

Troop 42 News



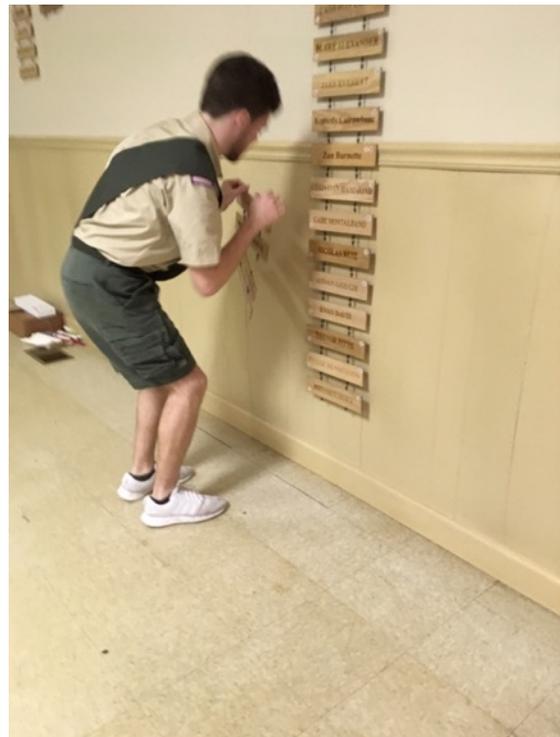
Brenden Earns Eagle!

A big congratulations to Brenden for achieving Scouting's highest honor. Brendan graduated from Lake Norman Charter School last May, where he was Captain of the Varsity Track Team, and a member of the Outdoors Club, and the Interact Club. He is currently enrolled at the University of South Carolina, where he is pursuing a biology/pre-med major, and hopes to attend medical school or physician's assistant school with an interest in radiology or genetics. Only 2% of Scouts have earned the Eagle rank since the award's inception in 1912, and Troop 42 is very proud of Brenden's accomplishment!

Upcoming Events

- Troop 51 Merit Badge Day, Saturday, January 12th, 2019, 8:00 am-3:00 pm. Cook's Memorial Presbyterian Church, 3413 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road.
- Winter Court of Honor January 15th at 6:30 PM.
- Tyler's Eagle Court of Honor Saturday, January 19th.
- MCC Skiing Trip at Winterplace January 21st.
- General Davidson Celebration January 25th at Hopewell Presbyterian Church.
- Scouting for Food bag distribution January 26th & 29th.
- Scouting for Food bag collection February 2nd.
- Klondike February 22nd-24th at Camp Grimes.





Webelos Pioneering Weekend

What a beautiful weekend it turned out to be for camping at Camp Grimes and leading our Webelos through our pioneering adventure! Michael B., Jaiden, and Jack S. were busy teaching Scout skills and introducing them to Troop 42 – and in the process were great examples for our Webelos! Many thanks also to the adult leaders that helped support this annual event.





General Davidson Celebration

Are you interested in Local history? Join us on Saturday, January 25th (8:30am) at Hopewell Presbyterian Church as we assist with the General Davidson (American Revolution) Celebration. There is nothing like seeing hundreds of re-enactors, all dressed in uniforms/clothing with muskets, etc., from that period sitting in Church. Parents/families are welcome to attend (at about 9:00am), to hear a guest speaker, watch the celebration/remembrance, as well as meet/talk with the re-enactors. It is an AWESOME event, with muskets and cannon firing! After the celebration, the Troop will provide a quick lunch for those staying and helping with the Scouting for Food bag delivery. Stay tuned for more information about these events.

Klondike

Ready! Set! Go! Klondike 2019 – Mark your calendars for this year’s Klondike adventure at Camp Grimes (February 22nd-24th). EVERYONE gets the opportunity to participate in Klondike: Scouts 13 and under will compete against other patrols in their knowledge and use of basic Scout skills, while our older Scouts will actually run the City that Troop 42 will host. Stay tuned for more information and practice sessions. Will we have a repeat of having the Spirit Patrol winner??? Only YOU can determine that.

New Leaders

Congratulations to our Scouts recently elected to leadership positions in our Troop! They took office on January 1st, and their term will run through June 30th. We are looking for Michael B. and his leaders to help make Troop 42 even better! How are YOU going to help them?

Summer Camp

While it seems so far away, the time will go quickly. So start thinking about Boy Scout Summer Camp, at Raven Knob Scout Reservation (June 23-June 29)! It is a GREAT week of camping, in the beautiful mountains near Mt Airy, N.C. Days are filled with Merit Badge sessions from aquatics, shooting sports, Scoutcraft, handicrafts, nature, STEM, and Trail to Eagle. Evenings are spent with campfire programs, including an AWESOME Order of the Arrow call out, troop activities, rank advancement opportunities, and just 'hanging out'. Check CRK video out (see who you recognize): <https://www.ravenknob.com/promo>

Please let Ms. Ross, or Mr. Lane know by March 1 if you (Scout and/or non-first year Adult Leader) plan to attend Summer Camp. Over the next month or so, we'll share costs (once verified by CRK), and begin discussing merit badge opportunities.

Congratulations to Our Adult Leaders!!!

At the Hornet's Nest District banquet on Dec 6th, the following leaders were recognized for their contributions to the Troop and District/Council:

- Greg Roberts – GoldenNest Award. Presented to one first year leader in a Troop for outstanding support.
- Bruce Moses – District Award of Merit. A Council-level recognition of Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.
- Tracy Lane – Lifetime Service Award. Recognition for the Scouter's years of service to Boy Scouts of America and community.

