

TOP CLOUDS: 8.1.21 edition

An online edition of this Apache District Newsletter can also be found at <http://www.mccscouting.org/smoke-signals>

Apache Roundtable for Thursday, August 12 2021, 7:00 p.m. will meet in-person at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 6828 Old Reid Road, Charlotte, NC 28210.

6:00 p.m. Eagle Project Proposal In-person Reviews

6:15 p.m. District Committee Meeting

7:00 p.m. Cracker Barrel, Meet and Greet

7:30 p.m. General Session: Opening Flag ceremony, Invocation, District Updates, Training Awards, Announcements, RT Commissioner's Minute

7:50 p.m. Breakout Session:

8:45 p.m. "Leave No Trace" clean-up, Roundtable ends

Thursday, September 9, 2021, Next Roundtable

Agendas will be posted at <https://www.mccscouting.org/apache-roundtables>

Apache Roundtable Commissioner Brady Drummond-Ryan, bradydryan@gmail.com

Eagle Project Proposal Reviews

Scouts may request virtual reviews. Scouts should follow instructions for scheduling posted at <https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>, then Project Review Information.

Recruiting Ideas for Your Unit

Bryan on Scouting Blog, July 8, 2021

"Cub Scout recruiting season is near; #CubChatLive has you covered"

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/07/08/cub-scout-recruiting-season-is-near-cubchatlive-has-you-covered/>

Cub Scout Meetings – Where Do We Go?

If your Charter Org is closed, you can still meet outside. Now is a great time to keep the outing in Scouting. Meet at public parks – Town or County parks are open. If you can't have traditional Den Meetings, meet as a Pack and let the Scouts learn Scout skills – some may be advanced or repeats, but get them outside and have them bring a friend!!

For more information or ideas, contact Apache Membership Chair Andy Waligowski at andy.waligowski@gmail.com

Cub Scout leaders

These resources may be helpful to planning Cub programs:

<https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29281/Lion-Leader-Parent-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29282/Tiger-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29283/Wolf-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29284/Bear-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://www.sgcbasa.org/files/29285/Webelos-Leader-Guide-pdf>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/10/05/den-leader-guides-cub-scout-leader-book-available-in-print-and-digital-formats/>

These Cub Scout Adventures video resources can help your next den meeting:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/08/25/these-cub-scout-adventures-video-resources-can-help-your-next-den-meeting/>

Merit Badge Information

Current merit badge requirements:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

Unofficial, optional merit badge workbooks: <http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp>

Blue Card Guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R-9a4mZuGMgrR1SECJdKsMkt4c4kxda4/view?usp=sharing>

Merit Badge Homework Guide:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jm7GIJ9V9FbZZQTVU3hO74bc_yaiXkBN/view?usp=sharing

Official BSA merit badge pamphlets:

Troop library or Mecklenburg County Council Scout Shop or www.scoutshop.org

Printed and digital editions for Kindle: www.smile.amazon.com

Merit badges for social distancing: 58 badges Scouts can complete at home
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/20/merit-badges-for-social-distancing/>

Movies for Merit Badge Advancement

<https://www.mccscouting.org/merit-badge-info>

Remote Scouting

<http://www.scoutshare.org/>

Scheduled Merit Badge Courses

Mecklenburg County Council is pleased to offer the following merit badge courses:

Canoeing and Kayaking MBs [combined course], Saturday, August 7, at Camp Grimes

Fishing MB, Monday, August 9, at Rob Wallace Park

Public Health MB, Wednesdays, August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 8 (if needed), 7:30 to 8:30 pm, by Zoom

Environmental Science MB, Saturday, August 21, at Belk Scout Camp Berry Shelter

Scouting Heritage MB, Saturday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Collections MB, Saturday, September 18, Noon to 3:00 p.m., at

Sardis Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 6100 Sardis Rd., Charlotte, NC 28270

<https://www.bsator.com/event/2021-charlotte-trade-o-ree-state-north-carolina/>

Environmental Science MB, Saturday, October 2, at Belk Scout Camp Berry Shelter

Cooking MB at the Great Scout Cook Out, Friday to-Sunday, October 8-9-10, at Camp Grimes

