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## TEN TROOP 888 SCOUTS EXPERIENCE THE NATIONAL JAMBOREE, JULY 23-AUGUST 1

*(Article by Jeff Silverberg)*

July 23, marked the start of this year's National Boy Scout Jamboree. Held every 4 years, the Jamboree took place at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. About 40,000 Scouts and 8,000 staff members set up camp across the location dividing into a total of 20 subcamps. Scouts across the United States and parts of Europe attended the Jamboree. And don't worry, Troop 888 didn't go unrepresented! Ten 888 Scouts attended the Jamboree along with other Scouts around the Pee Dee Area Council.



They say that there is so much to do at the Jamboree that not even ten days is enough to see everything. The fact of the matter is, it would take about that long for me to write everything down on paper. However, here's an abbreviated list: scuba diving, rock climbing, repelling, pioneering projects, BMX racing, snorkeling, shot gun, rifle, archery, army obstacle course(action alley), Cope, Bicathlon, tomahawk-throwing, merit badges, and many other activities, not to mention all the stage shows, exhibits and museums.

One goal of Scouts during the Jamboree was to get rockers for their Jambo patch. There were a total of 5 rockers which are special patches that fit around the official Jamboree patch. (Action Center, Outback Center, 5k, Duty to God, and Special Events.) To obtain these rockers Scouts were required to do certain activities and requirements. Speaking of patches, patch trading was a huge part of the National Jamboree. Trading council strips was eminent throughout the Jamboree. Some of the biggest patches were: the "Hooters Patch," the "Dixie Chicks Patches," the "Marvel Set," and the infamous "Bloody River Patch" from our own council.

The Jamboree ended with an amazing fireworks display. It left 48,000 people breathless. Nothing could compare to the feeling we walked away with when we left the arena Monday night. All in all, the 2001 Jamboree was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I know I will never forget. If you have the chance, you should definitely try to make the next one.

## DANIEL SLOOPE IS HONORED DURING "A GATHERING OF EAGLES" AT THE GRANDE DUNES

On Thursday, June 14, forty Eagle Scouts from all over the United States who now live in the Pee Dee area, came together for "A Gathering of Eagles." This special event was sponsored by Burroughs & Chapin Company. As the council's newest Eagle Scout, Daniel Sloope was presented his Eagle Badge, Medal and Certificate in a ceremony honoring his achievement.

One of Troop 888's first Scouts, Daniel served two terms as Senior Patrol Leader. He attended Camp Bob Hardin, Camp Ho-Non-Wa, and Camp Barstow, earned the God and Country Award, is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and was part of Troop 888's Philmont expedition in 1999.

Daniel will be attending USC this Fall, majoring in Engineering. Troop 888 commends this outstanding young man.



Daniel's mother, Cindy Willoughby, proudly pinning on his Eagle Medal, during the ceremony at the Grande Dunes on June 14.