Scouting for Food

Troop and Pack 42 will again be participating in the annual Scouting for Food event where we collect canned/dry grocery items to help Loaves and Fishes as they serve our community in need. As last year, we'll distribute and then collect bags of items from about 12 of our local neighborhoods, pre-sort them, and then take them to the larger collection site, for further sorting/weighing etc.

We need:

1. January 22nd (6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, at Scout Hut). Adults to help staple flyers on approximately 2,500 bags.
2. Families to help deliver bags (January 26th-Jan 31st) and then collect (February 2nd) them from area neighborhoods – perhaps the neighborhood you live in?
3. Scout and adults to help deliver bags (January 26th) /collect bags (February 2nd) from the other neighborhoods on our list.
4. On Saturday, February 2nd, presort the items at Hopewell, and then help at the larger Collection site that our Order of the Arrow members are staffing. Order of the Arrow would like our Scouts/adults to stay at the collection site to further help us with all the other deliveries.

Winter Court of Honor

Join us January 15th, at 6:30 pm in the Scout Hut for our Court of Honor, where we (Troop 42 family) celebrate all the recent accomplishments of our troop members. Be sure to check your email for the SignUp Genius to bring snacks for everyone to enjoy after the Court of Honor.

- A note from Mr. Lane –

As we've done in prior years, we've extended an invitation to our Hornet's Nest District team to join us to talk about the Friends of Scouting program. For those that are not familiar, Friends of Scouting is an annual giving campaign in which families are asked to make a financial commitment to Scouting in Mecklenburg County. Our Troop, like so many others, relies on resources that our Council provides to our Scouts and leaders. Our guest will discuss more in detail how these funds support our Troop, and what your investment means to our community.

This year, we've been asked to really help out the Council. (You've heard of "stretch goals", right?). We hope that every family will consider making a pledge on Tuesday night, at whatever amount makes sense for you. We want to have a great showing from our Troop to show that we support Scouting in our community. To make this campaign a little more fun and to incentivize families to participate, the Hornets Nest District will send our unit on a behind the scenes tour of the Charlotte Motor Speedway if we obtain our goal of \$1,000 (I'm not hung up on that, but was asked to make sure families are aware).

I do realize that with re-chartering, upcoming trips, and Christmas just a few weeks ago, folks may be feeling strained; so again, please donate as you can. Also, check with your employer to see if they have "matching funds" – this can help increase the value of your donation.

Note that this money goes directly to Mecklenburg County Council (NOT to Troop 42) to help with the resources they provide. As always, I REALLY appreciate everything you do for our Scouting family.

Regards, Mr. Lane

Annual Troop Dues

Annual Troop dues/re-chartering fee for 2019 of \$120 per scout is due Tuesday, January 15th. For those who would like to split the annual dues into two payments, half (\$60) is due January 15th and the remainder (\$60) is due Tuesday, June 11th. Scouts and leaders please let Mr. Lane know if you are planning to re-charter with Troop 42 as soon as possible. Leaders and committee members will need their Youth Protection Certification up to date to be re-chartered with the Troop. Thank you and please let Ms. Ross or Mr. Lane know if you have any questions.

Parents Wanted for Troop Committee

We need parent volunteers to help lead Troop 42 on the Troop Committee! Many of our current Committee members are parents of Eagle Scouts, who are soon to be off to college. Our Committee's primary responsibilities are supporting the Troop leaders and handling Troop administration. We meet once per month on Tuesday evenings (the same time as the Scout meeting). For more information, contact Mr. Lane, Mrs. Ross, or Mrs. Montalbano.

Are You an Eagle Scout?

Are you headed to/returning to College? Be sure to check out the NESAs.org (National Eagle Scout Association) for information regarding college scholarships available to Eagle Scouts. <http://www.nesa.org/site/c.9oIFJMPsGgIWF/b.9535031/k.8FA8/Scholarships.htm>

New Year's Resolution – Clean That Car!

Winter means salty roads. Want to stop rust before it can take hold? Buy Auto Bell car wash gift cards through our Troop – with half of the proceeds going to benefit Troop 42! They are \$16 and are good for one car wash. Please contact Ms. Ross for purchase at kathrynross1234@gmail.com or see her in person.

Order of the Arrow News

- a. Sehwtu Brunswick Stew Fundraiser: February 8th-9th at our Scout Hut. We need all Arrowmen to join us with pre-selling some AWESOME stew; as well as helping prepare, cook, and package the stew.
- b. Elections! Our very own Aidan G. was elected in Oct as Sehwtu Vice Chief, and definitely needs all Troop Arrowmen (youth AND adults) to assist with OA elections in our chapter. He has a lot of elections to ensure occur and welcomes everyone's help!
- c. Scouting for Food – our Troop Arrowmen (youth AND adults) will be running a collection/sorting site on February 2nd, where we will receive, weigh, sort, and load all the canned/dry food donations that Troops/Packs bring to that site. It is a lot of service, but with everyone's help, it's much more fun. Aidan will have more information about the location and time.

Game Night



Troop 42 Officials:

Chartered Organization Representative: Mr. Barkley

Troop Committee Chair: Mr. Roinick

Scoutmaster: Mr. Lane

Senior Patrol Leader: Michael B.

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