

Mint Hill, NC



Welcome to the first Parent Troop 65 Newsletter. The intent of this newsletter is to inform our parents of the *happenings* within the Troop, highlight events, engage you and hopefully motivate you to become an active participant within the Troop! Please click on many of the links throughout the newsletter to visit various sites and useful communication tools. This newsletter will evolve so stay tuned.....

Calendar of Events



January 2013

- 1.05.2013 Cold Weather Camping Classes Levine Campus CPCC 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM
- 1.07.2013 Troop Meeting 6:45 PM (Patrol Leader Council Meeting 6:00 PM)
- 1.12.2013 Personal Management Merit Badge Class 10:00 -11:00 AM
Snow Sports Merit Badge Class 11:00 AM -12:00PM
- 1.14.2013 Snow Sports Merit Badge Class 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Troop Meeting 6:45 PM
- 1.15.2013 Troop Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 1.21.2013 MLK Holiday – no Scouts
- 1.19.2013 Scout Ski Trip – Beech Mountain
- 1.28.2013 Troop Meeting 6:45 PM
- 2.02.2013 Blue & Gold Banquet 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Webelos Crossover to Troop 7:30 PM – 8:15 PM
Scouting for Food
- 2.03.2013 Scout Sunday @ Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
- 2.04.2013 Troop Meeting 6:45 PM (Patrol Leader Council Meeting 6:00 PM)

Featured Adult Leader....

Billy Hawkins

We'd like to highlight adult leaders as well as scouts so you can get to know amazing people in Troop 65. Here are a few highlights from our first volunteer....

Q: How long have you been in Scouting?

A: I was a Scout for ten years as a youth starting in Cub Scouts in 1976 and earning Eagle in 1985. I've been active as an adult leader for seven years – three with the Pack and four with the Troop.

Q: What was your favorite merit badge as a youth and why?

A: Lifesaving – I have always loved the water and this merit badge was very challenging and rewarding.

Q: What/Where has been your favorite outing with Troop 65?

A: South Mountain State Park in Burke County, NC. This trip offered backpacking, scenic camping along a creek and hiking a mountainous terrain to a picturesque waterfall.

Q: What do you find most rewarding about being a Scoutmaster for Troop 65?

A: The rewarding part for me is helping to mentor, advise and coach each Scout as they mature and grow from Scout to Eagle.

Scouting for Food

Troop 65 and Philadelphia Presbyterian Church is an official collection site for the Mecklenburg County BSA *Scouting for Food* February 2-3, 2013. Look for the Scouting for Food bags to be coming home soon. Encourage your scout to distribute these bags and collect canned goods and return items to the Scout Hut. We will need scouts to be assisting with the collection site that weekend.



Do you know the Scout Oath?



“On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.”

Trivia

Ask your Scout if he knows these answers:

1. How many Scout ranks are there?
2. What is the sixth point of the Scout law?
3. Who founded Boy Scouting?
4. What knot is considered to be a rescue knot?
5. What does the knot symbolize on the Boy Scout emblem?

Thank you!

Special thanks to Cathy Hawkins, Teena Donaher, Beth Kinney, Rhonda French, George and Helene Muelletr and Kurt Pearson for making BINGO a huge success at the Pack 65 Christmas party. Thank you also to the Pack for an enjoyable evening!

Beech Mountain Ski Trip is January 19th.
Click [here](#) to register your Scout.

Godsend Award

This special award is given to any registered scouter or parent who has done an exemplary job in his/her service to the Unit. Troop 65 was honored in December with two special men receiving the award.

Congratulations to

Clark Davenport and Tom Moore

The Pack recognized our ASM Chris Snyder for his contributions as Den Chief Advisor, filling in as a Den Leader, and being the liaison between the pack and the troop.

More recognition from Mecklenburg County BSA.....

Troop 65 was recognized as a *Silver Eagle Unit* for Friends of Scouting. Our Troop reached the \$2500-\$5000 level of contributions. Thank you for your generosity to the council.



FYI New Class "B" T-shirts are being ordered by the Troop.

Looking to get involved?

Discover that Scout volunteering will enable you to learn new skills and build lifelong friendships while giving back to your community. Adult participation is at the core of any Scout Troop's success and we need you! Whether you have an interest in being an Assistant Scoutmaster, serving on Committee or simply helping with periodic events, please contact us. We will be happy to find the perfect niche for you. Even if you only have one hour a month, your participation is critical. Please contact us with questions:



Billy Hawkins – Scoutmaster



Bill Johnston – Committee Chair



Pam Fandel – Unit Parent Coordinator

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 7
2. Kind
3. Lord Robert Baden Powell
4. Bowline
5. To remind you to do a good turn daily

Way to go!

ASM Mark Ligon has been certified for Climbing Merit Badge Instructor
Douglas Graham and Al Shuford are our newest trained Assistant Scoutmasters

Advancements and Merit Badges

October – December 2012

Chris Chernewych – Life
 Jason Lux – Life
 Brandon Hawkins – Star
 Nick Lux – Star
 Trent Merrell – Star
 Eric Lamay – 1st Class
 Jack Chernewych – 2nd Class
 Hunter Cowick – 2nd Class
 Gray Fandel – 2nd Class
 Jack Gilmore – 2nd Class
 Cameron Ligon – Tenderfoot
 Jack Walton – Tenderfoot
 Seth Grant – Scout

Camping

Jacob Merrill

Citizenship in the World

Ethan Donaher
 Brandon Hawkins

Emergency Preparedness

Chris Chernewych

Reptile and Amphibian Study

Jack Gilmore
 Christopher Lizarazo

Wood Carving

Jack Gilmore

Woodworking

Peyton Currie
 Ethan Donaher
 Gray Fandel
 Brandon Hawkins
 Connor Magee

Communications

Chris Chernewych
 William Gallimore
 Christian Johnson
 Max Loelius
 Nick Lux

Railroading

Gray Fandel

Rifle Shooting

Chris Chernewych
 Glenn Luther



Click on the websites below for more information

- ✓ [Troop 65 website](#)
- ✓ [BSA](#)
- ✓ [Merit Badge](#) information, worksheets & more
- ✓ [2013 National Jamboree](#)