Radio Merit Badge, Saturday, October 16, Back Creek Church Scout Barn

Environmental Science MB Saturday, November 20, at Belk Scout Camp Berry Shelter

Fish and Wildlife Management MB, Saturday, December 4, at Belk Scout Camp Berry Shelter

Winter Camp, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, December 17-18-19, at Belk Scout Camp

Links to Merit Badge Guides and to on-line registration and payment are posted at

<https://www.mccscouting.org/merit-badge-info>

Schedule Your Own Merit Badge Courses

Scuba Merit Badge

<https://www.mccscouting.org/merit-badge-info>

ADVANCEMENT NEWS:

Advancement News, a BSA e-publication with advancement information for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA members, Venturers, and Sea Scouts

https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Advancement-News_July-August-21-June-29_Final_06-30-2021.pdf

BSA Conservation and Community Service Information

Scout or Patrol or Troop service projects could be opportunities to meet requirements for service hours for rank requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life rank

or Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge

or the BSA Hometown USA Award

[https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/10/11/hometown-usa-award-rewards-scouts-for-efforts-to-keep-america-](https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/10/11/hometown-usa-award-rewards-scouts-for-efforts-to-keep-america-beautiful/#:~:text=The%20embodiment%20of%20that%20partnership,from%20a%20list%20of%2013.)

[beautiful/#:~:text=The%20embodiment%20of%20that%20partnership,from%20a%20list%20of%2013.](https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2016/10/11/hometown-usa-award-rewards-scouts-for-efforts-to-keep-america-beautiful/#:~:text=The%20embodiment%20of%20that%20partnership,from%20a%20list%20of%2013.)

or the Conservation Good Turn Award

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-good-turn/>

<https://www.scoutshop.org/bsa-conservation-good-turn-emblem-149.html>

or the BSA Summer of Service Awards

https://www.scouting.org/summerofservice/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw6NmHBhD2ARIsAI3hrM3ziAnTLd-rOLw0HcBf8yWe8RrTWYoBrW55cP_4RN5P2In5fmbZTXMaArOIEALw_wcB

<https://tradingpost.classb.com/summer-of-service/>

or one of the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Awards

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-awards-and-recognitions/bsa-distinguished-conservation-service-award/>

or the 50th Anniversary Environmental Protection Agency Award (expires 12/31/2021)

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/conservation-and-environment/conservation-awards-and-recognitions/>

Information about opportunities for service hours and Eagle Projects with Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department is posted at

<https://www.mecknc.gov/ParkandRec/Volunteer/Pages/volunteer-opportunities.aspx>

Advancement Update: Extensions Beyond Age 18

Local councils have authority to grant limited extensions of time to complete Eagle, Quartermaster, or Summit requirements. More information is available at

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/resources/>

Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/digital-safety-and-online-scouting-activities/>

Volunteers Needed – Eagle Project Reviews and Eagle Boards of Review

The Apache Advancement team seeks volunteers to participate in Eagle Project Proposal Reviews and in Eagle Boards of Review. For more information, please contact Apache Advancement Chair, Dean Elledge at apache.advancement@gmail.com.

Eagle Application Packets with Complete Merit Badge Advancement Records Requested

When Scouts present their Eagle application packets to the Council office to seek scheduling for the Eagle Boards of Review, please include a current Scoutbook or other advancement report so that the Board can process an immediate Palm recognition request at the time of the Board. For further Advancement information, please contact your Apache District Advancement Chair or visit <https://www.mccscouting.org/advancement> or <https://www.mccscouting.org/eagle-scouts>

Eagle Board of Review Questions

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/09/14/20-questions-to-ask-at-your-next-eagle-board-of-review/>

Tools for Eagle Projects

Charlotte ToolBank provides inexpensive access to tools for group projects.

<https://charlotte.toolbank.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWqwzlkJWv8>

Scouts and units may also borrow tools from Belk Scout Camp for service and conservation projects.

