

BOY SCOUT TROOP 888 NEWSLETTER

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April Canoe Trip Down Waccamaw River is a Big Hit



J.C. Campbell paddling in Mr. Davidson's kayak near the campsite on Saturday afternoon.

Thanks to the council making available eight canoes from Camp Coker, and thanks to Mr. Hall who grew up on the river, our canoe trip on April 21-22 was an outstanding success. The weather was great!

Eighteen of us put in at Worthams Ferry on Saturday morning, and after a scenic paddle down the winding Waccamaw, guided by Mr. Hall, we reached our campsite in time for patrols to prepare lunch. Mr. Hall selected a beautiful, secluded lake area where there was plenty of room to set up dining flies and tents, and where Scouts could canoe and fish without having to concern themselves with the river's current.

Because they transported all personal, patrol, and troop gear in their canoes, Scouts had to pack light. In this way, the canoe trip was like a backpacking trip where you never had to shoulder your backpack.



Travis Collins and Russell Spatholt in the campsite, using Mr. Hall's grill to cook up some fish they caught on Saturday afternoon.



Sunday, after an eventful canoe trip, Scouts wait a short time for the arrival of the canoe transport trailer at Chris Anderson Memorial Landing off Hwy. 9.

Camp Coker: June 17-23

This summer, we'll be staying right in the Pee Dee Area Council for Scout Camp! Dr. Miller, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Green will accompany a contingent of mostly younger Scouts for a week of advancement and summer camp fun at Camp Coker, which has a reputation for serving the best food of any Scout Camp in the Southeast. We look forward to a great week!

Eagle Board of Review



On Tuesday evening, April 3, at the North Myrtle Beach Recreation Center, Daniel Sloope passed his Board of Review for the rank of Eagle Scout. Sitting on Daniel's Eagle Board were District Advancement Chairman, Rick Curan; Troop 888 Committee Chairman, Greg Barnhill; NMB City Councilman, Johnny Causey; Past President of the North Strand Optimist Club, Walt Panko; and former Assistant Scoutmasters of Troop 888, Mark Osbahr and Kurt Reeder. Present as witnesses were Troop 888 Advancement Chairman, Rosemary Bezmen, and Scoutmaster, Larry Green. Daniel will be presented with his Eagle Scout Badge, Medal, and Certificate sometime in June.

Current Life Scouts, in the process of choosing, completing, or who have already finished their Eagle Project are: Dominick Bezmen, Tripp Collins, Timothy Green, Will Hall, Michael O'Neill, Jeff Silverberg, and Greg Spatholt.