

# Troop 888

# NEWSLETTER

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## Whitewater Rafting Trip

Friday, August 14, at 9:00 a.m., Mr. and Mrs. Spatholt and Mr. Green accompanied twenty-four eager Scouts on a ride to "USA Raft" on the Nantahala River, in the mountains of North Carolina. What we thought would be an 8 hour bus ride stretched out to 9 1/2 hours, but we still arrived in plenty of time to set up our tents and a kitchen area. As on all summertime road trips, we did troop-wide cooking, and soon everyone was chowing down on macaroni and cheese, carrot and celery sticks, bread, peanut butter, and bug juice. Due to low water, Sliding Rock was closed, but this allowed for a later wake up call on Saturday morning.



From lower left, going clockwise: Greg Spatholt, Tripp Collins, Michael O'Neil, Jeff Bialecki, Steven Sloop, Daniel Sloop, James Bumgardner.

Our Saturday raft trip was scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Filled with anticipation, Scouts passed the time fishing in a nearby lake, climbing on the steep (continued next page)

## Regular Troop Meetings Resume

The last informal summer meeting will be on August 24. Our first regular, full-length meeting of the year will be held on **Monday, August 31**, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Church. Class A Uniforms should be worn by all Scouts.

The patrol point system will continue, starting at 6:15 p.m., during the "Gathering Period." This year, prizes will be given out during the "Closing Period" to the patrol that scores the most points in that troop meeting. Like last year, the winning patrol for the month will be taken to Ultrazone. (Scorpions and Raccoons are still owed a trip!)

We all are looking forward to a great new year with lots of fun, advancement, and memorable experiences.

## Troop Elections Scheduled

The Boy Scouts of America is a "boy-run" organization. Scouts elect their leaders, plan their activities, and decide who's going to do what to help their patrol or crew, so every Scout has a job to do.

Our annual troop elections will be held on Monday, September 14. On that occasion, the troop will vote for a new Senior Patrol Leader whose job is to run our meetings and activities, and head up the Patrol Leaders' Council. Scouts will make nominations and speak for the candidate of their choice. Candidates will also have a chance to speak on their own behalf.

Also, during this meeting, each patrol will elect, or reelect a Patrol Leader who will appoint an assistant.