

Tower, cont.

PHASE 2: A crew assembled the 2 fourteen foot ladders. (All Scout campers tied at least one of the fifty square lashings required to put together the completed project.)

PHASE 3: Another crew held the ladders in position while they were lashed together. Thanks to Jason for his diagonal lashings, and Theodore and Hiram for their help in lashing down the floor spars making up the platform.

PHASE 4: The tower is hoisted with Scouts manning each corner guyline and the rope used to make sure the tower isn't pulled too far before it's secured. Thanks to Michael O'Neil who was in charge of tightening the guylines using the rope tackles at each of the anchors.



Zack Riddle waiting for his score after his turn at the rifle range.

Three Meeting Adjustments

Due to Spring Break, there will be no troop meeting **April 17**.

Due to St. Stephen's Rummage Sale, troop meetings on **April 24** and **May 1** will be held at the North Myrtle Beach Primary School.

Monday evening troop meeting set up begins at 6:00 p.m., Gathering Period starts at 6:15, and Opening Ceremony commences promptly at 6:30. Make sure you're on time!

April BIRD ISLAND Camping Trip

On Saturday morning, April 29, all Scouts going camping will meet Mr. Dane's boat at the landing just after the North Myrtle Beach Swing Bridge, heading towards Little River. Mr. Danes will then carry ten Scouts at a time to Bird Island where we will set up camp on the Beach. The theme of this overnigher is: Beach Camping. Patrol Dining flies will be set up "Philmont-Style" using 5' Scout Staves, and angled diagonally into the wind to withstand the beach gusts.

Bird Island is perfect for surf fishing, swimming, and exploring. This trip will bring new challenges and also a lot of fun. A detailed "Camping Trip Announcement" will be passed out during the troop meeting on April 24. Specific training and preparations for this camping adventure begin on April 10.

Summer Camp at Thunder Scout Reservation

June 24 through July 1, thirty-three of us are headed to two, Boy Scout Camp locations in Georgia. Eighteen Scouts, supervised by Mr. Green and Ms. Spatholt, will depart from the Gerald I. Lawhorn Canoe Base for a fifty-mile canoe trip down the Flint River. At the same time,



Thanks to the "Giant Dirt Mound," Avery Scott's wash station, got lots of use at Scoutland.

eleven other Scouts have signed up to attend Thunder Scout Camp and participate in the merit badge program with Mr. Lester and Mr. Horting.

Deposits were due last month, however, it's not too late to sign up for either program.

In order to arrive on time, we are leaving a day early, (June 24) and will camp out en route to Thunder Scout Reservation.

Special training will begin in June for those participating in the fifty-mile canoe trip.

NARC NEWS

Ms. Bezmen's Advancement Corner

Congratulations to Ian Barker for becoming a First Class Scout, and to Hiram Ruiz for advancing to Second Class.

The classes that began in March should be coming to an end soon, which means more merit badges and Boards of Review. Eagle projects are being planned and discussed and that is terrific news. I know that there are some excited young men working on developing projects.

One thing that I think I have to remind you of is the work that you have to complete outside of meetings. Whether it is keeping track of environmental issues, attending a meeting or tracking your exercise patterns, it is important that you do these things. Don't let the only thing between you and your badge be laziness.

BE PREPARED