

Troop 42 News



Florida Sea Base!

Florida Sea Base was an amazing experience. We got to laugh, sail, snorkel, and see all kinds of sea life. We lived on a sailboat named the Bold Response. We cooked, ate, and slept on this vessel for a week. We sailed up and down the keys stopping along the way to snorkel at coral reefs. When we snorkeled we were able to see all kinds of coral, fish and stingrays. We would sail for hours soaking up the sun and views. As we sailed, we saw dolphins and manatees. Our captain, Pete was an incredible captain. He really pushed us to learn how to work on the boat correctly. We could not have asked for

Upcoming Events

- Feed the Hungry Food Pack-A-Thon Saturday, May 4th, 8:30am until noon.
- Trevor Pitts's Eagle Court of Honor Sunday, May 5th at 2:00 pm at Scout Hut.
- Duke Energy Merit Badge Workshop at McGuire Nuclear Facility May 11th.
- Order of the Arrow May Beaver Days May 17th - 19th at Camp Grimes. Registration due March 6th.
- Scout / Parent Meeting regarding Summer Camp May 21st.
- Spring Court of Honor May 28th.
- Spring Virginia Creeper Trail, May 31st - June 2nd.



a better captain. All of meals on the boat were amazing and of course prepared by us. Our Sea Base trip was the most fun thing I've done in my scouting career. I recommend that when the younger scouts get older they should plan a trip as well.

- by Tyler







My Florida Sea Base Experience

I had an amazing time at Sea Base 2019. The trip started Saturday morning at the airport. We took a two-hour flight to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where we got picked up by our diver, Mario. Mario dropped us off to get lunch at an amazing Cuban restaurant across from Sea Base. After lunch we headed to Sea Base and met some staff. We went out on the boat Saturday night, which began our boating adventure. Throughout the duration of the trip we had a blast listening to music on a Bluetooth speaker and telling jokes. We got to know our Captain, who's name was Pete, throughout the week. We took many stops at different snorkel sites throughout the week. Each snorkel site was slightly different and they were all very fun. We saw different wildlife such as puffer fish, rainbow fish, stingrays, surgeonfish, flying fish, sea turtles, eels, and various other fish. Each day we took turns preparing and cleaning up meals. The food on the boat was delicious and there was plenty of it. We tried to fish and Daniel caught a fish but it got away when he tried to take it off the line. Halfway through the week we stopped at a marina where we relaxed and had a good time swimming in the pool and meeting people from other troops. We set back out to sail Wednesday morning and got on our way. On the way back we saw some more amazing wildlife such as flying fish and dolphins. A dolphin swam next to us while we were sailing, and we think it was searching for food after me and Gabe accidentally dropped Pringles. I got to drive the boat for about five minutes, which was very fun. I enjoyed the stay on the boat, although I did not get very much sleep because it was very windy sleeping on deck most nights. Thursday morning we arrived back at Sea Base and docked up. I learned from this trip to make sure to put sunscreen on my feet, because my feet hurt after a few days of being in direct sunlight. I would say the tan was worth it though. Thursday, throughout the day, we had fun talking and playing games. Thursday night we had a luau where there was amazing food and fun games. Friday morning we headed back to the airport with Mario and headed to our flight. Our flight got delayed a few times and was eventually canceled. We ended up having to ride home squeezed into a rental car, which was pretty fun. By the end of the week everybody was exhausted and ready to be home. This trip was by far the most amazing Scouting trip I have ever been on. I got to spend time with my friends and grow closer with them as well. If I could do this trip again I wouldn't hesitate for a second. Sea Base is an amazing experience that I would recommend to anyone who is interested. – by John

Troop 42 Cooking/Camping/Fellowship/Games Weekend at the Hut



What I Have Been Up To Since Getting My Eagle

Griff:

I got my Eagle in December of 2012. That Spring I was called out for Vigil and Graduated High School. I worked My last Grimes season (my 3rd one) that summer and Started School at UNCC in august of 2013.

During my 4 years at UNCC, I studied Geography with a concentration in Geographic Information Science (GIS) and got my BS in that, with a concentration in Earth Science. My interest in Orienteering partially fed into choosing this as my major and focus.

