

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

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

DECEMBER

1	Roundtable Dist. VOA
3	Hope Mills Christmas Parade OA Lodge Winter Banquet
4	Carolina Hurricanes Scout Day
8	Dist. Eagle Board of Review
10	Fayetteville Rotary Christmas Parade Open COPE
15	Dist. Committee Mtg
20	Dist. Commissioner Staff Mtg
25	Christmas
24-Jan 1	Hanukkah

JANUARY

5	Roundtable
7	District Planning Retreat
12	Dist. Eagle Board of Review
14	First Aid Training Carolina Hurricanes Scout Day
24	Commissioner Staff Mtg.
26	OA Chapter Meeting
28	District Operations Workshop

FEBRUARY

2	Roundtable Dist VOA
4	District Awards Dinner
5	Scout Sunday
5-11	Scout Week
8	BSA Anniversary
9	Dist Eagle Board of Review
10-12	Winterfest
11	Scout Sabbath Open Tower Recharter Turn-in
12	NRA Basic Instructor Training
16	Dist. Committee Meeting
17-19	NRA Rifle Instructor Course
18	First Aid Training Tread Trainer Course Recharter Turn-in
22	Baden-Powell's Birthday
23	OA Chapter Meeting
26	Carolina Hurricanes Scout Day
28	Dist. Commissioner Staff Mtg.



DISTRICT KEY 3 MESSAGE

key3@lafayettedistrict.org
Jim Sheckels, District Chair

Your District Key 3 is excited and looking forward to a GREAT year for LaFayette in 2017. Jim, Tim, and Bill all stand ready to serve you in any way we can to make this a banner year for

our district, as well as for Occoneechee Council.

Please welcome Tim Kohring as the newly nominated District Commissioner for LaFayette District. Tim takes the reins from Roger Rose, having served our district for several years as Commissioner. Tim is charged with the function of Unit Service, including recruiting, training, and developing our Commissioner Staff to provide Unit Service through the Unit Commissioners and through the Roundtable.

Jim Sheckels has accepted the duties of District Chairman once again. Please join him in developing the district operations team for Finance, Marketing & Membership, and Program. We need your gifts and talents to ensure Lafayette continues as the best district in the council!

Accepting service to you in the functions are our District Vice-Chairs: Monica Ezzell as Membership & Marketing; Jim Lyons for Program; and Maureen "Mo" Stover in Finance.

The remaining district named positions will be made official during the District Committee meeting on 15 December after Jim discusses each position with the Vice Chairs to confirm who will be serving the district in those areas in 2017.

The annual District Planning Retreat is scheduled for 7 January at Post 32, The American Legion. We ask for YOUR input to develop the goals and programs for 2017. Drop a note to any of the district leaders mentioned above, or send them to with the address key3@lafayettedistrict.org. You may use any of the district email addresses shown on our web site for the Vice Chairs as well.

We also welcome our Members At-Large for service in the coming year; the list is lengthy, so please visit the web site to view those names: <http://lafayettedistrict.org/officers.html>. Please note that the Program and Special functions section continue to show the 2016 appointed positions and this will be updated just after the December District Committee meeting.

Let's have a GREAT SCOUT YEAR!

Your Key 3 –

Jim Sheckels, Chairman
Tim Kohring, Commissioner
Bill Walters, Director

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***Congratulations Lafayette District !!!
We have reached 100% of our
FOS contribution goal!!!***

While we've met our goal for the 2016 campaign, we don't have to stop...I have pledge cards available and will be glad to assist anyone who would like to "Invest in a Program for Heroes".
YIS, Pat McCoy, 910 964-4785



DISTRICT ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable is a great way to meet and network with other Scouters.

Meetings are the first Thursday of every month and provide the latest information from the Council as well as breakout sessions tailored to help you be the most successful Scout leader possible.

**All leaders are welcome to attend —
there's something for everyone!**

2017 UNIT CHARTER RENEWALS

Get started on your recharter packets now to make the process easier for you...

