

Troop 42 News



New River Trail!

My experience on the New River trail was pretty good. I can't complain about much except for the fact that my bike seat was so uncomfortable. It wasn't as nice of a ride as the Virginia Creeper trail, but I still really enjoyed the outing and company. A few people got hurt, but luckily nothing was serious. After

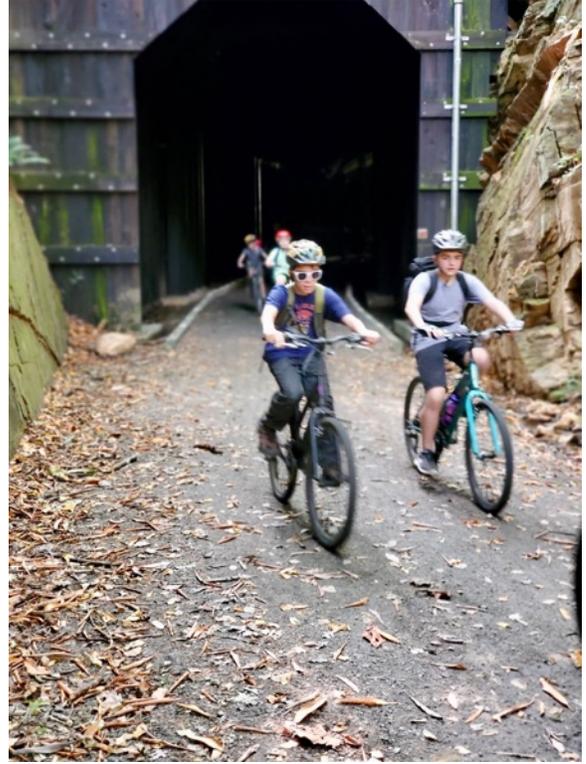
Upcoming Events

- Connor's Eagle Project work day: Saturday, October 18th. Announcements & sign-ups at October meetings.
- Virginia Creeper Trail camping/biking trip October 25th-27th. Signups due October 1st.
- Friday, November 1st campout at Scout Hut & activities.
- Feed the Hunger Packathon at Lake Norman Baptist Church November 2nd, 8:30 - Noon.
- Adopt a Stream cleanup November 2nd, 1:00pm - 4:00pm
- Fundraiser; Luncheon and Gumbo sale, November 3rd. Meet at 10:30am in Family Life Center.



all, I think everyone had a pretty good time on the trail. I know I did because I enjoy these type of things, and happy that the troop does them. Although people were hurt, they didn't complain. They just got back up and started riding again. That's a good principle to live by. There are a lot of ups and downs, but you just need to always keep going and do your very best. The scenery was good the river was cool to look at, and at one point we went through this cave and it was pitch black and it made it just that much cooler. – by Joey





Court of Honor

Congratulations to all Scouts who received new rank advancements and merit badges! The Troop salutes you for all of the time, dedication, and challenging work that it takes to earn these awards. All Scouts should be working on further rank advancements and merit badge requirements to be recognized at our next Troop Court of Honor!



Dalton's Eagle Scout Court of Honor



What I Have Been Up To Since I Earned My Eagle

It's pretty strange to think about, but it's been a hot minute since I became an Eagle Scout in mid-2008, 2 months away from turning 18. I dedicated a lot of myself to Scouting back then, spending 7 summers as an Instructor, Counselor, and Director at Camp Grimes, teaching on S.E.A.L.S. and Wood Badge Staff, and earning my Vigil Honor membership in Catawba Lodge. Cheesy as it may be (you're allowed to get kind of sentimental after your 29th birthday, guys) Scouting was an incredible foundation for the person I am now.

So here's a rapid fire version of what's happened since then. After high school I went to university at NCSU, starting in the Mechanical Engineering department but about halfway through I swapped to studying Physics. With summer classes, it took me 4.5 years to graduate in December of 2013. Unfortunately I'd done a bad job of figuring out what to do with my shiny new degree, so I job hunted for a while and picked up what I could: Camp Staff (again!), Youth Rock Climbing Instructor, Audio Installation Subcontractor, and some other oddball gigs. For a couple weeks I was even an Uber driver, definitely not my favorite one.

In 2016 I was craving some kind of big change from all the odd jobs and NC humidity, so I went all out on a cross-country move to Seattle, Washington! I sold my furniture to pad my savings (it wouldn't fit in my car anyway) loaded up everything else, and took a 16 day solo roadtrip to the Pacific Northwest, visiting 8 National Parks and 7 major cities along the way. After getting to the city, I lived with a friend while I quickly found work and an apartment of my own. I'm still at that job, an IT Specialist for a cheesemaking company, but I finally moved to a new apartment this summer; I needed more room for all my outdoor gear.

One of my intentions behind moving to Seattle was having way more access to the outdoors, which I continue to love, and to carry on what has become my passion: climbing. Rock climbing, mountaineering, ice, snow, alpine, and even backcountry skiing, whatever I can get my hands, boots, climbing shoes, or ice axe on. This year I've summited all 5 of the major volcanoes in Washington State, including WA's highest point (14,400 ft.), and the

most glaciated peak in the continental US, Mount Rainier. I've learned how to climb multipitch routes, place whippable gear on a trad lead, haul an injured climber out of a glacier crevasse, and what a week of living on the side of a mountain feels like. Hint: everything gets damp from the snow and the mice are absolutely ruthless about finding your food. I've made connections with new people, some that come and go, and real friends you can (literally!) trust your life with. And I can honestly say none of this would have been possible without Scouting in my life, for way more reasons than knowing how to tie a clove hitch. Though that does come in handy, too.

