

Troop 13 Newsletter

October, 2003

Dates to remember:

- October 17-19, 2003: Backpacking at Crowders Mountain, NC
- November 4, 2003: Popcorn order forms due
- November 7-9, 2003: Camping and Merit Badge Day at Barnhardt
- November 22, 2003: Staff Polaris Webeloree, Speedway
- November 25, 2003: Operation Christmas Child processing center



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Electronic Delivery

As mentioned last month, this newsletter is available on the troop web site. We notify the troop email list when published on the web site. If you would like to help the troop save paper and mailing costs, we will stop sending this via US mail. To tell us, send an email to newslet-

ter@troop13.info with the subject "web site notice". To restore mail, send an email with the subject "US mail".

Thanks to those of you who already did this (about 1/4 of us). Printed copies continue to be available on Gary's table at the Scout House.



Troop 13 Fund Raising News

Our **Chick-fil-A** calendars sale fundraiser is ending. The money is due October 14.

Our October **popcorn sales fundraiser** is important. We need all families to participate. The kick off is during the October 14 troop meet-

ing. Sales begin October 18 – don't sell earlier. Scouts can sell popcorn for credit toward the Salesmanship merit badge. Order forms are due November 4.

You will pick up the popcorn at the Scout House on November 25. All popcorn

money is due on December 9.

Thanks to you wanna-be lumberjacks, we are also **selling firewood** this autumn. See page 4 for more information on the firewood sale.

Character Education

The following story comes from the book *Building Character in Schools* by Kevin Ryan & Karen E. Bohlin.

One of the most outstanding people we know once told us a story about her father. When she was a young girl, her immigrant father announced that he was taking her and her two brothers to the circus, which had just arrived in their small Midwestern city. Her father was a shoemaker, and such costly outings were a rarity.

When they got in line to buy tickets, she saw that the price

was \$15 for adults and \$8 for children twelve and under. Since she was fourteen and her brothers were thirteen and eleven, she feared they could not afford it. As they got closer to the ticket window, she said, "Papa. We're all small, Say 'One adult and three children.'" Her father nodded.

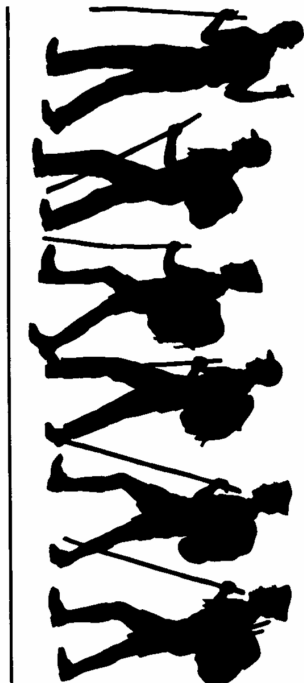
When he got to the window, he said in his broken English, "Three adults and one child." Once inside the gate, she asked, "Papa, why did you do that? You threw away over ten dollars. The ticket man didn't care. Who

would have known, Papa?" Her father looked at her a long time and then said, "You would have known. I would have known."

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. The story helps us remember that children are watching our lives all of the time and learn to make ethical and moral choices by following our example.



Upcoming Troop Outings



Troop 13 is going back packing at **Crowders Mountain** October 17-19. This trip is a training trip and good for both the new and older scouts. It will give the younger boys a chance to see if they like backpacking and hopefully pick up some tips from our seasoned Philmont backpackers. We will camp at the Scout House Friday night to make sure each scout is ready. Hiking boots and good socks are the most

important items. If you don't have everything, please ask - you can probably borrow from somebody. We leave early on Saturday for Crowders Mountain. We should be back about 3:00 PM Sunday.

Troop 13 is camping at **Camp Barnhardt** near Albemarle, NC again November 7-9. On Saturday we can earn merit badge and rank advancement requirements. Cit. in the Commu-

nity, Cooking, Personal Management and Emergency Preparedness merit badges, as well as several tenderfoot through First class, requirements will be offered.

Troop 13 is helping staff the 2003 Polaris district **Web-lore** at Lowe's Motor Speedway. This is a day outing on Saturday November 22 and an excellent chance for Boy Scouts to help out and show their scout spirit.

Operation Christmas Child

Troop 13 will be helping the local Operation Christmas Child processing center on November 25. All scouts age 13 or older are invited to participate.

Last year, Operation Christmas Child collected a total of 6.3 million shoe boxes

and delivered them to 95 countries. Our scouts will help again this year by sorting through boxes for perishables, liquids and appropriateness of toys. We are leaving from the Scout House at 5:30 on Tuesday November 25 and plan to return at 10:30 PM. Novem-

ber 26 is not a school day for Charlotte Mecklenburg.

You may also donate filled shoe boxes for this event. Just make sure to get it to the Scout House before November 25. Please call Lori Huddleston at (704) 596-5699 if you have questions.

