

CHICORA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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AUGUST 2013



A New Year With New Opportunities!!

Happy New Year!

Since becoming involved in Scouting as a leader when my son CJ joined as a Tiger Cub, I have come to look at the start of each school year with renewed energy and excitement of the possibilities and opportunities looking forward. Even though CJ and Ian have now become adults, I am still excited about what lies ahead for each of us in the Chicora District. We are blessed to have some of the finest leaders in all of Scouting involved throughout our units, district and council. The calendar is overflowing with opportunities for the youth and adults involved in the Scouting Movement.

While it is nice to look back at where we are and where we have been, it is essential that we dedicate some time, energy and commitment at looking to the future. As the Chicora District Committee we are charged with assisting our units in increasing their youth membership, training new and

existing leaders so they are able to provide their units with excellent leadership, assist with program and advancement opportunities, and securing the financial resources necessary to support our units. We are always looking for additional adults committed to working to helping our youth to be successful.

As we begin the new Scouting Year please share your time, talents and resources. Scouting is very important. We are building leaders for the future.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in the coming year.

Yours in Scouting,

James McIlrath

Vice Chairman
Acting District Chairman
Chicora District Committee

NEWS! FELLOWSHIP! FLYERS! FOOD!

ATTEND THE CHICORA DISTRICT LAUNCH AUGUST 15, 7 PM!

**AN INDIVIDUAL STEP IN CHARACTER TRAINING IS TO PUT
RESPONSIBILITY ON THE INDIVIDUAL
- SIR ROBERT BADEN-POWELL**

CHICORA DISTRICT 2013 - 2014

BSA PROGRAM LAUNCH

THE PLACE TO BE IF YOU HAVE
A PASSION FOR SCOUTING AND DESIRE TO GUIDE YOUTH IN
HORRY AND MARION COUNTY!

- ❖ Thursday, August 15th, 2013 at 7 pm
- ❖ First United Pentecostal Church
906 Main St, Conway, SC 29526
- ❖ This invitation is extended to the Leaders, Committee Chair, Charter Organization Representative of your Units, and anyone whom has a passion for scouting. Please send at least two representatives!
- ❖ Program breakout: District and Council Calendars, fall event flyers, training flyers, JTE info flyer, advancement information flyer, recharter info and more!
- ❖ Fall product breakout: Receive 1% commission increase for Product sale
- ❖ Launch will follow by light refreshments and fellowship.
- ❖ I highly encourage your unit to make sure to have at least one representative to pick up your unit's launch packet; if not multiple representatives from your unit.

Reminder on a couple scouting events still on summer 2013

- *US National Whitewater Ctr High Adventure Day Aug. 24 Cameron Earley 1(704)391-3907*
- *Myrtle Waves Scout Day \$15 Saturday September 7th Jennifer Dodge - 843-913-9240!*

Sincerely yours in Scouting,

Diane Bauer

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2013 NATIONAL JAMBOREE. SUMMIT BECHTEL SCOUT RESERVE,

MT. HOPE WEST VIRGINIA

CHICORA SCOUTS GO BIG AND GET WILD!

In July 2013, the Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve near Beckley, WV, opened up and hosted the first of many National Scout Jamborees. This 10,000 acre high adventure base and nature preserve (only 1,000 acres of the site have been developed) hosted tens of thousands of Boy Scouts, Venturers, Leaders, and visitors from all over the world for this inaugural event. Whether you were fortunate enough to be a part of the PeeDee Area Council Jamboree troop, chose to volunteer as a Jamboree staffer, serve in the OA service corps, or managed to be a visitor for a day or two, the experience was a once in a lifetime. The following articles and pictures are a small snapshot of the incredible experiences our Chicora Scouters had at this year's 2013 National Scout Jamboree. I don't know about you, but I am already making plans for the next National Jamboree in 2017. By the way....the Summit is now open as a BSA High Adventure Base for units AND individuals. Are we there yet?

TROOP 850 VISITS JAMBO AND GETTYSBURG IN ONE FANTASTIC TRIP!

Troop 850 left bright and early on the morning of July 18 from St. Philip Lutheran Church on the way to visit the National Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. They had a fun detour on the way, stopping at Asst. Scoutmaster Gilford Edward's alma mater, Virginia Tech. The boys got a tour of the football stadium and training facilities, and even got to watch the players go through some of their workout routines. They set up camp in a scenic mountain top location on the grounds of a bed & breakfast.

The next day everyone was up early and on the road to the big event: Jambo! The day was filled with Scouting activities: from action and adventure such as ziplines and ropes courses, to patch trading and making new friends in scouting from all over the globe. The next day, our travels led us to Gettysburg, PA to hike the Historic Trails program for Scouts and camping on the battle grounds. From the time we arrived and set up camp on Sat, July 20 until we headed for home on Mon July 22, almost every waking minute was spent hiking the historic trails of Gettysburg and getting an eyewitness education on places most of us have only read about in history books.