Eagle project idea—Bug Hotel

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/04/21/check-out-this-scouts-buzzworthy-eagle-project-an-eco-friendly-hotel-for-bugs/>

Safety with pressure-treated wood

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/pressure-treated-lumber-what-safety-should-telling-you-terry-penney/>

Aquatics and Fishing News

From the Pond

NEW: Virtual BSA Certified Angler Instructor Course starting August 10

BSA and MCC Fishing are pleased to announce a nationwide, Certified Angling Instructor Course, to be held via Zoom in six-modules on **Tuesday** nights from 7 to 9 pm EDT starting August 10 and ending September 14. This course is perfect for Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing leaders and summer camp fishing instructors and for youth 16 and older. For more information and registration, please visit <http://bsafishing.com>

Fishing with Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers is an outdoor activity that provides fun, skills development, family participation, and strongly supports sound conservation awareness. It is a great tool for Recruiting, Retention, and Reactivation! Fishing enhances Council, District and Unit programs with little cost associated.

For some great resources and further information about Mecklenburg County Council's fishing program, please visit: <https://www.mccscouting.org/fishing>

and <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/fishing/>

Any questions? Contact Bill Kalbas at mccfishing415@gmail.com

FISH ON!!!

Outing in Scouting

Cooking

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/2021/03/learn-how-to-make-a-dutch-oven-backcountry-dessert-sure-to-please/>

<https://scoutlife.org/search/?q=cooking#gsc.tab=0&gsc.q=cooking&gsc.page=1>

APACHE DISTRICT EVENTS and NEWS:

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 8-9-10, Apache Cuboree
Friday-Saturday-Sunday, October 22-23-24, Apache Camporee & Webeloree
Thursday, December 9, Apache District Annual Banquet

Recruitment

Please consider the high value and low cost of word-of-mouth advertising for Scouting. Scouting families have enjoyed an increasing number of outdoor activities at our camps and through den, pack, patrol, troop, crew, district, and council programs. We have new stories to tell of our good times. Spreading the word to friends and neighbors at the beach or pool or backyard parties can open doors to opportunities for more youth and adults to join Scouting during Fall Round-up.

If ever a fleeting doubt on the value of Scouting walks the aisle of your train of thoughts, please watch the video posted at <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/06/03/camp-staffer-with-autism-shares-how-to-help-others-thrive-at-camp/>

COUNCIL EVENTS and NEWS:

Saturday, September 25, Trailblazer Day for new Cub Scout members

Saturday, October 30, Spookoree

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 12-13-14, 3rd Annual NST15 All-Girl Camporee

Save the Date! Friday - Sunday, November 12 - 14, 2021

3rd Annual NST15 [National Service Territory] **All-Girl Camporee** at Camp Grimes

Details forthcoming. Please email Monica.Zeleznik@Scouting.org with any questions or if you would like to be involved in planning.

2021 Camp Card Sale—Extended until August 30!

Vendor discounts last until the end of 2021. Please contact Brian Sweeney, Hornets Nest District Director and 2021 Camp Card Adviser, for details.

Scouts can sell online at www.scoutingtracker.com. The Council will mail the cards to your customers. Scouts must set up a Scout ID with their unit Camp Card Coordinator. The sale has a first responder option for those that want to support a Scout but do not want the card. We will recognize first responders with these cards for their service.

Scout Shop News

The Cub Scout Adventure Program will retire the following 19 Elective Adventures effective May 31, 2022:

Tiger: Earning Your Stripes, Family Stories, Tiger Tales, Tiger Theater

Wolf: Collections and Hobbies, Grow Something, Hometown Heroes, Motor Away

Bear: Beat of the Drum, Make It Move, Robotics, World of Sound

Webelos/AOL: Adventures in Science, Build My Hero, Fix It, Looking Back Looking Forward, Maestro Movie Making, Project Family

Why the Change: These have been identified as the lowest earned within their rank, with the lowermost being earned by less than 3% of eligible youth.

All 19 Adventures are still eligible to be earned during the 2021-2022 program year. However, inventory is limited and will only be available while supplies last.

For more information: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2021/05/13/nineteen-cub-scout-elective-adventures-will-be-retired-next-year/>

Exploring (for young men and women 10 to 20 years old)

Why We Do What We Do...

