

Troop 65

Mint Hill, NC



As summer draws to a close and the start of a new school year begins, it's time for a Scout Summer Wrap Up. The not so hot, extremely rainy and eventful summer had Scouts going in many different directions. Family vacations, Camp Grimes, National Boy Scout Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve and weekly meetings kept all our Scouts on the go. Let's hope they remembered to finish their summer projects for school! Here's a recap of the summer with the thanks to contributing writers. Look forward to a BUSY year ahead with exciting activities, volunteer projects, merit badges and rank advancements. Enjoy the few days left of summer.

Advancements

May

First Class

*Jonathan Goforth
Jordan Kinney*

June

Second Class

Juan Cuartas

July

Life

*Nicholas Sharrett
Second Class
Cameron Ligon*

August

Life

William French



Calendar of Events

August 2013

- 8.19.2013 Troop Meeting 6:45-8:30 PM
- 8.23.2013 Order of the Arrow Ordeal – Belk Scout Camp Fri.-Sun.
- 8.26.2013 First Day of School – CMS & UCPS
- Troop Meeting 6:45-8:30 PM
- 8.27.2013 Troop Committee Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM
- 9.02.2013 Labor Day Observed No Troop Meeting
- 9.09.2013 Troop Meeting 6:45-8:30 PM
- 9.13.2013 Camping Trip - TBD Fri-Sun
- 9.16.2013 Court of Honor 7PM
- 9.17.2013 Troop Committee Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM
- 9.21.2013 Fall BBQ

For a complete look at the calendar, click on the calendar icon above.

Merit Badges Earned

A complete list of summer merit badges will be available in next month's newsletter.

Ahh, the things we learn at camp....

By Douglas Graham

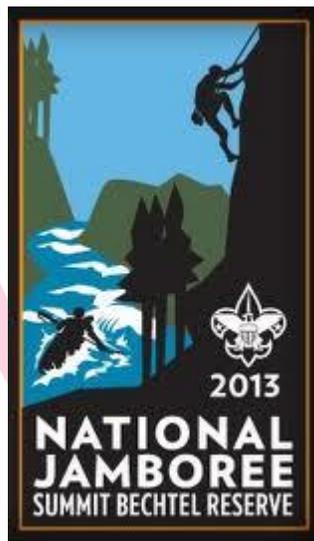
As a new ASM to Troop 65, I used to look around and see the other ASMs talking and laughing in a way that you could tell they knew each other. "How did they get to know each other that well?" I would ask myself. Were they neighbors? Had they been with the Troop for a while? My question was answered this summer with a trip to Camp Grimes. Camp is where you really get a chance to know everyone, even the boys. Here are a few things that I learned in just a few short days.

- Jim White and I share the same affinity for a Whopper
- Boys, if left unchecked at a DQ, will order the biggest waffle cone on the menu whether they think they can finish it or not.
- The engine on our Happy Rockin' bus could probably use a tune up
- Our boys are practically waterproof, even after four straight days
- You will feel like you're driving a roller coaster if you get all of the boys to throw their hands up and scream when going down large hills.
- PR Tucker is NOT afraid of spiders, even if they're as big as his hand and inside his tent
- I, however, am. Especially when they're that big and inside my tent.
- Our boys keep a clean camp
- Mark Ligon can do a handstand without even trying
- We've got some pretty good chess players in our Troop
- Given the chance, all boys will purchase a new knife in the Grimes store
- Mile swim? Bring it on!
- iPhones do NOT like water
- Chiggers think bug spray is like a candy coating
- Bring a second Class A shirt for dinner or Billy Hawkins will wear you out
- Want coffee in the morning? Camp next to Michael Gilmore.
- Want a good snack? Be ready to make a deal with Mark Ligon.
- Want a good night's sleep? Bring some earplugs.

What a great trip!



Click [HERE](#)
for Grimes
Blog and
Photos



Unique and Amazing Experience of a Lifetime!

Over 50,000 Scouts and Venturers from across the nation joined for 10 days in the mountains of West Virginia at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. This high adventure camp was unlike any other in the country offering Scouts incredible opportunities like canopy tours, white-water rafting, scuba, zip-line, mountain

biking and more. It's hard to describe the National Jamboree and do it justice. Troop 65 was well represented with 15 Scouts participating in history. Troop 65 also had a weekend contingent experiencing many of the activities offered. Here are a few links that explore the magnitude of this event along with personal highlights from contributing Scouts.

[2013 National Jamboree The Summit Blog](#)
[Boys Life Coverage of Jamboree](#)
[Fabulous photos by Flickr](#)

Jamboree Highlights - Participants

"My favorite activity from the Jamboree was the scuba diving. It was really cool since it allowed you to see and breathe underwater, even if it was just a small pool." – Max Loelius

"Jamboree was a great experience for all. The chance to do high adventure activities all at one place on one trip is unmatched....There were challenges along the way, but everyone rose to them and showed what a positive attitude and perseverance can do..." – Bob Donaher

"I loved the scuba diving. It was so fun. You could even go to sleep underwater for 30 minutes at a time. I and many others came back at least five times. I even did it with a broken elbow multiple times. I thought that everything I did and the events I didn't do were fun, but this outshined them all." – Jordan Kinney

"My favorite memory of the Jamboree was Shooting at the Barrels, flying the AOPA Jay Simulator, and Mountain Bikes." ---Trent Merrell

"The BIG ZIP! My favorite activity was the big zip. It was a lot of fun and we ate Twinkies at the bottom" - Gray Fandel

"Great scenery with a lot to offer!!!!" – Billy Hawkins (Yes – that's a record folks!)