Jambo was incredible, and our day passes whetted the appetites of our scouts to consider going as full-time campers when the opportunity comes again. Gettysburg is an amazing, eye-opening encounter with one of our nations bloodiest battles. Everyone came away with a newfound understanding of the Civil War, and the strategies employed by each side. The Historic Trails program is incredible. Scouts can earn patches and a medal for completing the hikes. We would encourage other troops to plan a trip to Gettysburg and have this amazing experience of walking the battle grounds and seeing the hundreds of incredible monuments built to recognize all who fought and died there.

~Kelly Cook, Troop 850 Committee Member and Scout Mom

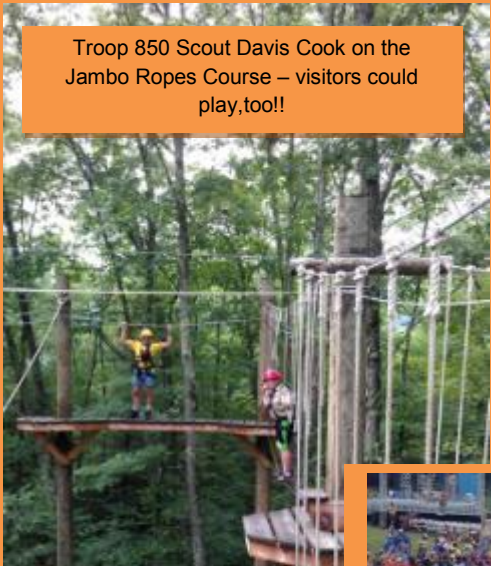
THOUGHTS FROM A PDAC JAMBO TROOP B310 MEMBER

The 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree was a very interesting and amazing experience for me. Although most of the time it rained, we still managed to have fun. Around camp there were mountain bike trails, zip lines, and scattered exhibits sponsored by National Guard, environmental groups, Boy's Life, and many more. When we first arrived in West Virginia, we went to a Jamboree Fellowship dinner with Scouts from across the nation and the world, and I met Scouts from Russia and Scotland!

During the first few days I walked around and got acclimated to camp and figured out where everything was. Three out of the ten days we did special days on and off camp. Those days were our Messengers of Peace Day of Service, the Garden Ground Trek to the summit of The Summit, and a day for me to tackle part of the New River for whitewater rafting. From the day after the opening show until Tuesday afternoon I did activities, including a lot of mountain biking, and just had fun at the Jamboree. The whitewater rafting experience a very exciting trip, for a lot of the trip we swam and fooled around. When the rapids came though we became serious and paddled as hard as we could, the only person to fall out was our raft guide when we hit a rock. The closing show was the best show I've seen ever. Some of my favorite segments of the show included the BSA's Got Talent scouts, Mike Rowe's speech and the Three Doors Down concert. From Tuesday afternoon until Wednesday morning we started to break down camp, get packed up, and clean up. The long trip home was a very interesting trip. When we arrived back at Camp Coker we had a closing meeting and a Scoutmaster Minute. Jamboree will be one of the many experiences in Scouting that I will never forget no matter what happens.

~Adam Brown, Star Scout, Jamboree Troop B310

Troop 850 Scout Davis Cook on the Jambo Ropes Course – visitors could play, too!!



PeeDee Area Council National Jamboree Troop B310 ready for departure!



Troop 850 SM, Jerry Williams, staffing the Action Point archery range at Jamboree.



Jamboree Troop B310 Scout, Adam Brown, enjoying the Arena Show, featuring Mike Rowe and Three Doors Down!



To quote Mike Rowe... "A Scout is Clean...but not afraid to get DIRTY!" Daily rain made for just a bit of mud around the Summit!



Patch trading is a big part of Jamboree, and can be serious business! Chicora Scouter Neal Sarvis assesses a potential trade.



OA Service Corps Member Timothy Hellaby 2 serving as Tour Guide for LBP's grand-daughter, Mrs. Clay.





2013 District Committee

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INTRODUCING AN EXCITING NEW MERIT BADGE PARTNERSHIP WITH HGTC AND THE CHICORA DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Hello, my name is Thomas Muse. As a relatively new member of the Chicora District Executive Committee I wanted to briefly introduce myself and a new merit badge initiative we will begin in the upcoming months. As a Boy Scout I was a member of troop 476 in Florence and joined the ranks of Eagle in 1999. I worked at Camp Coker as a life guard, swimming, boating, and lifesaving instructor in early 2000's and acted as Water Front Director in the summer of 2006 and 2007. In 2003 I moved to Conway (Chicora) to attend CCU and graduated in 2007 with a BSBA in Business Management. After completing my MBA from Methodist University in 2011, I was hired by HGTC to recruit students and business partners for the Assist Program.