It's a slow burn, but what you're doing now, in life and in Scouts, matters. Not, like, in a scary way, but it helped me grow the confidence to push my limits, know what I want, and take on the unexpected. Try new things, take your time, figure out what you're good at, know what you want to work towards, and be proud of yourself, dang it! Not every skill or lesson will seem useful at first; it adds up over time. Scouting delivers so many different experiences, and I've never been more proud to have been a part of an organization that I can now share and encourage anyone to take part in. Good luck everyone, you're gonna do great out there! – by Evan McLaughlin

Summer Camp 2020:

Lord Robert Baden-Powell once said, "A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room". And this is never more true than experiencing a GREAT week of fun and learning at Raven Knob! Make plans now to attend a week of summer camp with your buddies in 2020 (June 28 thru July 4). We will start signs up in late January/early February. Link to CRK video: <https://www.ravenknob.com/promo>

Purchase Troop 42 Gear!

We will have an online storefront for your personal purchase of Troop 42 gear. Along with Class B shirts for scouts and leaders, there are hoodies, knit caps, sweatpants, and more to top off your wardrobe and to show your Scout Spirit. There are women's items for purchase as well. The items will be delivered just in time for the holidays, making great gifts!

The storefront will be open until 11/10/19. The orders will then be delivered at the end of our 12/3/19 scout meeting. Follow the Promo Thread link below. Please note there are no exchanges and sales are final.

If you have questions about the items please contact Beth Roberts at baroberts2010@gmail.com.

To order:

<http://www.promothreadsonline.com/boy-scouts-troop-42>



Rada Knife Troop Fundraiser

On May 28th at our Spring Court of Honor, we introduced our new Troop fundraiser – Rada Cutlery, which manufactures high quality knives and other kitchen products made in the USA. This fundraiser is completely online and will be year around so you can order at any time for any occasion.

- 40% profit for the Troop
- Guaranteed for life
- 100% American made
- Easy internet ordering
- Great gifts for all occasions
- Cutlery, kitchen utensils, and more!



To make this successful we need your help to spread the word. Tell your extended family, friends, etc... Please share this link or find the link on the Troop 42 website.

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=2226210.86e6d4>

<http://www.bsatroop42.com/>

“I have a very large set of those RADA knives, and they are the best knives I have ever owned and I cook A LOT and have worked in restaurants before. They are razor sharp and tough knives.....and for me I wanted something MADE IN THE USA.....The sharpener is a must have as well!!”

– Assistant Scoutmaster Tony Migliaccio testimonial

Virginia Creeper Trail Trip Information

We will meet at the Scout Hut at 6:15 Friday, Oct 25, and depart for Hungry Mother, Virginia State Park where we'll tent camp two nights. On Saturday, we will head to Damascus, Virginia to get our bike/helmet rentals and shuttle to Whitetop Mountain in order to ride the Virginia Creeper Trail for 18 miles. We will stop about half way down for a quick brown bag lunch (provided by the Patrol Grubmasters). After returning our bikes/helmets, we'll return to Hungry Mother for advancement, fun and fellowship. On Sunday morning, we'll depart early in order to return to Huntersville about 11:00am Sunday morning to the van parking lot.

Noted on the permission slip is that Scouts are responsible to pay/reimburse their Grubmaster for their share of the food costs before we depart on Friday. The Grubmasters should let their patrol members know the day before departure what that food cost will be.

Scouts (and leaders) should always check the weather forecast for where we are going (this time for Damascus, Virginia) and pack accordingly. We have had all kinds of weather on this trip over the past years, and it is critical to plan/pack accordingly in order to help ensure a good time is had. Definitely pay attention to waterproof footwear, gloves, toboggans/knit caps, and multiple layers and a change of clothes (NOT just a hoodie).

Scouts will be hearing more about this trip at the next several Troop meetings, and Patrols will be working on tent partners, meal plans, and other trip planning items.

Camping, Luncheon Fundraiser, and Gumbo Sale

Friday November 1st we will camp out at scout hut, and will plan some other focus activity as maize maze at Rural Hill is unavailable.

Then, Saturday morning after breakfast, we will go to the Feed the Hunger Food Packathon at Lake Norman Baptist approximately 8:30am to Noon (class B uniforms). Scouts, leaders, parents, etc. all are encouraged to help all Saturday and Sunday. After Feed the Hunger, we will head back to the Hut, where we will provide lunch for those also helping out with our Adopt Stream Cleanup. approximately 1:00pm to 4:00pm. During this time or possibly later in the afternoon, we will also need 3 to 4 adults to help with gumbo prep activities (Bring your chef's knife).

Sunday, we will all meet in Family Life Center about 10:30 am, (Class A uniforms) to set up for, and then serve our Gumbo Luncheon. We will have lots of things to do that day, and need everyone's help!

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Troop Committee Chair: Mr. Roinick

Scoutmaster: Mr. Lane

Senior Patrol Leader: Michael B.

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