



Troop 826

Chartered to St. Peter's Catholic Church

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March 2007

We meet every Tuesday night (except on Monday March 5) from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the cafeteria of St. Peter's School.

Monday March 5 Care repair and maintenance at Pitt County Community College

March 13 Wilderness Survival preparation

March 20 Spring Camporee preparation

March 27 Physicals for summer camp

Campout Schedule

March 16-18 Wilderness Survival Campout

April 27-29 Spring Camporee – Bonner North

May 18-20 Whitewater Campout

July 8-14 Summer Camp @ Blue Ridge Scout Reservation

March meeting schedule

On Monday March 5 we will meet at the Community College to finish up the Car Repair merit badge. The March 13 meeting will focus on preparation for the Wilderness Survival Campout, March 20 will focus on the Spring Camporee preparation and March 27 we will have a Doctor available to do physicals for summer camp.

March Campout

The March 16 – 18 campout will be a Wilderness Survival Campout. It will focus on teaching our Scouts how to survive on local wildlife and plants if they were caught in the wilderness. Note that part of this campout will be the cleaning and cooking of a live possum and catching and cooking blue crabs.

Scouts do not have to eat either but they are some of the most plentiful animals in the wild in state. Past Wilderness Survival Campouts have included dandelion salad, wild acorns and dandelion stew. You will expand your palate and won't go hungry!

May Whitewater Campout

The May Whitewater rafting campout will take place on the Nolichucky River on the border between North Carolina and Tennessee. We will go through USA Raft Cmpny and you can visit their website at

http://www.usaraft.com/river_rafting/nolichucky_river.php

Note that this will be a rugged, yet safe, high adventure program that will require preparation on the part of Scouts and adults who are attending. More details including cost and preparation will follow.

The drive time from Greenville to the base camp for this program is approximately 6 hours and as we firm up the itinerary we will provide departure and return times.

April Spring Camporee

The Troop will attend the Council Camporee to be held at Camp Bonner North from April 27-29. This year's theme is "First Class Challenge" and will be a great opportunity for our Scouts (both new and experienced) to show their stuff in numerous events including first aid, obstacle course, knot tying, log lifting and more!

Check it out at

<http://www.eccbsa.org/forms/2007%20Council%20Camporee%20Booklet.pdf>

Summer Camp

We will be attending the Blue Ridge Scout Reservation this summer from July 8-14 in Pulaski County.

The "base" cost is \$225 (with options to add additional programs) and Scouts who are planning to attend do need to let Scoutmaster Mike Ervin know of what merit badges they are planning to take as well as participate in the physicals to be offered at the March 27 Troop meeting. Check it out at <http://www.bsa-brmc.org/>

Merit Badge Pamphlets

If any scout has merit badge pamphlets he will no longer need, please consider donating them to the troop library. If you know a family, whose son(s) are no longer involved in scouting, you might ask them to donate any books they might have.

As you may recall, "A Scout is Helpful". We have new scouts entering Troop 826 and that means all our more advanced scouts will

Troop Committee

The Troop Committee meets every first Tuesday of the month. Your help and participation is needed to help make important decisions regarding the Troop. Our unit commissioner, Marc Fusaro, has agreed to work with the committee chair to help build the committee to the point where it can do the committee's work and free up the assistant scoutmasters to do their jobs. If anyone would like to volunteer themselves or someone else please call Marc at 329-8978.

Car Insurance Information Needed

This is our first campout of the year. Any leader and/or parent that would like to attend, please provide this information to Herb McGrail (mcgrailh@whitlock.com) we can our trip application into the Council office:

Name
Vehicle (Make and Model)
Insurance coverage (example 30,100,100)

The information above (vehicle information) is also needed. We need to update our form from what we have been using for many years. If you are going to be a driver for any of the campouts, we will need this information.

PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL FOR 2006-2007

Adam	SPL
Josh	ASPL
Julian	PL
Garret	PL
Christian	Scribe
James	Troop Guide
Wesley	QM
Billy	Den Chief

Troop Dues

Please remember to pay your dues of \$60 per Scout. This covers the food that we eat at campouts, rank advancement patches given at courts of honor, handbooks for new Scouts and more!

If you have not yet paid your dues please get them to Herb McGrail or Mike Ervin as soon as possible. We recently made a down payment for our Christmas trees and Troop funds are low.

Scouting Vespers

These are the words we sing at the close of our meetings. Our new scouts, and maybe some of the old ones, should learn them.

Softly falls the light of day
While our campfire fades away.
Silently we all should ask
Have I done my daily task
Have I kept my honor bright
Can I guiltless sleep tonight.
Have I done, and have I dared
Everything to be prepared.

Bring a friend to our next meeting

Helpful Scouting Links

Our Council www.eccbsa.org
Make sure that you enter your email address on the front page in order to receive key electronic newsletter updates.

National BSA website www.scouting.org
A very helpful website that includes a tremendous amount of information regarding all aspects of the Scouting program

Scout Parents website www.scoutparents.org
A new website from the National Office, BSA that supports Scout families and helps them to better understand the tremendous positive impact that Scouting can have on the whole family, not just on the Scout. There are numerous support items and information for unit leaders as well.

Don't Sew Another Patch!

The Troop has contact information for any and all alteration for our Scout uniforms. Linda Ferguson is the Seamstress at Alterations Unlimited. She can be reached at 752-7250 for appointments and is a member of St. Peter's Church.