

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

For details please see
The district or council websites:
www.lafayettedistrict.org
www.ocscouts.org

APRIL

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| 7 | Roundtable |
| 8-10 | Leave No Trace Training District MOST Training |
| 14 | Eagle Board of Review |
| 15-17 | OA Conclave |
| 16 | District Pinewood Derby |
| 20 | OCC Jambo Meeting |
| 21 | District Committee Mtg. |
| 22-24 | Council Cub-O-Ree |
| 26 | Commissioner Staff Mtg. |
| 28 | OA Chapter Mtg. |

MAY

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| 5-7 | Canoe Handling & Safety Course |
| 5 | Roundtable |
| 7 | Canoe/Kayak Training OPEN COPE |
| 8 | Mother's Day |
| 12 | Eagle Board of Review |
| 13-15 | District Camporee |
| 14 | First Aid Training Day Natural Rock Training |
| 18 | OCC Jambo Mtg |
| 19 | District Committee Mtg |
| 20-22 | OA Spring Inductions |
| 24 | Commissioner Staff Mtg |
| 25-27 | BSA National Meeting |
| 30 | Hope Mills Memorial Day Event Memorial Day |

JUNE

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| 2 | Roundtable |
| 4 | BSA Range Master Training |
| 9 | Dist. Eagle Board of Review |
| 13-17 | District Day Camp |
| 16 | Dist Committee Mtg. |
| 17-19 | NYLT Session 1 of 2 |
| 18 | Webelos Overnighter |
| 21 | Commissioners Staff Mtg |
| 25 | NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Course |
| 26- | Summer Camp Wk 1 |
| July 2 | |



Commissioner's Minute

Roger Rose, District Commissioner

Spring is here finally (hopefully)! This is a very busy time in scouting. We have the District Pine Wood Derby and Camporee coming up soon, please register for both. Packs are doing their end of year activities, moving up time and a summer program. Troops are getting set for summer camp. In the mist of all this let's not forget membership. This is still an ideal time to talk with friends about all scouting has to offer especially in the summer. Do not forget those moving into 8th grade. The Venturing Crews always have openings for adventure. This is a good time to review your plans for summer and have activities that are just fun also.

So enjoy your spring, but plan for the rest of the year and recruit, recruit, recruit.



APRIL ROUNDTABLE Breakout Session Topics

Cub Scouts, by Kevin & Angie Frassel
Leadership Recognition

Boys Scouts, by Ralf Vogt





FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

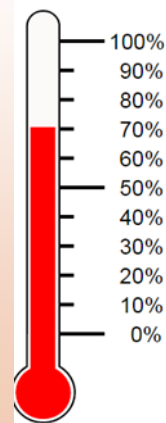
Campaign Chair: Pat McCoy

Friends of Scouting is the annual giving campaign of the Occonechee Council that helps provide the necessary funds to ensure a quality Scouting program for every youth. All units are expected to participate each year. Thank you for your continued support of the Scouting Program. Your support of your valuable time and continued funding to our youth is priceless.

Our goal for 2016 is \$94,000. At the end of March our district was just over 70% of that goal! Let's keep the momentum going and be the first in the council this year to exceed our goal.

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



STEM

District Champion, Sonia Patton
stem@lafayettedistrict.org

Have you heard of STEM? It stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and it is a great opportunity to bring new life you units. STEM is part of everything we do every day!

Do you know a boy who loves to tinker, figure out how things work, or loves technology—there's a place in scouts for him to shine!!!

For questions regarding incorporating STEM easily into your program,

QUARTERMASTER

Robert Lucas
quartermaster@lafayettedistrict.org

Planning an event for your unit and short on equipment resources? Need ideas how to grow you own unit's supplies in a cost effective manner?

Reach out to the District Quartermaster. The district has equipment and resources available to make your scouting activities a success.