In the past, we have held mini merit badge "boot camps". What we are now

proposing is more of a merit badge "college". The proposed location is HGTC's main campus (Conway) and the goal is to offer merit badges that are not so easily acquired. Of course we, the District Committee, understand the importance of Eagle required badges and will help Scouts find instructors. However, this initiative is aimed at merit badges that are rarely offered. Some proposed badges: Aviation, Engineering, Robotics, Surveying, and Welding. What ideas do you have? What merit badges would you like to see offered? What will you teach?

We need you! Please contact Thomas Muse at ctmusejr@gmail.com or Rick Curran at cmugrick@aol.com with your ideas and how you can help.

We look forward to working with you to offer new and exciting merit badges here in the Chicora District.

The Chicora District Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for the 2014 District Committee. If you are or know of someone who is interested in becoming involved in the planning and execution of the Chicora District's fantastic Scouting program, please contact James McIlrath at james@grandstrandcpas.com for further information. Nominations must be received in time for the Chicora District Business Meeting on October 29, 2013. Current areas of need include District Chairman and Finance Chairman. You do not have to be a registered leader to be a part of the District Committee, just an adult dedicated to supporting the Scouting movement in our area!

Marine Corps League Good Citizenship Award

The Marine Corps League, an organization of former U.S. Marines, supports the Boy Scouts of America as it promotes traditional family values to America's youth. To accomplish this, the Marine Corps League seeks to participate in Scouting through assistance with units, districts, and councils, in community projects, merit badge programs, and special recognition of Eagle Scouts. The Marine Corps League will endeavor to strengthen and expand its relationship with the Boy Scouts of America by supporting the Eagle Scout Program. As such, every scout who reaches the rank of Eagle Scout is eligible to be presented with a citizenship award, usually held in conjunction with his local troop's Court of Honor ceremony.

Upon request, I will be honored to attend your next Eagle Scout Court of Honor and present a Good Citizenship Award certificate from the Marine Corps League to your new Eagle Scout. To make sure this happens, please contact me at sslater@sccoast.net or 843-399-0669 at least three weeks before the Court of Honor so that I may prepare the certificates.

Col. Scott Slater, USMC (Ret)
Carolina Borders
Detachment 1036
Marine Corps League

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

- 8/15 – Chicora District Round Table Launch
- 8/20 – OA Chapter Mtg
- 9/3- District Comm Mtg
- 9/5- District Round Table
- 9/6-8- Outdoor Leader Skills Training, Camp Coker
- 9/11- Unity Memorial Service, Broadway at the Beach
- 9/17- OA Chapter Mtg
- 9/21 – PDAC Swap Meet, Naturally Outdoors, Florence
- 9/28 – BALOO training
- 10/1 – District Comm Mtg
- 10/3- District Round Table/YPT
- 10/5-6- Webeloree
- 10/15- OA Chapter Mtg
- 10/19-20- Cub Scout Loop-a-ree
- 10/25-27- OA Fall Fellowship
- 10/29- Chicora District Annual Business Meeting
- 11/5- District Comm Mtg
- 11/7- District Round Table
- 11/15-17 – Fall Camporee/JLT @ Camp Coker
- 11/19- OA Chapter Mtg
- 12/3 – District Comm Mtg
- 12/5 – District Round Table
- 12/17- OA Chapter Mtg
- 1/4/14 – OA Winter Banquet
- 1/7- District Comm Mtg
- 1/9- District Round Table
- 2/1- Boy Scout Leader Specific Training
- 2/4- District Comm Mtg
- 2/6- District Round Table
- 3 /4- District Comm Mtg
- 3/6- District Round Table
- 3/8- BALOO training
- 3/14-16- OA Spring Fellowship
- 3/22-23- Spring Cub-o-ree
- 3/29- District Pinewood Derby
- 4/1- District Comm Mtg
- 4/3- District Round Table/CPR
- 4/4-6- PDAC Scout Expo and Council Pinewood Derby
- 4/25-27- OA Dixie Fellowship
- 4/29- District Comm Mtg
- 5/1 – District Round Table
- 5/3- Cub Scout Leader Specific Training



DIXIE FELLOWSHIP 2014 CAMP COKER BE THERE!

Dear Brothers of the Order of the Arrow,

As we celebrate 75 years of Santee Lodge 116 in the Pee Dee Area Council, we prepare to host the biggest event next year. Each year a lodge of Southern Region Section 5 hosts a conclave, best known as Dixie Fellowship. On April 25 through April 27 of 2014, Santee Lodge 116 will be in charge of hosting Dixie.

