

BOY SCOUT SUMMER CAMP AT COKER, JUNE 17-23

Camp Coker was fun! The weather was ideal. It only rained one evening, and the nights were cool for comfortable sleeping. We stayed at Cayce Campsite, which is real pretty, overlooks the lake, and gets a nice breeze. All the Scouts attending made great strides in advancement, not only earning a wide variety of required and elective merit badges, but many even progressing in rank!

The food at Coker lived up to it's reputation. It was good, and there was plenty of it. Yes, Ian was a comedian and there was also plenty of laughter at our table during mealtime.

Most everyone had a hand in preparing Dutch Oven Cobblers at night—pineapple, apple, peach, and even a chocolate-cherry. No leftovers.

Justin, Ian, and James caught some fine, big fish as part of their Fishing Merit Badge class. In six summers, this is the first time Scouts *really* caught anything while taking that badge!



We also made and played with a troop catapult to answer a "catapult challenge" issued by the staff. No one ever saw the staff's catapult, and ours worked, well, pretty good.

James enjoyed Coker so much, he stayed on for the rest of the summer sessions as a counselor in training. We have plans to return to Camp Coker next May for a swimming, canoeing, boating, fishing camping trip.

TROOP NEWS

NEW MEETING LOCATION: Starting on *Tuesday, August 21*, Troop 888 will be meeting at *Lakeside Baptist Church* on 11th Ave. N. in North Myrtle Beach. The meeting area and facilities are very well laid out, spacious, and with a large storage area for troop meeting supplies and materials.

NEW MEETING NIGHTS: Troop meetings are *Tuesday evenings, from 6:15 to 8:00 p.m.* Opening Ceremony commences promptly at 6:30.

SEPTEMBER CAMPING TRIP: *September 21-23* at Huntington Beach State Park. More info at troop meetings.



With our catapult at Cayce Campsite, standing: Garrett Hogan, Dr. Miller, Jonathan Silverberg, James Bumgardner, Davis Hall. Steven Miller, Chris O'Neill, Justin Davidson, Mr. Green, Matt Silverberg, Kneeling: JC Campbell, Ian Barker

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ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER ASSIGNMENTS:

Dr. Carl Miller is our new Camping Chairman, *Mr. Gordon Campbell* is our new Transportation Chairman, *Mrs. Laura Spatholt* is our new Finance Chairman, *Mrs. Rosemary Bezmen* will continue as our Advancement Chairman.

WELCOME BACK MARK OSBAHR: Mr. Osbahr, an Eagle Scout who served Troop 888 as an Assistant Scoutmaster from 1996 through 1999, will once again be lending us his expertise during the Skills Instruction segments of our troop meetings.

PHILMONT 2002: According to Eddie Enlow, Field Director and Philmont Advisor of the Pee Dee Area Council Philmont Contingent for the summer of 2002, there *will* be a trip to Philmont next summer. So, if you will be at least 14 years of age, or completed the 8th grade by next summer, start planning, and start saving **NOW**, because, there's a really good chance you can be a part of the council expedition!

LASER TAG AT Q-ZAR: Plans are in the works for a monthly, Friday afternoon troop trip to Q-Zar. The patrol scoring the most points for that month will receive their pizza and video games for free.

FLORIDA TRIP: Planned for Spring Break, 2002 is a four-day trip to Florida to "swim with the Manatees."

TROOP WEBSITE: If you haven't been there yet, check out our website at www.musiconthestrand.com/888.ivnu

