

Well-Rounded Scouts



From the Top: Ian Barker on a signal tower he helped construct, Matt Silverberg building a monkey bridge, Tripp Collins, Jeff Silverberg, and Greg Spatholt backpacking at Philmont, Travis Collins and Russell Spatholt whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee, Chris Danes during a camporee competition at Camp Coker.

Besides making good grades in school, and their love for the outdoors and high adventure, what do these eight members of Troop 888 have in common? They're all a part of the new North Myrtle Beach High School wrestling team. All of these Scouts have experience playing on soccer and football teams, but according to Assistant Senior Patrol Leader Jeff Silverberg, and Patrol Leader Ian Barker, wrestling affords an opportunity for a different kind of excitement and teamwork—"It's really different than being out on a big field at the same time with everyone else. When it's your turn, all eyes are on you. You're still a part of a team, but at that moment, everything is riding on you."

The team practices long and hard. They have frequent matches, and often take very long trips out of town. Their coach demands a lot from them, and they in turn demand a lot from themselves. Troop 888 takes pride in each of these Scout athletes.

**NOTE: TROOP MEETINGS RESUME
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, NORTH MYRTLE
BEACH PRIMARY SCHOOL, 6:30 PM.**

Mr. Lester's Camping Trip Review

Friday, November 17, the bus left NMB Middle School at 3:30 for the ride to Lake Waccamaw.

This two-nighter was a blast! Remember this was the trip I was cooking for everyone who did so well at the Council Camporee. Only a small group went, but boy did we eat: 6 pounds of hamburger, 6 pounds of bacon, 26 pounds of turkey, 7 boxes of hot chocolate, 5 boxes of apple cider mix, and much, much more.

The weather was cold and it got wet and even colder moving into Saturday night, but we survived. You guys have got to remember to wear layers when it gets cold—layers of wool or polypropylene. And don't forget those knit ski hats! Keep your head warm, because that's where the body loses most of its heat.

Everytime we camp at Lake Waccamaw, we get rained on. One day, we may learn.

All of our Scouts had a great time and did nothing for the weekend but relax and keep the troop fire going. That is, except the quartermaster crew. They organized the gear in our new trailer, which I must say worked out very well.

Some of the parents came out for our Saturday evening feast, and I would like to thank them for their time. I would like to invite all moms and dads to take the time to camp with us. We will insure your comfort the best we can, and I know you will eat well, so come on, let's camp! I am looking forward to the January trip. See you there!

Camping Trip - January 19-21

Our first meeting in January will be devoted to getting ready for a cold-weather trip at a new campground out in Aynor. The area is 50 acres with a pond.

Each patrol will do foil cooking throughout the weekend, and there will be a prize for the best foil-cooked meal.

This campout will feature a special surprise attraction!
Find out more on January 8.

NARC NEWS

Ms. Bezmen's Advancement Corner

Congratulations to Jeff Silverberg for completing his Eagle Project!

As another year comes to an end, it seems natural to look back over the past year. Our group has gone through so many changes and happily most for the better! I am proud not only for the advancement in rank and achievement of each Scout but also in their growth as individuals. The coming year holds so much promise in the development of character and all areas of Scouting. I wish all of you continued health and happiness in the new year.

