TOP CLOUDS: 8-29-13

BSA NATIONAL NEWS:

Calling All Moms! Please check out the exciting collaboration between Scouting and parents at: www.CubScouts.org. Called **Cub Hub**, it's a digital portal where parents of current and potential Cub Scouts can find original content and the best of the web, all in one place. It is also a place where Scouting families can post their own Scout-related content from Facebook, Pinterest, YouTube, and other social media outlets.

New Sustainability Merit Badge debuted at this summer's national jamboree; and, on January 1st, 2014, it will join the list of Eagle-required merit badges as an alternative to Environmental Science,

MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS:

Trailblazer Adventure Day 2013 is set for Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Belk Scout Camp. This will help introduce families to various Scouting activities with a variety of crafts, rock climbing, zip line, fishing, BB guns, living history, archery, boating, BMX track, Scouting games and much more. The cost is $10.00 per person if purchased prior to October 2nd and $12.00 after that. Space will be limited to the first 800 people that sign up.

Each paid admission will also receive a 2013 Camp Card that entitles folks to receive discounts at Harris Teeter, Coca-Cola, Walgreens, Jiffy Lube, Carowinds, Shane's Rib Shack, Hawthorne's Pizza, Loco Line and Kickstand Burgers.

Carolina Raptor Center has indicated that they have plenty of service projects available that range from just a few hours to the complete scope of Eagle projects. Have fun, learn and give back to the community all in one location. Please contact Mr. Jim Warren at: 704-857-6521 x 112 or at jwarren@carolinaraptorcenter.org.

Trail's End Popcorn Sales will be starting soon. New Products, New Prizes and New Incentives are only part of the 2013 MCC Popcorn Sales Program. Trail's End has added several new flavors to their product offerings including Bacon Ranch, Buffalo Cheddar Cheese, Jalapeno Cheddar Cheese, Dark and White Chocolately Drizzle, and Sour Cream and Onion in addition to many of our regular favorites.

Key dates for this event are:

August 1st	Online Sales begin
September 11th	Council Kick-Off
September 28th	Sale Begins
November 28th	Prize Request Deadline for units

Please get your unit "Popcorn Kernel" identified and your team organized and ready to go. You can contact Terrie Baily at terrie.bailey@scouting.org for more information.

DISTRICT NEWS:

Highland Games is the theme for this year's Apache Fall Cuboree that will take place

on October 11th – 13th at Belk Scout Camp. This is the largest Scouting event of the year and will provide families the opportunity to camp with a variety of archery, caber toss, tug-of-war, sack races for Cub Scouts. Webelos Scouts will also have an opportunity to participate in the outdoor climbing wall as well as the Readyman and Outdoorsman belt loops. The cost is $12.00 per person and that includes all activities, Saturday lunch, a cup and commemorative patch. Kilts optional!

For all new parents, we would highly recommend that you also visit our Apache District web site: www.mccapache.org and go to the **Around the Campfire** section to review the suggested gear guide for this event.

Key Apache District Dates:

School Nights - **Membership**	September – TBD
Trailblazer Adventure Day	October 5th – Belk Scout Camp
Apache Cuboree	October 11th – 13th, Belk Scout Camp
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.

Pack 80 Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, September 21st, from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM located at Pleasant Hill Church, 15000 York Road, Charlotte, NC 28278. The cost is $5.00 per person for ages 3 and up. The proceeds will be going to help them purchase a new Pinewood Derby Track. For any questions, please contact Angela White at: angie@scarycrow.com .

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:

Powder Horn (MCC + CNCC)	September 6th-9th Camp Barnhardt
Scouter Success Seminar	September 28, 7:00AM - 5:00PM CPCC
Wilderness First Aid Training	October 112th – 13th, Belk Scout Camp
SEALS Training	November 8th – 10th, Belk Scout Camp
Outdoor Leadership Skills	November 8th – 10th, Belk Scout

Camp

ORDER OF THE ARROW:

OA Ordeal	August 23rd – 25th, Belk Scout Camp
OA Fall Fellowship:	October 4th – 6th, Belk Scout Camp

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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