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Chapter Advisor: Kevin Wolfe
OA_Advisor@lafayettedistrict.org

We are proud to report that our Chapter Ceremony team took First Place in the Lodge Ordeal Ceremony Competition this past month during Spring Pow-Wow. The team put in a lot of hard work and dedication to pull off this feat. The Team consisted of Joey Rogers Jr, Greg Koonce, Armando Reyes, and Leonardo Reyes. This team is looking forward to the year as they will be one of the front runners of the Lodge Ceremonies this year.

With unit elections over we are now preparing for the Chapter Call-Out Ceremony during the Spring Camporee. The Chapter will continue to have their Trading Post with all types of goodies. We will also be selling Chapter T-Shirts and Chapter Patches. We are also putting a request out to Arrowmen to help out by volunteering to be TorchBearers during the Ceremony.

Conclave Registration is still open if you have any Arrowmen interested in going they MUST Pre-Register at <https://conclaveregistration.org/> ASAP. If you have any Questions please Contact Kevin (Redhood420@hotmail.com)



Has your unit done something you'd like to share with the district?

We want to share and celebrate it too!!! Send articles and pictures to any of the following:

District Website: webmaster@lafayettedistrict.org ❖ District Newsletter: BrownseaBuffaloBabe@gmail.com

Post to or tag the District Facebook Page: BSA Lafayette District NC

PROGRAMS

Committee Chair: Jim Lyons
program@lafayettedistrict.org

District Program is looking for two experienced scouts to fill the Activities and Civic Service Chair and also the Camping and Outdoor Activities Chair. Both of these District positions are tremendous opportunities to contribute to scouting in the district and to put your signature on district scouting events. If you have questions or are interested, contact a Jim...Jim Swann, Jim Sheckels, or Jim Lyons.

CAMPS

2016 Spring Camporee

13-15 May, Camp Durant
All Scouts welcome to a
Star Wars Adventure
Sign-up begins March 1st, 2016



Cub Scout Day Camp

June 13-17
Registration is now open



Preparations are underway for this year's
full-day camp where you can CHOOSE YOUR
HERO!!!

Contact: Mindy Whitford
909-268-0773, BrownseaBuffaloBabe@gmail.com

Scout Camp, Summer 2016

Have you registered your troop for scout camp yet? Reservations can be made now—slots fill up quickly

2017 Spring Camporee

Do you want to make District Camporee a unique experience, Sign up to be the Camporee Chief for the 2017 Spring or Fall Camporee. You, your den, troop or team can design the Camporee you want and challenge the others scouts.

Contact Jim Lyons if interested, jlyons@pgsup.com

ADVANCEMENT

District Advancement Chair: Barry Swift
advancement@lafayettedistrict.org

Attention Merit Badge Counselors! Our counselor registrations EXPIRE April 30th. Our position is a Council position (not unit!) and we have our own charter year: May 1 to April 30th. April is our recharter month. Current Merit Badge Counselor registrations will automatically be rechartered IF, (1) your YPT currency expires no later than April 30, **2017** (it must be current for the full charter year) and (2) you resubmit the Council's current Merit Badge Counselor Badge Selection Form (download from ocscouts.org>resources>other forms) to reaffirm the merit badges you counsel. Send your Selection Form to the Council Registrar by mail, email (tiffany.adams@scouting.org) or drop it off at the Cumberland Scout Shop.

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>Scout Source>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.

Contact Barry Swift, [910-308-2731](tel:910-308-2731) (C) with any advancement questions.

TRAINING CORNER

Training Coordinator: Ken Butler
training@lafayettedistrict.org

Training Opportunities Abound!

April is upon us. We should all remember the old adage...*April showers bring May flowers*. So with any outing that you may have scheduled, remember your rain gear! Because if you don't, it **will** be a learning experience.

MOST is upon us. The courses taught at MOST will be conducted at Camp Agape, which is located between Lillington and Fuquay Varina. Hopefully all of you have registered by now! I look forward to seeing you there!