December

- ⇒ Review list of currently registered adults and youth. Determine:
 - Adults who are staying in current positions for next year's charter. ❖ Adults who need to be removed from next year's charter.
 - Adults needing to be added to next year's charter.
 - Youth who will remain on next year's charter. ❖ Youth who will be removed from next year's charter (make sure their scout records have been transferred to their new scouting unit). ❖ Youth who need to be added to next year's charter.
- ⇒ Begin to collect completed Adult and Youth applications and Youth Protection Certificates for ALL adults and youth who will be registered on next year's charter. Charter end date will be 02/28/2018.
- ⇒ Make a commitment to have 100% trained leaders in the coming year and watch how quickly your program soars! Identify leaders who can do training online. Have all other leaders commit to attend the Spring Trainings offered by the district.

January ⇒ Follow the instructions for internet recharter to electronically update all information for your unit(s) as determined in the first bullet above. ❖ Collect remaining Adult and Youth Applications

February ⇒ Turn in all recharter paperwork as notated on turn-in envelope at your designated appointment.



YOUTH PROTECTION

District Champion: John Sifuentes; ypt@lafayettedistrict.org

YPT training DVDs are now available. These are great to use when you want to train a group of people simultaneously.

Email John for a copy.

LEADER TIP

Our youth members are all properly referred to as SCOUTS; in each program level, there are additional terms to refer to youth members and their units:

Ensure YOU know the proper words for our program levels:

Cub Scouts, often referred to as Cubs and Webelos;
members of Dens in a Pack.

Boy Scouts, members of Patrols in a Troop.

Varsity Scouts, members of Squads in a Teams.

Venturers, members of a Crew.

Sea Scouts. Members of a Ship.

Explorers, members of a Post.

Note that Venture Scout, Venture Patrol, Venture, are outdated terms, and referred to members of an older Scout Patrol in a Troop.

VENTURERS is the proper term for the members of a CREW in the program called VENTURING.

Adults in Scouting may be collectively referred to as Scouters, adult leaders, or by their position name singularly or collectively (Wolf Den Leader vs Den Leader; Crew Advisor, Associate Advisor vs Advisors; etc. -both terms acceptable).

We have each one of the unit types in LaFayette District – when referring to our programs and planning activities, please be all inclusive, as needed, and do not leave anyone out!



Make sure your unit contact information is up to date at least quarterly at BeAScout.org



DISTRICT RECOGNITIONS: ANNUAL ADULT LEADER AWARDS DINNER

FEBRUARY 4, 2017— SAVE THE DATE
Salem United Methodist Church
2165 Middle Road, Eastover, NC 28312

Your nominations for the awards are due in not later than 13 January 2017. The nominations forms will be available on the district web site soon—www.lafayettedistrict.org. You can go to the web site and click the green button marked: recognition. At this site you can see who received awards in the past.

Think about which of your leaders you will nominate; there are so many deserving leaders! Every year we have some awards that are not given because no one was nominated. The individual MUST be registered in the position they are nominated for. Please put your name and phone number on the form so that we can contact you with any questions. There is not much room on the form to write so feel free to use an additional sheet with your nomination narrative.

Adults not in a registered leader position, can be nominated for a Leadership certificate. Businesses and charter organizations who have aided scouting can receive a leadership certificate as well.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Barry Swift, bsceltbear@aol.com or Roger Rose, bobwhite538@embarqmail.com

The categories of awards are:

District Award of Merit (2 awarded comes with square knot)
Lifetime Achievement
Scouter of the Year
District Committee Member of the Year
Commissioner of the Year

COR of the Year
Pack, Troop, Crew/Post committee member of Year
Cub Master, Scoutmaster, Venturing Advisor of the Year
Trainer of the Year
Den Leader of the Year

SCOUTING SKATE & RECRUITING NIGHT

7-8:30 pm Monday, January 9th

Round-a-Bout Skate Center

115 Skateway Dr., Fayetteville

Cub Scouts

Boy Scouts

Venture Crew

Sea Scouts

Spectators & Scout Meet-n-Greet get in Free

Skaters \$5



LEADER TRAINING

District Trainer: Ken Butler
training@lafayettedistrict.org

Hello all! The year is slowly coming to an end. But let's remember those that have helped make this a great year. Now is the perfect time to honor our leaders by encouraging them to apply for training awards. I'm sure most leaders have earned some type of training award if they will just take the opportunity to complete the form. You may find progress records for training awards at <http://www.scouting.org/training/adult.aspx>. Once completed, please forward them to your District Training Chair.