My first summer after starting school (summer 2014) I began working as a Raft Guide at the USNWC and have worked there every summer since (This will be my 6th, although only part time). Decided I wanted to work there after having gone there through scouts and other times on my own, and after being approached by some friends who worked there.

In fall of 2014 I started working as an AV Tech at UNCC, so when I wasn't at the USNWC or doing school work, I was working shows and events at school. All of those things remained consistent up till I graduated in 2017, except I was promoted to AV Lead for my senior year (2016 - 2017).

After graduating school, I decided that I wanted to try and thru hike the Appalachian Trail, so instead of jumping into my career, I worked at the center and other places for a year until march of 2018 when I set out for the Appalachian Trail. I hiked about 450 Miles of the Appalachian Trail before I started to feel a little burnt out / bored with it, as it felt to familiar to me after having hiked sections of it through scouts, so I decided to stop. I still plan to hike the northern sections, and more than likely finish my thru hike at some point. Before I do that, I have my eyes on wanting to hike the Pacific Crest Trail or at least the John Muir or Colorado Trail some time within the next couple years.

My long term girlfriend and I have our eyes set on moving out west to Oregon or Washington state sometime in the next few years, but until then I have been working at the USNWC, as well as recently started working at Blue Bell.

In my free time (what little I have of it, haha) I am generally either going on day hikes with my girlfriend and our dog, mountain biking around the USNWC, making maps and working on

personal projects to improve my GIS skills to hopefully land a job as a GIS Analyst one day, and just generally trying to stay active. – by Griff

Kodi:

Eagle Scout class of 2015 (Eagle with Silver Palm). A graduate of Lake Norman Charter, Kodi is attending Appalachian State University and is pursuing degrees in Biology (BA) and Exercise Science (BS). This summer and next semester he is planning to take classes to stay on track for graduation in 2020, and is hoping to have an internship in a dentist office in the near future.

Evan:

Eagle Scout class of 2018. Currently a Senior at East Mecklenburg High School, Evan will graduate in June. After graduation, he will begin preparing for Army boot camp.

Order of the Arrow Ordeal Candidates

Congratulations to our Order of the Arrow Ordeal candidates Michael B., John, and Skyler, elected by the Troop 42 Scouts last month. Next up for these individuals is to undertake their Ordeal to become a member of our Order.

BSA Health Forms

Troop 42 Scouts and Leaders, it is time to renew health forms. The BSA Health Form is valid for one year only and you must have a form on file with the Troop to participate in any scouting event. Please have health form with a copy of insurance card turned into Kathryn Ross by May 14th.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

** Parts A and B are completed by the parent/individual.

** Part C is completed by a physician. (extra part needed for summer camp)

Note: If you are unable to get to your doctor before camp, CVS minute clinic offers camp physicals.

Virginia Creeper Trail in Spring Time!

Permission slip and \$60 fee due May 7th. As the autumn Virginia Creeper Trail is always such a wild success, the PLC (Patrol Leaders Council) has planned a late spring trip (May 31st – June 2nd) to the Creeper Trail (a 17 mile bicycle ride from Whitetop Mountain to Damascus, Virginia). We will head up to the Damascus area Friday night, and return late morning that Sunday. Stay tuned for more information and signups.

Help Support Our Troop– Wash That Car!

Make the neighbors happy – get your car washed by buying Auto Bell car wash gift cards through our Troop! Half of the proceeds go to benefit Troop 42! The cards are \$16 and are good for one car wash. Please contact Ms. Ross for purchase at kathrynross1234@gmail.com or see her in person.

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.

Order of the Arrow News

- a. May Ordeal/ Beaver Days (May 17th-19th) – registration due May 8th.
- b. June Ordeal (May 31st – June 2nd) – registration due May 22nd.

Troop 42 Officials:

Chartered Organization Representative: Mr. Barkley & Mrs. Busic

Troop Committee Chair: Mr. Roinick

Scoutmaster: Mr. Lane

Senior Patrol Leader: Michael B.

Newsletter - related information and photos may be sent to: Trent Pitts, email: tp1953@gmail.com