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BSA NATIONAL NEWS:

MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS:

DISTRICT NEWS:

Highland Games is the theme for this year's Apache District 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. We would strongly encourage all Pack Leaders to share this with any of their new parents that you have recently recruited into your unit. Getting through their initial family camping event will go a long way to helping keep everyone happy and committed to Scouting with their sons. Please also let each family know what to expect around meal times and whether the unit will be doing things as a group and/or individually.

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 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.

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.

Be Prepared! Does your family have a formal Disaster Plan? Despite being quite a ways from the Atlantic coastline, Hurricane Hugo did have a significant impact upon Charlotte twenty-four years ago when it went inland and then turned north towards Charlotte. We also have experienced power losses from ice storms, tornadoes, and flooding. So … the question is Are You Prepared? Please take a few minutes to review your own household plan and/or commit to creating one. You can take the BSA Weather Hazards Training this weekend at the council **Scouter Success Seminar** shown below. You area also encouraged to go to: www.ready.gov/kids or www.readync.org. for more help.

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:

Wilderness First Aid Training	October 12th – 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:

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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