The next year starts with training such as IOLS on January 13 & 14, sponsored by Crosswinds and Black River Districts at Camp Durant. Registration is required by January 6. And let's not forget the District Committee Workshop on January 28.

All in all, next year looks promising with all types of adult leader training and other events. See you soon!

Merry Christmas! Ken Butler, Training Chair

Upcoming District Trainings

MEGA: March 4, 2017 & MOST: April 28-30, 2017

see district or council websites for more information on costs, details, and locations

DISTRICT PROGRAMS

Programs Chair: Jim Lyons

Programs is still looking for a scout to chair activities, a great position to help get the word out into the community on everything scouting does for our community and the scouts. In performing these duties they are supporting scout recruiting, an area the district could improve.

2017 Spring Camporee at Camp Reeves, Mar 31 - 2 Apr, will begin registration at the Jan 2017 Roundtable.

2017 Fall Camporee at Camp Durant, 13 - 15 Oct, is still looking for interested adults to head Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs. A great opportunity to contribute to the development of District scouts. See Charlie Coghill for more information and/or if interested.

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

2017 Camp Director: Axia Downing
2017 Program Director: Carlos Tyson
daycamp@lafayettedistrict.org

Planning is getting under way for our 2017 Summer Cub Scout Day Camp.

If you would like to be part of the process in making a superb camp for these young boys, please contact Axia or Carlos



ADVANCEMENT

District Advancement Chair: Barry Swift
advancement@lafayettedistrict.org

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 wait for the recognition presentation. A report should be submitted at least once a month, even if only one Scout is listed.

Troop, Team, Crew and Ship Leaders:

1. As soon as a Scout earns Life Scout rank, immediately assign him an Eagle Scout eligible leadership position and put him to work! A unit may have any number of Instructors! For Scouts that have earned Eagle Scout rank, the most logical leadership position is Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Keep older Scouts involved!

2. Merit Badge Counselor (MBC) is a Council position, NOT a unit position. Under password protection, Council maintains the master MBC roster listing all registered MBCs with the merit badges they counsel. The roster password is now available to unit Direct Contact Leaders (Scoutmaster, Team Coach, etc.). Contact District Advancement Chairman Barry Swift (910-308-2731/bsceltbear@aol.com) for the password. The password is restricted to adults only and NOT to be accessible to any youth!

3. When an MBC signs off a merit badge as completed, it is earned. The Scout submits his "blue card" to his unit for immediate processing into the unit's records and the submission of a Unit Advancement Report to Council. This process may not be delayed by any unit imposed requirement, to include a Unit Leader Conference

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



STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)
District Champion, Sonia Patton
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BSA is emphasizing STEM through its Nova/Super Nova Counselor program. Please contact our District STEM Chairperson Sonia Patton, ironwomen50@yahoo.com, 254-258-2850, for details.

Nova Counselors and Supernova Mentors

With the introduction of the new Nova and Supernova awards comes a fresh opportunity for volunteer positions.

A Nova counselor can be any registered adult age 21 or older. They must be registered under the new non-unit position and no fee is required. The Nova counselor code is 58.

Supernova mentors must be 21 or older and be subject matter experts in a STEM field and be registered under the new Supernova Mentor position code 52.

Registration for Nova or Super Nova Counselor is similar to that for Merit Badge Counselor: Fill out an Adult Application, get trained in the position, insure YPT doesn't expire prior to April 30th NEXT year, fill out the NOVA application and submit all four documents to the Cumberland Scout Shop for the District Advancement Chairman's approval for submission to Council. Nova/Super Nova Counselor is a Council position, not a unit one, there is no fee and the applicant doesn't have to be registered anywhere else in BSA.



EAGLES NEST

Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts!

November 2016

J. Maddox, T-29
J. Robinson, T-29
S. Creed, T-711
P. Parker, T-711

G. Warren, T-711
J Jayne, T-745
C. Boliek, T-747

To see all 52 of our District's 2016 Eagle recipients, check out the Eagle's Nest on the District Website:
www.lafayettedistrict.org