Dixie happens every year in April, at different camps. All eleven lodges of the section come together to have fun, compete, and have fellowship. All of the lodges compete for the golden arrow award through competitions, and Native American Affairs. Imagine a thousand plus people all

having fun together. Cheering, eating, and playing games all at Camp Coker.

But with a thousand people showing up, we need the lodge's members help to pull off an awesome event. With the sweat of your brow, we can do it! Spots for certain areas are running out fast, so sign up today. There is a ten dollar deposit. It is really important for every helping hand to sign up, the lodge needs 200 plus people to run the event smoothly, so please take time to fill out an application for Staff Dixie 2014.

If you have any question please ask me at Dinotooth@aol.com, or please contact my Advisor, James McIlrath at james@grandstrandcpas.com.

SCOUT DAY AT MYRTLE WAVES!!

Saturday

September 7, 2013

Start off your Scouting
year with a day of
splashing fun!!!

\$15.00 per Scout, a 50%
savings over regular
admission – PLUS book
your group of 15 or
more in advance and
receive a FREE Myrtle
Waves Scout Patch!

Call or email Jennifer
Dodge at 843-913-9240

or

[Jennifer.dodge@myrtle
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info.

**Price and savings for Scout Day based on full priced admission of \$29.99 + tax when purchased in park. Scout price valid on 9/7/13 between 10 am and 1 pm only, with valid unit number, badge, or certificate. Not valid with other discounts or offers. Free patches will be given to Scout groups with a minimum of 15 people, when booked in advance. Park open from 10 am to 6 pm.

“EVERY SCOUT DESERVES A TRAINED LEADER” – LORD ROBERT BADEN-POWELL

As a fully trained leader myself, veteran trainer, and one who is in the process of preparing to staff my fourth Wood Badge course, I could not agree more with Baden-Powell's statement above. Leader training is invaluable to providing the best possible program to our Scouts, and while it might take a little more time and effort to give up a Saturday or even a weekend, the end result is more than worth any possible inconvenience. There are many online courses available to Scout leaders, but, as a recent study by the BSA has supported, face to face training far outweighs online instruction in benefit and learning potential. Why wouldn't you want to provide your Scouts with the best program you can? The only way to do that is to be, at minimum, fully trained for your current Scouting position. I love being a trainer, and helping both new and seasoned leaders learn something new about a specific skill area and themselves. Attending the many leader training opportunities in this area is fun and a great opportunity to network with Scouters from across our District and Council. Take advantage of the following learning opportunities, and contact our outstanding Chicora District Training Chair, Rusty Horonzy with any questions at ruschris@sccoast.net. Information and registration flyers will be available at the Chicora District Round Table Launch on Thursday.

Sept. 6-8: Outdoor Leader Skills Training @ Camp Coker - needed to be fully trained as a SM or ASM

Sept.28: BALOO training – for Cub Scout leaders, at least one leader on the trip must have BALOO training to take Cub Scouts camping

Oct. 3: Youth Protection Training – EVERY registered leader must have updated YPT (expires every two years), and it's a good idea for any adults working with the youth to have YPT

Feb. 1: Boy Scout Leader Specifics - the other half of training needed for a SM or ASM

March 8: BALOO training

May 3: Cub Scout Leader Specifics training – needed for Cub Scout Leaders to be fully trained



Rowan did his duty, kicking the IM out of the word IMPOSSIBLE
Any fellow who acts like that is certain to get on.

Scouting....A New Hope Day Camp earns National Day Camp Accreditation!!

Scouting, A New Hope, was held this year at River Oaks Elementary School, where 96 Cub Scouts attended a Nationally Accredited Camp. The Cubs had a wonderful time with all the stations, where they worked on several belt loops. There was a Rocket class, Art class, Sports class, Airplane class, Scout Skills and, of course, what camp is not complete without an Archery & BB's class!

There were a few surprise guests that came out to see the Cubs: Splash from the Pelicans, Alex came out and taught us about "Order of the Arrow", Indiana Dancer's outfits and from WMBF, Jessica the weather person, and the best surprise a "FIRE TRUCK" from station 45 came out on the last day to cool everyone down from a busy, fun, great week.

I want to thank all the Staff, Volunteers, Boy Scouts and Parents for making this year's Day Camp a wonderful and fun learning experience for the Cub Scouts. With a great team, we can keep the Spirit of Scouting in the air all year long.



Any ideas, comments, or information you would like to see in the newsletter please contact:

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Pee Dee Area Council Website: www.peedeescouts.org

Journey to Excellence website, with information on all award levels:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsorce/Awards/JourneyToExcellence.aspx>

District website: www.chicorad.com

ATTENTION: To all Charter Organization Representatives, the District Chairman and Committee would like to extend an invitation to any Chicora District Committee meetings you are able to attend. Meetings are not mandatory but please join us if you wish.