Salesmanship Merit Badge

We are working the Salesmanship merit badge into our program this month as we ramp up to sell BSA popcorn. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the merit badge, earn money for their scout accounts, (instead of popcorn prizes, scouts can earn money for their trips!) and earn money for the troop

equipment and trip expenses.

Outline for Salesmanship Merit Badge:

Tuesday October 7

Review the merit badge requirements, listen to a guest speaker discuss sales and answer questions, and work on Requirements 1, 3, and 6.

Tuesday October 14

Review requirement 4 (homework from October 7), learn good salesmanship with skits, and practice selling to one another.

Tuesday October 21

Review requirement 5 (homework from October 14,

listen to guest speaker Rodney Long (Certified Purchasing Agent), and Requirement 8 assigned as homework.

The scouts will earn some of the merit badge requirements when they sell popcorn and firewood!

Carolina Raptor Center

The Carolina Raptor Center is looking for Eagle Scout candidates to make new bird housing buildings. They are currently reviewing proposed designs and will need organ-

ized teams to do the construction.

You should contact Dan Schulte for approval to do this and Lori Sparkman (Di-

rector of Volunteer Programs, Carolina Raptor Center (704)875-6521, ext. 102) for answers about the needs.

The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.

- Vince Lombardi



TROOP 13 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Campouts and Special Events

October 17-19, 2003	Backpacking: Crowders Mountain, NC
October 19, 2003	Fund Raising: Firewood sale at UCUMC
October 24-26, 2003	Fund Raising: Popcorn sales
October 26, 2003	Fund Raising: Firewood sale at UCUMC
October 31-Nov. 2, 2003	Fund Raising: Popcorn sales
November 1, 2003	Teamwork: Scouter-Guest Golf Tournament
November 4, 2003	Fund Raising: Popcorn order forms due
November 7-9, 2003	Camping: Camp Barnhardt, Saturday – Merit Badge Day
November 22, 2003	Service Project: Staff Polaris Webeloree, Speedway
November 25, 2003	Fund Raising: Pick up popcorn at Scout House
November 25, 2003	Service Project: Operation Christmas Child processing center
December 5-7, 2003	Camping: Yorktown aircraft carrier, Mount Pleasant, SC
December 9, 2003	Fund Raising: Popcorn money due
December 16, 2003	Ceremony: Winter Court of Honor at UCUMC
December 27, 2003	Fund Raising: Continental Tire Bowl
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 5-7, 2004	Fund Raising: BBQ ticket sales
March 11-13, 2004	BBQ Fundraiser: UCUMC
April 12-17, 2004	Camping: Historic Trails, USA / spring break trip
April 23-25, 2004	OA: Dixie Fellowship, Clear Creek Scout Camp
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
July 25-31, 2004	Camping: Summer Camp Raven Knob
July 22-Aug. 3, 2005	Camping: 2005 National Scout Jamboree, Fort A.P. Hill, VA

No Scout-Meeting Nights

December 23, 2003

December 30, 2003

Adult Training Events

November 5, 2003	Boy Scout Fast Start and New Leader Essentials
November 8, 2003	Boy Scout Leader Position Specific Training
November 21-23, 2003	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

See the troop website's adult training link to Mecklenburg County Council (www.mcctraining.org) for details and to register online. When you have completed any adult training, please bring the training certificate card or photocopy to Jeff Vance.



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Continental Tire Bowl Fundraiser

The Continental Tire Bowl will be Saturday, December 27. Thanks to Jack Amell, Gary Conder and Bill Stur-

mer who have already stepped forward. We need at least 10 more people on the team. If you are one of

them, please call Laura Smith at (704) 599-0947 to sign up.

Scouter-Guest Golf Tournament

The Mecklenburg County Council of the Boy Scouts of America is hosting its first Scouter-Guest Golf Tournament on Saturday, November 1 at Larkhaven Golf Club. We can enter as a Troop 13 team. The format is a handicap, Captain's-Choice with recognition for top finishers, auction and door prizes too.

Player cost is \$100 and a guest can play with a registered adult volunteer. A portion of the registration fee is tax deductible and proceeds will benefit the Council. There is a limit of 120 players.

If you are interested in this event, please contact Dan

Schulte. Dan is interested in **forming a team!**

We will also have opportunities for non-player support like lunch sponsor, event committee, hole sponsorships and donations of door prizes and auction items.

Firewood Sale

Troop 13 is selling firewood as a fundraiser. We sell by the bundle, ¼ chord, ½ chord and chord. Fill your firewood needs here. Scouts can sell firewood for credit toward the Salesmanship

merit badge.

We are planning to sell at UCUMC to get another chance to meet more of our charter organization's members. The troop will be in

front of the church from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM on Sundays October 19 and October 26. We plan to have some bundles with us and to take orders for larger quantities. Hope to see you there.

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 meets at the Scout House the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.

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