

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

For details please see the websites:

www.lafayettedistrict.org

www.ocscouts.org

JANUARY

1	New Year's Day
7	Roundtable
9	District Planning Retreat Open COPE
14	Eagle Board of Review
16	Pinewood Derby Workshop
18	MLK Day
21	Council Annual Business Mtg.
23	Dist. Award Nominations Deadline
26	Commissioner Staff Mtg
27	1st ReCharter Turn-in
28	OA Chapter Meeting Council Annual Business Mtg.
30	Eagle Banquet District Operations Workshop

FEBRUARY

4	Roundtable
5-7	Winter Fest (Venturing-Exploring)
6	District Adult Award Banquet
7-13	Scout Week
8	BSA 116 Anniversary
11	Eagle Board of Review
13	Open Tower 2nd ReCharter Turn-in
14	Valentine's Day
15	President's Day
18	District Committee Mtg
19-21	NRA Rifle Instructor Course
20	3rd ReCharter Turn-in
22	Lord Baden-Powell's Birthday
23	Commissioner Staff Mtg.
25	OA Chapter Mtg.

MARCH

3	Roundtable
5	Council Silver Beaver Banquet District MEGA Training Open COPE
10	Eagle Board of Review
11-13	Agape Lutheran Camporee Catholic Camporee – Raleigh Diocese NRA Shotgun Instructor Course
12	Commissioner College
13	Daylight Saving Begins
17	District Committee Mtg.
18-20	OA Spring Pow Wow
22	Commissioner Staff Mtg
23	IOLS Session 1
24	Maundy Thursday OA Chapter Meeting



As we begin this new year, we want to see your Scouting goals achieved!
The district staff is here for you to aid you in your efforts to bring a quality Scouting program to your youth!

2016 RECHARTER

Packet turn-in is by appointment. There are 3 dates to choose from to schedule your appointment: January 27th, February 13, and February 20.

Please see a member of the Commissioner Staff for details in scheduling times.



THE WISE OLD OWL

The wise old owl sat in the oak.

The more he saw, the less he spoke.

The less he spoke, the more he heard.

Let's all be like that wise old bird.



The 2015 District Recognition Banquet will be Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Salem United Methodist Church. Recognitions are to honor registered adults for their contributions. Nomination instructions and forms are published on the District web site lafayettedistrict.org.



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Friends of Scouting is the annual giving campaign of the Occoneechee Council that helps provide the necessary funds to ensure a quality Scouting program for every youth. All units are expected to participate each year.

To schedule a 2016 presentation for your unit, or obtain materials for your unit's spokesperson, please contact: Bill Walters: 910-818-9398 or Pat McCoy: 910-964-4785

What does a Friends of Scouting investment provide?

- ◆ Local programs and activities throughout the council territory
- ◆ Camp scholarships, uniforms and registration fees for youths who otherwise could not participate
- ◆ Scout service center that coordinate Scouting activities and provide customer service to members
- ◆ Accident and liability insurance to protect both youth and adult members
- ◆ Professional staff who counsel, guide, and inspire volunteer leadership
- ◆ Camps and facilities available for year-round camping and Cub Scout family outdoor events
- ◆ Opportunities to attend summer camp and high-adventure events
- ◆ Advancement programs where Scouts are recognized for learning and achievement of goals they set
- ◆ Distribution and development of literature and training-materials
- ◆ Leadership training for young people who will become future community leaders

ADVANCEMENT

District Advancement Chair: Barry Swift, 910-308-2731

Each Scout's Official Advancement Record is maintained at Council. To be recorded, rank advancements, merit badges and other recognitions (Whittling Chip, Totin' Chip, Mile Swim, etc.), are submitted by his unit (Pack, Troop, etc.) and NO ONE ELSE. Units are to submit advancements and recognitions on a Unit Advancement Report immediately after activity completion, not the recognition presentation. A report should be submitted at least once a month, even if only one Scout is listed.

When a Scout leaves his current unit, for any reason, that unit is to immediately prepare and give the Scout's parent/guardian a BSA TRANSFER FORM to take to his next unit, whether the new unit be across the street or anywhere world-wide. The form is to show all known accomplishments at the time of leaving. The form, # 524-401, may be downloaded from scouting.org>ScoutSource>Forms. To insure completeness, please use the BSA form instead of computer spreadsheets. Additionally, Scouts are to possess their own merit badge partial "blue cards" until merit badge completion.

Merit Badge Counselors:

All current Merit Badge Counselor registrations are effective until Apr 30, 2016. Current counselors not D76 course trained will not be registered on May 1, 2016. All new counselor registration require D76 training to be registered.

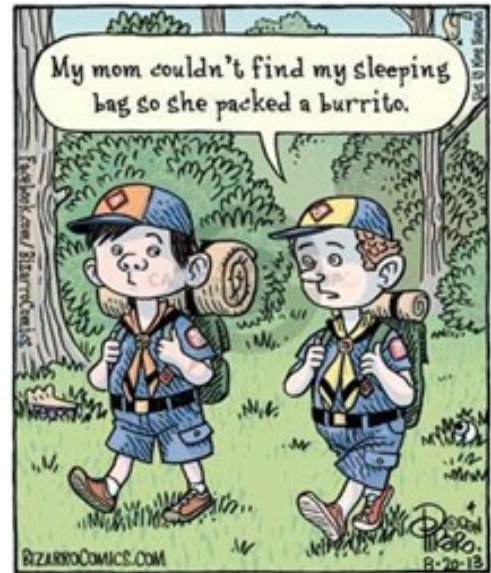
Current Merit Badge Counselors to be rechartered May 1, 2016 - Apr 30, 2017 must resubmit their Badge Selection Form to Council in April. In the Occoneechee Council, Merit Badge Counselors have their own charter year due to Council Registrar workload.

2016 Spring Camporee

13-15 May, Camp Durant

All Scouts welcome to a Star Wars Adventure
Leaders Guide available tonight.
Sign-up begins March 1st, 2016

Questions: Contact Jim Lyons
jlyons@pgsup.com



2016 District Day Camp

Want to be a member of the 2016 Staff for Day Camp this June?

Contact: Mindy Whitford
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BrownseaBuffaloBabe@gmail.com

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