

# BOY SCOUT TROOP 888

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## Pee Dee Area Council Camporee at Camp Coker, October 13-15



Russell Spatholt tending the fire for the Scorpion Patrol, getting the flame high enough to burn through the top string during the string burning race.

It happens every two years. Divided into two eight-member patrols, Troop 888 participated in our third Pee Dee Area Council Camporee. These camping trips, whether on a smaller scale like a District event, or a large scale like this one, feature a variety of competitions. Included were a patrol: string burning race, canoe race, "Spider Web" race, pancake flipping contest, cross country run, egg-toss contest, and a special race called the "Lizzie Gator." Of course, on a unit level, there is always the troop campsite inspection. Here's how we measured up out of 30 patrols: 1st Place - string burning race, 1st and 2nd Place - "Lizzie Gator," 3rd Place - egg-toss contest, 4th and 5th Place - canoe race, 1st Place - troop campsite inspection. *Troop 888 received the highest overall score of the Council Camporee!*



Tripp Collins of the Dragon Patrol waiting to turn over something that looks like a pancake, as Tim Green holds the pan over the fire during the pancake flipping contest.

## November Camping Trip

Are we going to Lake Waccamaw, as originally planned, for camping and canoeing, or will the troop vote to change the trip and head out to Santee State Park for camping and Catfishing? Either way, November's campout is on the 17th-19th. And either way, Mr. Lester has invited all those Scouts who attended the Council Camporee to join him at the adult table for some major good eating, including fried turkey for Saturday dinner! All other Scouts are also invited to share in the troop-wide feed, but will be placed on crews in charge of fire and water, cooking, and cleanup.

The troop committee has decided that on trips requiring extra driving time (like Santee State Park), they will provide packed meals for dinner that can be eaten en route to the campsite. This will save time and money.

November's camping trip will feature wide games of Stratego and/or Capture the Flag, Scout skills instruction, and plenty of free time. Scouts are invited to bring their own tents. There will be a troopwide campfire on Saturday night with prizes for the best patrol skit as judged by the Patrol Leaders Council, followed by Dutch Oven cobbler.



Will Hall, Scorpion Patrol Leader, flips a pancake over a line about 10 feet above ground, as everyone looks on during the pancake flipping contest.