

Troop 65

Mint Hill, NC

Featured Adult LeaderTom French

*Interview conducted by
Troop 65 Historian Juan Cuartas*



When did you join Scouting and why?

I joined Scouting in 2009 when Will crossed over from Webelos. We had tried several different sports and decided to try Scouts as well. Pretty soon, it was all about the Boy Scouts as Mr. Gallimore had a large and active group.

How does the troop differ from how it was back when you first joined?

At this time, we are fortunate to have a lot of adult involvement and can support numerous trips and other activities with all our new assets (e.g. bus, trailer, tents, etc). Back then, there were fewer adults and trips...and assets were getting to the end of their usefulness.

What is your favorite part about Scouting?

Watching the youth grow, learn and take on new responsibilities.

What do you do for a living?

I am a Senior Vice President (SVP) at Bank of America and work for a group called Enterprise Fraud Management. Think financial crimes or bank fraud...ID Theft, Check and Deposit Fraud, Credit and Debit/ATM Card Fraud, Wires, ACH, Online Fraud, Mobile Fraud, etc. I work with the Industry and law enforcement on policies and strategies to prevent bank fraud and I have one public service announcement (PSA). If your banking password is the same as your Gmail / Netflix / or any other password, you are at risk and need to change your banking password to be UNIQUE from all the others...and NO easy passwords like password1 or 12345678!!

What are some of your hobbies and favorite things to do?

I am an avid sportsman / outdoorsman and enjoy both individual and team sports.

I also enjoy cooking and photography when I have the time.

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Congratulations to George Mueller



Recipient of the Silver Beaver Award

The Silver Beaver Award was introduced in 1931 and is a council-level distinguished service award of the Boy Scouts of America.

Recipients of this award are registered Scouters who have made an impact on the lives of youth through service given to the council. Our very own George Mueller was recognized on April 28th. Please help us congratulate him on such an outstanding achievement.



Advancements

February

Tenderfoot

❖ Samuel Schmedake ❖

First Class

❖ John Allocco ❖

March

Tenderfoot

❖ Christopher Cuartas ❖

Second Class

❖ William Newman ❖

April

Scout

❖ Austin Cowick ❖

❖ Clark Davenport ❖

❖ Joshua Gifford ❖

❖ Jacob Russell ❖

Tenderfoot

❖ Thomas Carpenter ❖

❖ Cole Walton ❖

Star

❖ Jack Gilmore ❖

Eagle

❖ Foster Chadwick ❖

❖ Hunter Cowick ❖

❖ Brandon Hawkins ❖

❖ Trent Merrill ❖

Eagle Bronze Palm

❖ Ethan Donaher ❖

❖ Max Loelius ❖

Calendar of Events



May 2016

5.02.2016	PLC 6:00 PM Troop Meeting 6:45 PM
5.04.2016	Venture Crew Meeting 7:00 PM
5.05.2016	Scuba class – Scout hut 7:00 PM
5.06.2016	Duke Encampment Fri-Sat
5.07.2016	NYLT Shakedown Discover Mint Hill – BBQ sales
5.09.2016	Troop Meeting 6:45 PM
5.11.2016	Venture Crew Meeting 7:00 PM
5.14.2016	Will French Eagle Scout COH Philadelphia Church 3:00 PM
5.16.2016	Troop Meeting 6:45 PM
5.17.2016	Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
5.18.2016	Venture Crew Meeting 7:00 PM
5.19.2016	Scuba class – Scout hut 7:00 PM
5.20.2016	Beaver Days/South Mountain Trip Fri-Sun
5.23.2016	Troop Committee Meeting 7:00-9:00 PM
5.25.2016	Venture Crew Meeting 7:00 PM
5.30.2016	Memorial Day – no meeting
6.01.2016	Venture Crew Meeting 7:00 PM
6.04.2016	Cemetery cleanup project
6.05.2016	Chris Chernewych Eagle COH Philadelphia Church 4:00 PM
6.11.2016	Erik LaMay Eagle COH
6.12.2016	Nicholas Sharrett Eagle COH

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If you could have dinner with anyone who would it be and why?

I would have dinner with my father. I miss him and would have a thoughtful conversation about the world today, what wisdom he would pass on and how his children and grandchildren are prospering.

What are some of the things you would like to see improved in our troop?

More adult participation, more adult participation, more adult participation. I recognize not everyone wants to be an ASM, but there are MANY other roles to contribute. The Troop is coming to a point where many active adults will be moving on and others will need to step up to continue the many and varied activities currently available.

Lastly do you have any advice you would like to give to the Scouts and parents in the troop?

To the Scouts – “You get out of it what you put into it”

To the Parents – “Get involved and make some life-long memories”

Congratulations

Camp Grimes

.....is right around the corner

- Make sure you have the [Current BSA Health form](#) turned in ASAP to the Scout hut.
- For more information about Camp Grimes, visit [here](#).
- Parents wanting to send care packages? We suggest packages mailed the day before Troop departure for early week delivery.

Mail is delivered daily to the Scoutmaster's lounge.
Address letters and packages like the following.

Scout's Name
Troop Number
Camp Grimes
383 Vein Mountain Rd
Nebo, NC 28761



**Congratulations to
Ethan Donaher on
his recent
Eagle Scout
ceremony**



congratulations!

Seniors –

Your important day is approaching. Please let us know your plans after graduation so we can highlight you in next month's newsletter!

Email Pam Fandel

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The Class Of

To all the amazing mothers and grandmothers Troop 65 wishes you a

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY**



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[BSA](#)

[Merit Badge](#) information, worksheets & more

[Troop Track](#)



Billy Hawkins – Scoutmaster



Kurt Pearson – Committee Chair



Pam Fandel – Unit Parent Coordinator