TOP CLOUDS: 10-18-13

NEW BSA HEADLINES:

Scouts Work on the Hornaday Award. Last weekend Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts and Boy Scouts from Pack 19, and Troops 19, 55, 167 and 777 participated in a fun-filled outdoor experience that involved the McDowell Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Lee S. Dukes, Jr. Water Treatment Plant, the Blue Planet Water Environmental Center, Rural Hill Farm, and Latta Plantation for a variety of exciting activities. Please go to: www.mccapche.org. for more details on the weekend.

Mecklenburg County Council will Recognize the President James K. Polk Historic Site. MCC will present a Certificate of Recognition to the staff of the Polk Historic Site on **November 2nd at 1:00 PM** for their continuing support of Scouting through opportunities for Eagle Scout projects, unit service projects, and providing day trip opportunities for units.

The Councils recognition will be part of the annual birthday celebration of President Polk which will include historic cooking demonstrations, children's' games and other hands on activities from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The historic site is located at: 12031 Lancaster Highway, Pineville, NC 26134. Admission is free. We are also encouraging as many scouts as we can to attend the special ceremony at 1:00 PM.

Duke Power – Explore the Outdoors at the Energy Explorium: Prepare to be inspired and motivated to get outdoors when you attend "Explore the Outdoors". This event will offer fun and exciting outdoor activities aimed at educating and reconnecting children of all ages to the wonders of the outdoors. Hands on activities will include fly fishing, rock climbing, geocaching, wildlife encounters as well as interactive exhibits focusing on outdoor safety, the environment, conservation and more. Bring your own fishing rod and test your skills at the lake.

This event will be held on **October 26th from noon to 4:00 PM** at the McGuire Nuclear Station located at 13339 Hagers Ferry Road, Huntersville, NC 28078. Just off Highway 73 at the Power Station.

This event is free and open to the public. Lunch is available for purchase. For more information, please call: 980-875-5600. This is a great day time event for both Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops.

Survival Bracelet Opportunity: Pack 80 is selling Survivor Bracelets as a fundraiser to help purchase a new Pinewood Derby Track for the unit. Now … the question is … what is a Survivor Bracelet? It is a ten foot piece of 550 Type III Paracord that is woven into a bracelet that can be utilized as part of your outdoor emergency safety equipment.

Potential uses are only limited by your own imagination; however, here are a few proven uses: broken boot laces while hiking; quick thread needs; lashing material for a temporary shelter; replacing broken straps on a kayak or making filed repairs to a backpack; bear bag cordage, etc. Paracord is one of the most versatile pieces of equipment that you can take on a trip. It is convenient, tough as nails and it is inexpensive.

The pack is offering two color combinations: traditional green camo and a pink camo. Bracelets can be purchased as a kit with instructions which is a great activity for scouts or completely finished. They come in sizes: Xtra Small (6 inches), Medium (7

inches), Large (9 inches), and Xtra large (10 inches). Please measure your wrist and then add 1 ¼" to that for the correct sizing.

Bracelets cost $5.00 which covers the materials and contributes $2.50 towards the new Pinewood Derby Track. Please contact Angie White at: 704-588-0167 or pack80@scarycrow.com for more information.

BSA NATIONAL NEWS:

Summit Summer Adventures! BSA recently announced the new 2014 High Adventure programs that will be available at the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base at the Summit. Council Contingents, units, and individuals will have the opportunity to plug into one of two specific programs: **The Summit Experience** which will give participants the opportunity to try all nine sports venues; and, the **Specialized Adventure** where you will get to experience three days on the action sport of your choice (The River; The Marksman; Helmets & Harnesses; and Wheels) followed by three half day adventures from any of the nine Summit Experience activity areas. There is also a specialized **Adventure Photography** segment that will be open to a limited few folks.

Please go to www.scouting.org for more details, cost information, and program dates.

Voice of the Scout: Many of you have received an email from BSA requesting that you take a few minutes to complete a very simple survey about your current experience in Scouting. Please take the time to complete the survey and let your opinions be heard by those that are shaping our future. These all go to an outside market research firm and no individual identities should be shared with anyone directly connected with Scouting.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS:

DISTRICT ITEMS:

The Spirit of Apache will be our theme for this year's Apache District Fall Camporee that will be held at Belk Scout Camp on November 15th – 17th. The cost will be $10.00 per person and is due prior to October 7th deadline.

Please contact Lois Layer at 704-756-3209 or llayerowl@gmail.com for any questions. For more information as well as the Camporee handbook, please go to the Apache District web site at: http://www.mccscouting.org/Districts/Apache/DistrictActivities/Camporee.aspx

Key Apache District Dates:

Apache Camporee November 15th – 16th, Belk Scout Camp

Apache District Recognition Banquet December 12th, MP Pres. Oxford Hall

Apache Web Site Helps: Please go to our district web site at www.mccapache.org for two segments that we believe will be beneficial to both units and adult leaders. The first segment is aptly named Around the Campfire where unit leaders, parents and friends can see potential options for a weekend or day trip, suggestions where Eagle projects are needed, and just good old discussion topics. There is also an excellent resource guide for new parents to learn more about the BSA terminology as well as suggested gear guides for your families.

There is also a Fundraising Section where units can post specific information about an upcoming fund raising event so folks outside their immediate unit may have the option to participate and help out.

TRAINING:

Please check out our web site: **www.mcctraining.org** for the latest and greatest training opportunities and course descriptions. Here are some of the upcoming events:

SEALS Training Camp	November 8th – 10th, Belk Scout
Outdoor Leadership Skills Camp	November 8th – 10th, Belk Scout

ORDER OF THE ARROW:

To Submit a Notice:

If you have any information you would like to share with the district, please send that information to e-newsletter@apachemcc.org and it will be forwarded to the team to be added. Please make sure you have your contact information included should there be any questions.

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