



Sandhills Unit Fund Development - next 90 days +

It's time
for
SCOUT
CARDS





Sandhills Unit Fund Development - next 90 days +



While we are waiting let's think about what we are going to do with all the money we are going to earn.



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Units who have committed to sell this year.

CREWS

- 711
- 907

PACKS

- 1
- 582
- 711
- 716
- 746
- 747
- 756
- 757
- 776
- 787
- 902
- 942
- 953

TROOPS

- 1
- 40
- 82
- 94 B
- 94 G
- 98
- 300
- 701
- 711

TROOPS

- 716 B
- 740 B
- 740 G
- 746 B
- 746G
- 747
- 771
- 776
- 953





Sandhills Unit Fund Development – Questions or Ideas

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Sandhills District Training

Free Training [My.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org)

Local In-Person Training Dates at [Ocscouts.org/training](https://ocscouts.org/training)

Service Apply past course to your records,
Submit adult training award forms

District Training Chair: [Training - Sandhills District, Occoneechee Council](#)



Training Awareness



IOLS+BALOO in NC'24



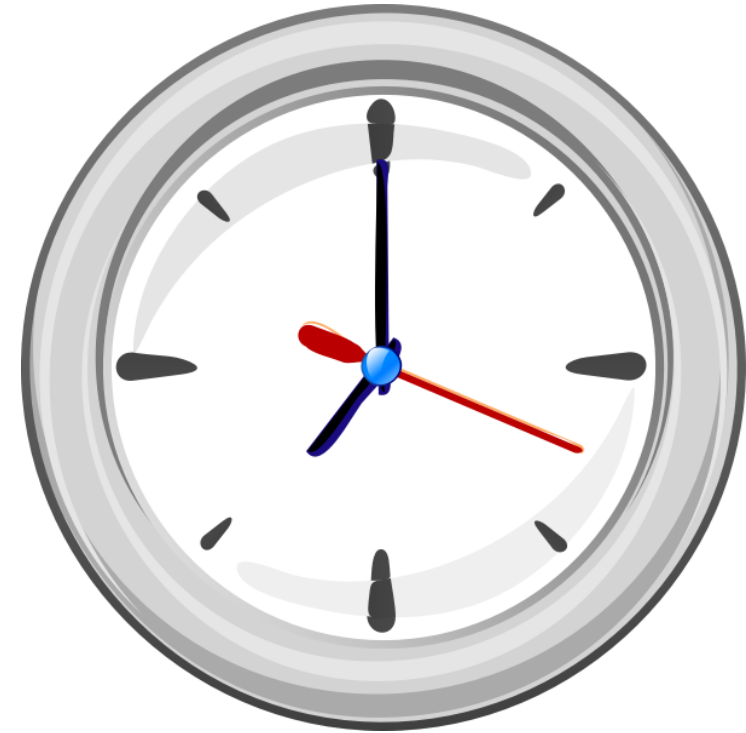
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Every Leader Trained = Every Leader A Trainer



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Philmont Training Center

- **YOU'RE INVITED!**
- Choose from a variety of conferences and programs that will help strengthen Scouting in your Unit, District and Council; or choose a Family Adventure Camp ...Scouting's Best Family Vacation!
- 2024 Course schedule now posted!
- Check out the Philmont website for conference and program descriptions
www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC





Attend National Youth Leadership Training at Camp Durant in 2024!

Dates: 6-8 Sep & 4-6 Oct
(Participants must attend all 6 days)

For Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts ages 13 and over

FUN
Challenging
Adventure
LEARNING

Excitement

That's how Scouts
describe NYLT!

<https://ocscouts.org/training/nylt/>





Advancement

Year to Date:

- **7** Eagle Boards of Review completed
- **26** Arrow of Light
- **No** Summit Awards **or** Quartermaster Awards yet



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Day Camp is out of this world!



**Cub Scout
Space Academy
June 17-21, 2024**

**Brave Cub Cadets are asked to
report to
Spout Springs Church
(346 H M Cagle Dr, Cameron)
for their next mission!**



Mission Control Needs You!

We need a Launch Pad Engineer!

- Can't have Space Camp without rockets!
 - Water, Alka-Seltzer, Chemical Rockets, and more!
- Help teach physics to young minds

We need a Ballistics Expert!