Jamboree Highlights – Troop visitors

"I really liked the Sustainability Tree house and making my DNA necklace. Visiting the New River Bridge and the Coal Mine were a lot of fun!" ---Taylor Merrell

"We visited the Jamboree Saturday and Sunday. Our favorite activity at the Jamboree was the Challenge/Ropes Course. We were very excited that Mike Rowe returned as the Guest Speaker and had loads of fun with other Scout Parents from Troop 65!" ---Rob & Melissa Merrell

"Besides spending time with wonderful parents of Troop 65, I was amazed at the sheer size and logistics to pull such an event off. The activities were incredible and I am proud of all the boys that participated. The "volunteers" deserve a special thank you for spending their time and talent (not to mention their hard earned money) to make the Jamboree a success" – Pam Fandel

See photos contributed on page 4.

A Tribute to Jesse Everidge

The Lord has taken a wonderful man. Jesse Everidge was a great mentor, a caring teacher, and an influential leader. He was a Navy veteran who answered the call to duty for his country and then answered it again for his community. As a Scoutmaster, he became an established figurehead while shaping the lives of hundreds of young aspiring men preparing for their future and within them instilling a ...sense of brotherhood. I recall a time when we asked him if he would assume the head scoutmaster position he humbly declined, preferring to remain an advisor. If the elected Scoutmaster was seen as the father of the troop then he was undoubtedly esteemed as the troops grandfather and was given the most respect. We humbly sought his guidance, pursued his knowledge and yearned for his wisdom. He had an indescribable love for the program and tirelessly dedicated his life to it. In my eyes he will always exemplify the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment. He touched the lives of all who met him and imprinted himself onto those of us who knew him. His memory will forever be in the example he set for us to follow. He will be deeply missed. After all these years that I've been away from home he wrote to me often, he never forgot my birthday, sent me Christmas cards and even a wedding gift. I'm honored to have the privilege of remembering him as a dear friend. My only regret is knowing I could have been a better one to him. Jesse my old friend, I wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas and I bid you an affectionate farewell. May you rest in peace.



~ Facebook Post May 23, 2013
By Troop 65 Eagle Scout
Matthew Davis
Serving our Country
in the US Navy

CONGRATULATIONS

A special shout out to the following scouts.....

****Payton Graham** recently finished his 1st triathlon!

Payton participated in the Charleston Sprint Triathlon Series at James Island County Park. The race consisted of a 600 meter open water swim, 12 mile bike ride and a 5k run. He finished 2nd in his age group; 109th out of 227 men overall; 6th out of 227 in the swim.

****Trent and Taylor Merrell** ran in "Running for U - 5K" Saturday, June 1, 2013. The 5K was to raise money for Union County Teachers. There were more than 627 runners and Trent and Taylor finished at #141. They actually came through the finish line side by side. Trent ran in honor of his Science teacher, Mr. Conway at Porter Ridge Middle School. Taylor ran in honor of his 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Cameron at Fairview Elementary. The 5K raised over \$15,000 for Union County Teachers. [Click here for more details.](#) Volunteering service at this event were **Chris Johnson, Brandon Hawkins** and **Gray Fandel.**

The end of the 2012-2013 academic year brought great pride to our Troop. The following **Rising 8th grade Scouts at *Mint Hill Middle* were inducted to the National Junior Honor Society: **Jack Chernewych, Payton Graham, Jacob Pearson, Logan Springer** and **Jack Walton.**

Way to go!!

Save the date!

Camping Trip - TBA September 13-15, 2013

Court of Honor September 16, 2013 7PM

FALL BBQ!!!!!!!

September 21, 2013

We need YOU to volunteer!
Sign up information coming next week.



CAMPOREE

October 25-27, 2013

Troop 65 will need a few adults to help man the activities.

Details for volunteering will be sent out via email and the website. Start looking!

Lost and Found~

Don't forget to check the items left behind from past outings. Check the bin inside the Scout Hut.



Growing, Growing, Growing.....

Please consider donating gently used uniform items to our Uniform Swap.
Contact [Mike Jameyson](#)



Click on the websites below for more information

- ✓ [Troop 65 website](#)
- ✓ [BSA](#)
- ✓ [Merit Badge](#) information, worksheets & more

Questions or looking to volunteer? Contact:



Billy Hawkins – Scoutmaster



Bill Johnston – Committee Chair



Pam Fandel – Unit Parent Coordinator



A203/Troop 65



Good buddies!



Official A203 rock!

New River Gorge Bridge



Jack poses with one of the Jamboree performers



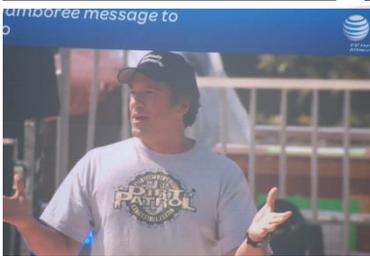
Weekend Troop 65 visitors



Just a little mud on the shoes



Liam and his Nutella



Guest Speaker Mike Rowe – Eagle Scout



King of Sweden-Carl XVI Gustaf Folke Hubertus



Three Doors Down performance



Aquatic obstacle course



Nice shot Trent!



"Volunteers" Bill and Billy take a break



CONSOL Energy Bridge



Sherrie and Melissa take on the Canopy Tour



Troop 65 and parents pose for a photo!

Bird's eye view of HALF Camp A



Gray and Jason at the BIG ZIP!

Mountain biking in the mud! Awesome!



A203- Nick, Chris, Trent and Gray await the show!