My middle son Will and two of his classmates and fellow EMT's were in the Charlotte Fire Fighters Exploring Post, and Troop 118. Captain Stefan Jones was the post leader and, oh, how he made an impression on Will. During Will's junior and senior year in high school Will took every opportunity to ride along, and even stay overnight, with Station 3 or 42.....and his mom and I can credit Will for convincing his brother to sell his motorcycle after sharing some of the motorcycle accident calls he rode on. Today all three of them continue their service as commissioned officers; Will in the U.S. Navy, and his friends serve in the U.S. Coast Guard.
~William B. Cornett (Bill)

WHY EXPLORING?

Exploring provides exciting activities and mentorship for youth looking to discover their future.

Exploring Career Interest Survey

Engaging with career professionals, middle and high school students gain unique, real-life opportunities to experience varied career choices aiding in a more informed decision about future careers.

Below is the 2021 Career Exploring survey link to share with 8th through 12th grade students. By completing this survey, students will receive an invite from us to attend open house events if there is a career interest match.

<http://bit.ly/ExploringSurvey2021>

If you have a 6th or 7th grade student, or perhaps you would like to serve as a career mentor, or if you have any other questions, please schedule meeting with me

at <https://calendly.com/mzeleznik>

National Scouting

Boys' Life magazine, first published in 1911, was renamed **Scout Life** beginning with the January 2021 issue.

Archives:

<https://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/serial?id=boyslife>

<https://scoutlife.org/wayback/>

The print version of **Scouting** magazine, first published April 15, 1913, ended with the May-June 2020 issue.

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/2013/03/looking-back-at-scoutings-first-issue/>

A new *Scouting* magazine app is available in the App Store and Google Play.

Archives:

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/backissues/>

<https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/SCOUT/>

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/backissues/indexes/>

BSA High Adventure Bases

Florida Sea Base

<https://www.bsaseabase.org/>

Northern Tier

<https://www.ntier.org/>

Summer, Winter, and Autumn adventures.

Philmont

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/register/>

Back Country Programs, Training Center and Family Programs, Family Adventure Camp, Individual Treks, Conferences, Ranch Hands, NAYLE, STEM Trek, Philmont Leadership Challenge, OA Trail Crew, Second Season Treks, Trail Crew Trek, PhilBreak, Roving Outdoor Conservation School, Autumn Adventure, Rayado, Volunteer Vacation, Winter Adventure

Summit Bechtel Reserve

<https://www.summitbsa.org/>

International Scouting

BSA announced that the **International Spirit Award** is available to Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. Requirements and Award form can be found at [International-Spirit-Award-app.130-044.pdf \(scouting.org\)](#). The award can be processed through Scoutbook and can be purchased through our local Scout Shop with a Scoutbook Advancement Report.

Please fill out the application with the date that each requirement was completed. All requirements must be met within 5 years from the start to completion of the Award.

Youth and adults wear the [International Spirit Award](#) emblem as a temporary patch centered on the right uniform pocket.

Requirements and application form for the International Scouter's Award Square Knot are posted at <https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/International-Scouters-Award-app.pdf>

<https://www.scouting.org/international/events/>

July 18 to 22, 2022, 16th **World Scout Moot**, hosted by Scouting Ireland. Young people aged between 18 and 26 years on the first day of the Moot are eligible to attend as participants. "Moot" is an Old English word meaning "an assembly held for discussion." For Scouts, a Moot is once-in-a-lifetime World Scouting experience!

The Moot is a high-adventure World Scout Jamboree for young adults, but on a smaller, more intimate scale. You will experience new cultures and make lasting friendships while participating in a variety of activities designed by the host country. A Moot is unlike a Jamboree in that the first half of the program takes place on the trail at locations all around Ireland. You will have the opportunity to see beyond the typical tourist experience and encounter the real Ireland, its culture and people. The second half of the Moot is where all the participants, after five days on the trail, come together in a jamboree-style gathering. The location for this gathering will be the magnificent medieval Malahide Castle and Gardens, parts of which date to the 12th century. The site lies close to the village of Malahide, nine miles north of central Dublin.