- Teach ballistics, potential energy conversion, and confidence!
- Rangemaster course offered to interested applicants

We need Supplies!

- Soda Bottles (20 oz, 2 L)
- TV, Refrigerator boxes (Large cardboard boxes!)
- Dish Soap dispenser lids
- Baby food containers
- Paper towel/toilet paper roll tubes

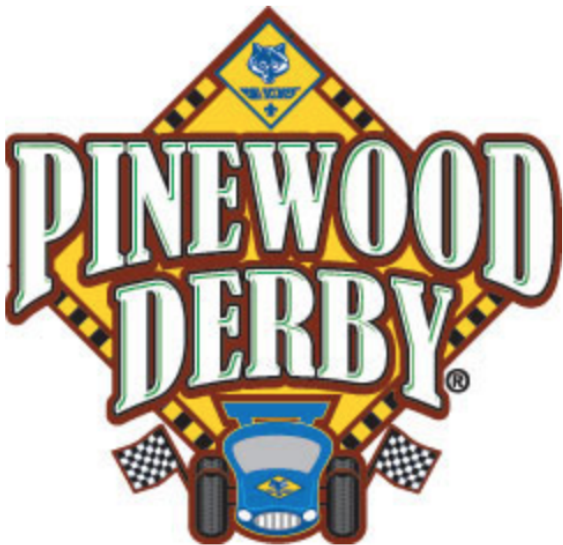
If interested or you know of a good candidate,
please contact Nikki Toulouse at elizabeth.toulouse@gmail.com
or Zach Yoklic at zyoklic@gmail.com.

Volunteers Make the Mission Happen!



District Pinewood Derby

- **Date:** Saturday, 16 March 2024
- **Location:** Spout Springs Church
 - [346 H.M. Cagle Dr., Cameron, NC 28326](#)
- **Timeline:**
 - 10:00 – Car Impound/Turn-In
 - 10:30AM-11:30AM – Scout Registration
 - 12:00PM – First Race Begins
 - Races Complete – Tally votes and present awards
 - Break down and clean up *
 - *Any who would like to assist with setup and break down/clean up are welcome. Many hands make light work!



[2024-Sandhills-PWD-Leader-Guide](#)

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[Sandhills-District-Pinewood-Derby-Rules-Final2024-v2](#)

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CUB SCOUT PROGRAM UPDATES ZOOM MEETING

Join Occoneechee Council Cub Scout Program Professionals & Volunteers to review the changes on Feb 22, Mar 6 or Mar 21 at 7:00pm.

It's official! The Cub Scout program will be updated for the 2024-25 program year. Over the past several years the National Cub Scouting Committee under the leadership of past chair Lisa Wylie and current chair Audrey Oakes has identified four areas to improve the Cub Scout program to ensure that it is fun, simple, and easy.

Over the past five years the National Cub Scouting has been working on these updates. These updates are based on feedback from over 23,000 parents and Cub Scout leaders through various surveys and data. Listening to and identify the key opportunities to improve the program the National Cub Scout committee is excited to finally reveal these improvements. Over the past year these improvements have been socialized to thousands of individuals with overwhelming support.

Four Areas of Improvements			
			
BOBCAT	ADVENTURES	WEBELOS (4TH/5TH GRADE)	AWARDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One set of requirements is ineffective• What to do with returning Cub Scouts• Rank or not a rank?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disjointed required adventure topics• Inconsistent number of adventures for each rank• Volunteers want more elective adventures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Length of Webelos program• Does not follow the pattern of other ranks• Purpose of the program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awards are not in the direct line of sight of Den Leaders• Average attachment rate of 1.5%• Awards do not drive behavior

The four areas of improvement are the Bobcat badge, Cub Scout Adventures, Webelos, and Cub Scout Awards.

