimes, NC
March 12-14, 2004	Camping: Fort Bragg Army Base, NC
April 12-17, 2004	Camping: Historic Trails, USA
April 30-May 2, 2004	Camping: Deep Sea Fishing, SC
May 14-16, 2004	Camping: Beaver Festival / 1st Ordeal at Camp Grimes, NC
June 6, 2004	Youth Planning: Annual Troop Planning Meeting at 4 pm
June 27-July 3, 2004	Camping: Summer Camp

No Scout-Meeting Nights

July 29, 2003	December 23, 2003	December 30, 2003
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Adult Training Events

September 27, 2003	Scouter Success Seminar
November 7-8, 2003	Boy Scout Leader Position Specific Training
November 21-23, 2003	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

See www.mcctraining.org for details. When you have completed any adult training, please bring the training certificate card to Jeff Vance.



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Four Steps of Advancement (continued)

3. The Boy Scout is reviewed. After a Scout has completed all requirements for a rank, he has a board of review. For Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Palms, the review is conducted by members of the troop committee. The Eagle Scout board of review is conducted in accordance with local council procedures.
4. The Boy Scout is recognized. When the board of review has certified a boy's advancement, he deserves to receive recognition as soon as possible. This is normally done at a ceremony at the next troop meeting. The certificate for his new rank may be presented later at a formal court of honor.

Reminders

The new Troop 13 simplified permission form and troop activity sign-up system is now active. The updated parental consent form covers all troop activities and is valid for 13 months. The form must be signed and no-

tarized.

To include anything in next month's **newsletter**, please get the information to John Hillery by Friday July 11, 2003 –
jhillery@carolina.rr.com.

About Troop 13

Troop 13 meets at the Scout House, 10029 Old Statesville Road every Tuesday night from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in Charlotte, NC. The patrol leader's council meets the first Tuesday of every month during the troop meeting. The troop committee normally meets at the Scout House the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.

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