BSA will select 275 young people to represent the BSA in Ireland. Participants must be willing to fully commit to the Moot experience, immerse themselves in Irish culture, join an international patrol and collaborate with 5,000 other young leaders committed to creating a better world by ending poverty, fighting inequality, addressing climate change, seeking to achieve the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Opportunities for service on the staff (International Service Team aka IST) are open for 75 adults over the age of 27. These individuals will work with Moot program and logistics teams to execute this incredible event.

Please click here for more information and to begin the application process:

<https://www.scouting.org/international/world-scout-moot/>

Before applying, please confirm that you have a current paid registration with the BSA. If you have an expired BSA member number associated with your my.scouting account, you will not be able to register.

Please email BSAconingent@gmail.com with any questions.

August 1-12, 2023, **25th World Scout Jamboree**, Saemanguem, South Korea

2023 World Jamboree Host Site

<http://www.2023wsjkorea.org>

2023 USA World Jamboree Contingent Site

<https://wsj2023.us>

European Scout Voluntary Program

<https://www.scouting.org/international/ecamp/>

Participants must be 18 to 30 years old and must commit to serve on camp staff in Europe for at least 6 weeks.

Kandersteg International Scout Centre

<https://www.kisc.ch/>

International BSA Blog

<https://www.scouting.org/international/international-adventure/>

ORDER OF THE ARROW – Catawba Lodge and Apache Chapter New and Old—Where To Go Camping Guide 2021

The Catawba Lodge *Where To Go Camping Guide* is alive and well at

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ndu4241iIDZnpVFMplqDohSRGk7pYDkq3indesA22wQ/e/dit?usp=sharing>

The *WTGCG* is a large file (275 pages) with all kinds of information related to camping opportunities in local camps, parks, state and national forests, High Adventure Bases, national and international events, by way of car camping, backpacking, and float trips.

Link your Lodge Email to your Personal Email

Some of you may not know how to access your Lodge email account, or may be unaware that you have one. You can find instructions on forwarding all of your Lodge emails to your personal email account at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwrGkVVw08OudS1xSHZlb1RSS1U/view?usp=sharing>

Please follow these instructions to keep up on Lodge Events.

The Catawba Lodge Executive Board (LEB) established dates for Lodge events in 2021 at its January meeting:

September 10-12 OA Ordeal at BSC

October 1-3 OA Fall Fellowship at BSC

December 3 OA Banquet at BSC

OA High Adventure Opportunities

Summer, 2022

OA Canadian Odyssey (Northern Tier)

OA Ocean Adventure (Florida Sea Base)

OA Summit Experience (Summit Bechtel Reserve)

OA Trail Crew (Philmont Scout Ranch)

OA Wilderness Voyage (Northern Tier)
<https://oa-bsa.org/high-adventure>

OA, Southern Region, National Leadership Seminars (NLS) (for youth)

<http://southern.oa-bsa.org/nls/>

Sept 24-26, 2021, Orlando, FL

Nov 12-14, 2021, BSA National Office, Irving, TX

Dec 10-12, 2021, Greensboro, NC

OA, Southern Region, Developing Youth Leadership Conferences (DYLC) (for advisers)

<http://southern.oa-bsa.org/dylc/>

Sept 24-26, 2021, Orlando, FL

Nov 12-14, 2021, BSA National Office, Irving, TX

Dec 10-12, 2021, Greensboro, NC

National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC), July 25-30, 2022, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

<https://oa-bsa.org/program/events/noac>

TRAINING NEWS:

“Trained” Patch information

<https://www.scoutshop.org/trained-leader-strip-280.html>

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33066/33066_Training_Awards_WEB.pdf

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/11/24/when-can-adult-leaders-wear-the-bsas-trained-patch/>

“Trained” Patches for Youth Leaders

Scout youth leaders who have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), den chiefs (Scouts, Sea Scouts, or Venturers) who have completed Den Chief Training, and Venturing youth leaders who have completed the Crew Officers Orientation or Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC) may wear the Trained Leader emblem with their badge of office.

Den Chief training is available online at

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/den-chief-training/>

ILST and ILSC are available online at

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/>

Youth should print their certificates to present to unit leaders for facilitate record keeping.

