

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

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

MAY

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

JUNE

2	Roundtable
4	BSA Range Master Training
9	Dist. Eagle Board of Review
13-17	Dist. Day Camp
15	Jambo Mtg
17-19	NYLT Session 1 of 2
17-18	Webelos Overnighter
19	Father's Day
21	Dist. Commissioner Staff Mtg.
23	OA Chapter Meeting
25	NRA Chief Range Safety Officer Course
26-	Summer Camp Week 1
July 2	

JULY

1-3	NYLT Session 2 of 2
3-9	Summer Camp Week 2
7	Dist. Roundtable
9	Dist. Mid-Year Retreat
10-16	Summer Camp Week 3
14	Dist. Eagle Board of Review
17-23	Summer Camp Week 4
24-30	Summer Camp Week 5
28	OA Chapter Meeting



Commissioner's Minute

Roger Rose, District Commissioner
commissioner@lafayettedistrict.org

LaFayette District, there are several short and long term items that units need to make commitments for involvements. The Spring Camporee is almost here, if you have not registered now is your last chance to confirm a t shirt. This is going to be the largest Camporee that we have had in several years and promises to be a lot of fun. There will be prizes for scouts youth and adult wearing Star Wars costumes, so be sure to plan to be your favorite character. Cubs, be sure to bring a rain gutter regatta boat to race at Camporee. Adults in troop and packs remember to cook a great dish for our Dutch oven contest. I am sure that your unit could use a new oven or some cooking tools.

Planning ahead – the district needs a unit that would like to provide and sponsor a float with Highlands District in the Fayetteville Christmas Parade. At last year's parade the scouts of Cumberland County showed almost 200 scouts to the city and to the television station. If you want more information, contact Roger Rose

The District key 3 and other leaders now have a roster showing each unit's key 3 with their phone numbers. If you change committee Chair, COR or unit leader please notify, Roger Rose, District Commissioner at bobwhite538@embarqmail.com to have your unit updated.

LION PROGRAM

From Scouting Magazine

Our first look at the new T-shirts, caps, and other gear, to be worn by Lions — members of the pilot program for kindergarten boys set to roll out in participating councils this fall. They'll help Lions look cool and feel like they're part of something great. Which they are. Lions introduces boys to the fun and values of Scouting in an age-appropriate way...





FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Campaign Chair: Pat McCoy

The Friends Of Scouting 2016 Yearly Campaign Continues. "All Pledges and Contributions are tax deductible and a great investment in your sons' scouting futures." Occoneechee Council and Lafayette District would like to offer each Scouting Family the opportunity to invest in the 2016 F.O.S. Campaign. All the funds are invested in the Occoneechee Council Scouting Program. We are currently at 80% of our 2016

contribution goal, and leading the council in contributions!

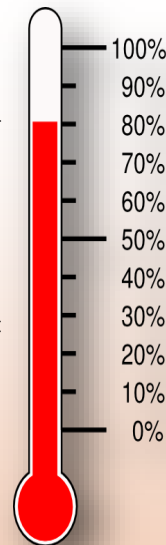
"Some Lafayette Scouting Families asked me to contact them after tax season, so I am again asking All Lafayette Units to please send out an e-mail in your units to each Scouts' Family and give them the opportunity to support F.O.S. in their family name. If they have already given their F.O.S. pledge, we all thank them very much.

When donations come in! Contact: for gift items:
Pat McCoy 910 964-4785 or Bill Walters 910 818-9398

Several Units are very close to receiving Dutch Ovens for Unit Goals. Contact Pat McCoy 910 964-4785

"Thank You All for Your Support of Scouting in Lafayette District and Occoneechee Council."

Yours In Scouting
Pat McCoy



MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING

Committee Chair: Maureen Stover
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To help with our recruiting efforts, BSA created a Marketing and Membership Hub. The Hub has Tools & Ideas to increase your unit's membership. Be sure to check out this fantastic resource at: scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/unit-recruiting

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.

STEM

District Champion, Sonia Patton
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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 every-

thing 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, contact Sonia.

YOUTH PROTECTION

District Champion: John Sifuentes
ypt@lafayettedistrict.org



Training Tip:

Use Google Chrome or Firefox web browsers to access the new my.scouting.org website to take your Youth Protection Training. The new site is not supported well by Internet Explorer.

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

CAMPS

2016 Spring Camporee

Spring Camporee is right after next week.

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



Five updates for leaders:

- 1) After last weekend's leaders walk-thru, I highly suggest that all scouts include in their ten essentials tick repellent and trail snacks.
- 2) Please make sure all scouts bring some form of water container.
- 3) There is a need for some adult leader volunteers to be safeties at some events. The youth volunteers will run the event, but for added safety an extra set of adult eyes is requested.
- 4) Finally, there is a slight change to the schedule. There will not be an assembly at 1:30, but instead this will be the time the events start back up. Some of events are long in time and those scouts starting with 30 minutes of the program lunch time will be allow to finish but be using their lunch time. New schedules will be handed out along with maps at arrival, check-in, and Friday night leader's meeting.
- 5) To the packs attending the camporee. The boys will be able to (should) bring their raingutter regatta boats from home, already assembled. We will not have time to prepare boats at camp. I will have a few boats as backup for those who do not wish to bring from home.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there, costumes are encouraged, bring your force!

Cub Scout Day Camp

June 13-17



Are your cubs ready to Find Their Hero! We're ready to help!!! Registration is open at ocscouts.org. Check your inbox the next coming week for information to share with your pack leaders and boys. Parent meetings and Adult/Youth orientations begin this month!! If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Whitford, 909-268-0773, Brownsea-BuffaloBabe@gmail.com or daycamp@lafayettedistrict.org

Scout Camp, Summer 2016

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

ADVANCEMENT

District Advancement Chair: Barry Swift
advancement@lafayettedistrict.org

Unit Leaders, BE PREPARED! As we approach the summer months the membership of your units will change for it's the prime time that military families move to new duty stations. To insure that outgoing and incoming Scouts get full credit for their achievements, please comply with the guidance in the next two paragraphs.

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 (C) with any advancement questions.

ACTIVITIES & CIVIC SERVICE

Need to find Service Opportunities?

There's a new site, JustServe.org, that connects you to service opportunities in your area; you can also download it as an app. If you have a service opportunity you'd like to share, it can be posted on the site for others to find. The site is in it's infancy, but taking hold quickly.



EAGLES NEST

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts!

March 2016

C. Lewis, T-787
L. Whittenton, T-711
C. Miles, T-767

April 2016

W. Godwin, T-11
C. Palush, T-701
K. Palush, T-701
Z. Mead T-701
J. Sibbett, T-701
G. Hurley T-747



RECOGNITIONS

Our district is doing some amazing things! The youth are working hard to contribute to our community as they work toward rank advancements. Our adult leaders dedicate countless hours to helping these youth succeed.

As a district, we want to be sure we give the thanks and kudos everyone deserves!!!

Greetings Lafayette District, on April 16th we held our district pinewood derby. We had over 100 Scouts in participating representing 15 of the 23 Packs in the district. The day began with excitement as our participants march into the racing arena as parents and families cheered in a processional that honored our Scouts hard work and success. There was food, excitement, and a good time had by all. On behalf of Pack 716 and Stoney Point Baptist Church we want to thank all of the Parent, District, and Scout volunteers. Without the hard work and dedication of everyone we would not have had such a great event. Results will be posted on the district website and please send all of your pictures to the Lafayette district Facebook page! Thank you again for your support and participation!