Youth Training

SEALS (Scouts Excited About Leadership Skills, for youth) and IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills, for adults) courses at Belk Scout Camp are planned for the second weekend of March and for the second weekend of November on an ongoing basis.

Next SEALS course: Friday-Saturday-Sunday, November 12-14, 2021

<https://sites.google.com/site/mccseals/home>

Next IOLS course: Saturday-Sunday, November 13-14, 2021

<https://sites.google.com/site/outdoorleaderskillsmcc/home>

National Youth Leader Training (NYLT, AKA “Top Gun”) at Belk Scout Camp

<https://sites.google.com/view/nyltopgun>

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/nayle/>

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Summit

<https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/seven-day-conferences/nayle/>

Adult Training

Cub Scout adult leader training opportunities: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-cVYH1PopG0TEC5SD1KX-GfwBA4SSs6g/view?usp=sharing>

Scouts BSA adult leader training opportunities:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/12nh3Vd_9jsklyYVmW1bsvedJvWphxqOA/view?usp=sharing

Mecklenburg County Council training events:

Saturday, August 14, NRA RSO training

Friday-Saturday-Sunday, September 10-11-12, COPE & Climbing training

Saturday-Sunday, September 11-12, BALOO training

Saturday, September 18, Scouter Success training

Saturday, October 2, Cub Scout BB/Archery training

Saturday-Sunday, November 13-14, IOLS training

Friday-Saturday, November 12-13, Wilderness First Aid training

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsamcctraining>

Philmont Training Center Conferences [for adult volunteer training]

Philmont Family Adventure Camp

Philmont Back Country Sneak Peek

Philmont Fall, Winter and Spring Programs

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/>

Divemaster Academy

Diving Instructor Development Course

<https://www.bsaseabase.org/>

Recognize Scouter Excellence

“Trained” Patches for Adult Leaders

Adult leaders can find requirements for earning their “Trained” patches at

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/Trained_Leader_Positions.pdf

along with references to online training courses available at <https://my.scouting.org>

Another resource is <https://www.scouting.org/training/adult/>

Online District Committee training is available.

Units, please recognize your uniformed leaders by presenting them “Trained” patches and the following awards. These knots require training to position and tenure:

Den Leader Award

Scout Leader's Training Award (Any leader)

Scouter Key (Cubmasters and Scoutmasters)

Unit Leader Award of Merit (Committee submits for Cubmasters and Scoutmasters)

Requirements and tracking forms: <https://boyscouttrail.com/square-knots.asp>

Square Knots

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2019/07/17/square-knot-rankings-what-are-the-most-and-least-awarded-square-knots/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/03/15/how-to-tell-if-your-scouting-square-knot-is-upside-down/>
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2017/02/17/scouting-service-award-combines-five-awards-into-one-cool-new-square-knot/>
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/11/20/in-the-loop-a-guide-to-square-knots-and-how-to-wear-them/>
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2011/03/04/alumni-knot/>
<https://scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0901/a-knots.html>
<https://scoutingalumni.org/for-alumni/alumni-recognition/alumni-award/#alumniawardabout>
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/community-organization-award/>
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/lifesaving-meritorious-action/>
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/religious-emblems/>
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/>
https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf
<https://nesa.org/for-eagle-scouts/awards-and-recognition/>

Spread the Word About Scouting

Please don't keep us a secret

With all the new parents coming into our Scouting family, please don't keep Smoke Signals and the Apache District Webpage a secret. We welcome new subscribers and it is easy to subscribe. Also, please help us by sharing these links:

Apache District Webpage

<https://www.mccscouting.org/apache>

Like the Apache Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ApacheDistrict>

Apache Twitter Account

Be sure to follow us on twitter [@ApacheDistrict](https://twitter.com/ApacheDistrict)

Mecklenburg County Council

<https://www.mccscouting.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MeckBSA/>

<https://www.instagram.com/mccscouting/>

Like the Mecklenburg County Council Merit Badge Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/MCCBSAMB>

Like the Mecklenburg County Council STEM Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/MCCBSASTEM/>

BSA National

Scouting Wire Volunteer Newsletter - The Official Blog of the Scouting Movement.

<http://scoutingwire.org>

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