SCAN TO REGISTER or click here

<https://forms.gle/frkTLTq4MiE3Z2BF9>



WEBELOS OA WEEKEND

When: March 15-16, 2024

Where: Camp Durant

Check-In: 5pm Red Cedar Camp Site

Cost: \$15 per person

Who: All Occoneechee Council Webelos and their parent/guardian

What to bring water bottle, overnight camping gear, wear your uniform



Activities include Native American Dancing, Crafts, Patch Trading, BB's, Pow Wow and Archery. Activities will run from 9:00 – 3:00. The event will end at 3:00 on Saturday. Activities listed are subject to change. Closed toe shoes required (Tennis shoes are recommended) Food is included in the price of the event. The meals include, Friday night cracker barrel, Saturday breakfast and lunch.



Everyone in attendance must purchase a ticket using the link below ,**including** adults.

Please register by March 1, 2024. Registration must be done online at the link below. Registration is limited to 75 so don't delay and miss out!

Registered link (open January 2024)
www.lodge104.net/calendar/webelos



CUBOREE

APRIL 26-28, 2024

@ CAMP DURANT

OCCONEECHEE COUNCIL PRESENTS...

... the 2024 Cuboree at Camp Durant! This awesome family camping event is open to Lion-Webelos Cub Scouts!

Activities will include all of your favorites- shooting BB guns, Rope Maze, Crafts, gem mining, bouldering, and more!

Webelos will hike Saturday morning to Camp Reeves where they will participate in a complete Troop experience, which includes lunch prep, cooking, shooting BB guns, working on Scouting skills and performing as patrols led by Scout Troop Guides!

(Please note- neither siblings or adults will be included in this Troop experience. The Webelos will depart from the flagpole on Saturday morning and you can meet them back there at 4pm that afternoon.)



Registration

- Registration is open Feb 1 - Apr 1, 2024
- Go here to signup: <https://ocscouts.org/events/cuboree-4-26-24/>
- Registration is by Pack only
- Fees must be paid by April 1 to be scheduled for shooting sports



Cost per Person

- \$25- Lions, Tigers, Wolves and Bears
- \$35- Webelos (includes Sat. lunch)
- \$10- Adults
- \$5- Siblings



Meals

ALL meals are on your own. All Packs will be in charge of preparing all of their own meals at their campsites. There will be no meals available at the Grand Lodge.

QUESTIONS?

Karen Goldstein
317-445-1140 (TEXT)
kgoldst@yahoo.com





Save the Date!

THE GREATEST SHOW CAMP DURANT CARNIVAL

June 13-15, 2024



REGISTRATION
WILL OPEN
SOON AND
CAN BE
ACCESSED
HERE:



GET READY FOR... NEXT LEVEL STUFF

Camp Durant is proud to announce **NEXT LEVEL STUFF** for Scouts ages 14 or older looking for an enhanced Summer Camp experience!

NEXT LEVEL STUFF will include a daily schedule full of fun and challenging activities, including access to exciting program areas like Rifle Range, Shotgun Range, Metalwork, Aquatics and Life Skills! It also includes **PRIORITY** for our older Scouts to work on Eagle Required Merit Badges!



Metalwork



Aquatics



Shotgun &
Rifle Range



Questions? Email Camp Director, Henry Goodson: henry.goodson@scouting.org
Asst. Camp Director, Kenna McIntire: kenna.mcintire@scouting.org



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Scholarship Opportunity – Pope Family Eagle Scout

- The Pope Scholarship will pay **\$2,000 per semester** for tuition or rent (total award is \$16,000) plus up to \$4,000 for an internship. (The internship and amount must be approved prior to serving the internship.)

Requirements include: Eagle Scout application must be received by the National Office by December 31, 2023, must be a graduating high school senior and have earned their Eagle Scout rank in the Occoneechee Council. The applications must be submitted to the Council Office no later than **March 31, 2024.**

Click on the following link or go to ocscouts.org ► Forms & Documents to access the application:

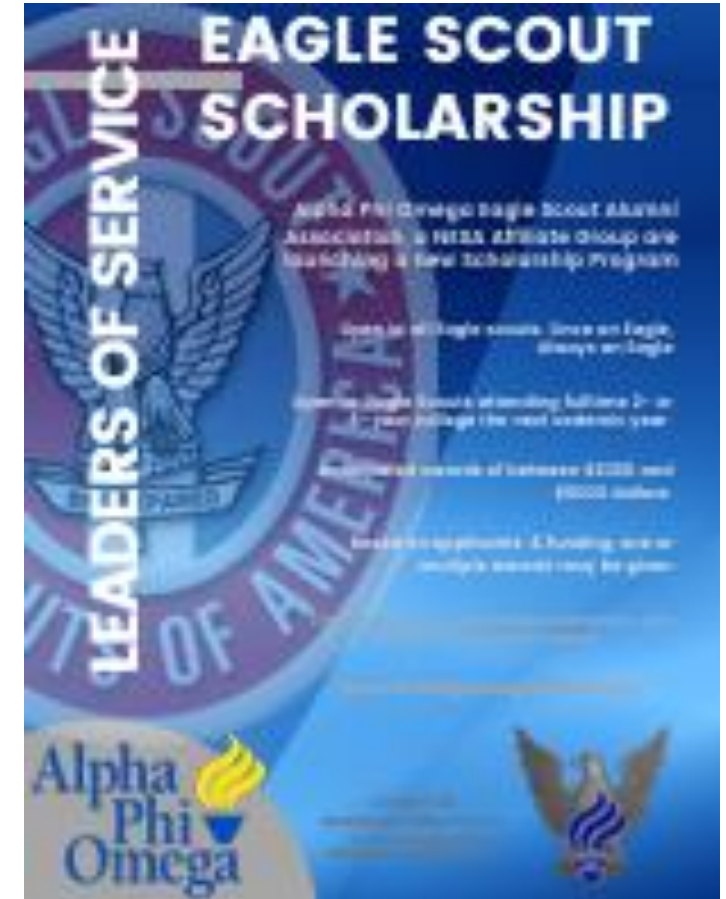
<https://ocscouts.org/wp-content/uploads/2024-Pope-Scholarship-Application.pdf>



Scholarship Opportunity

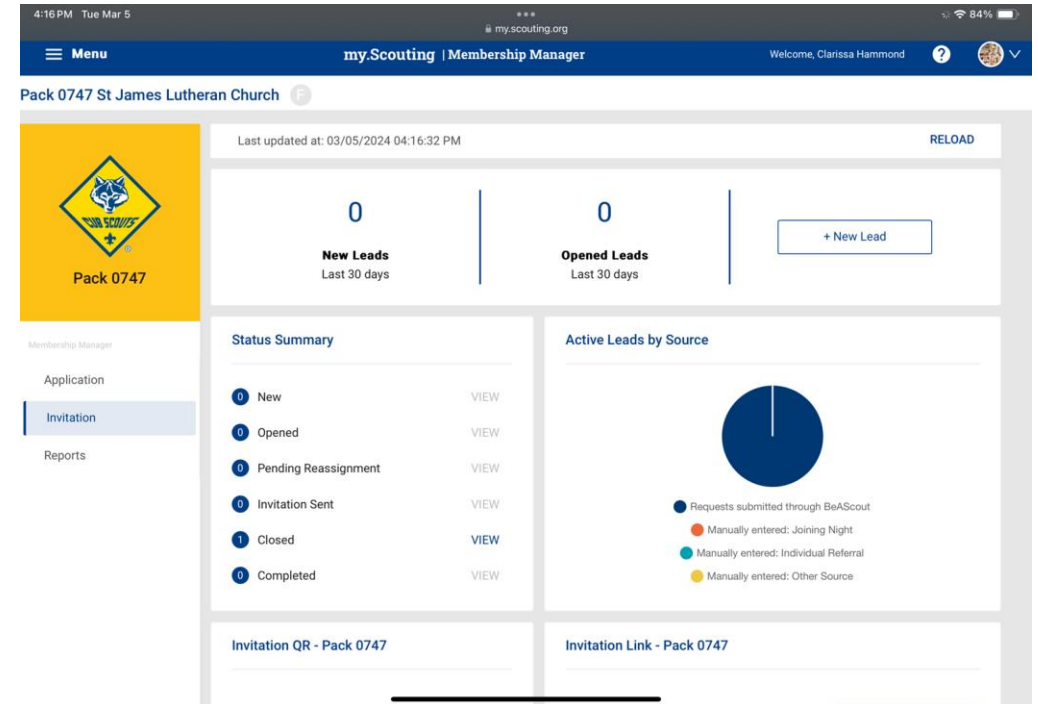
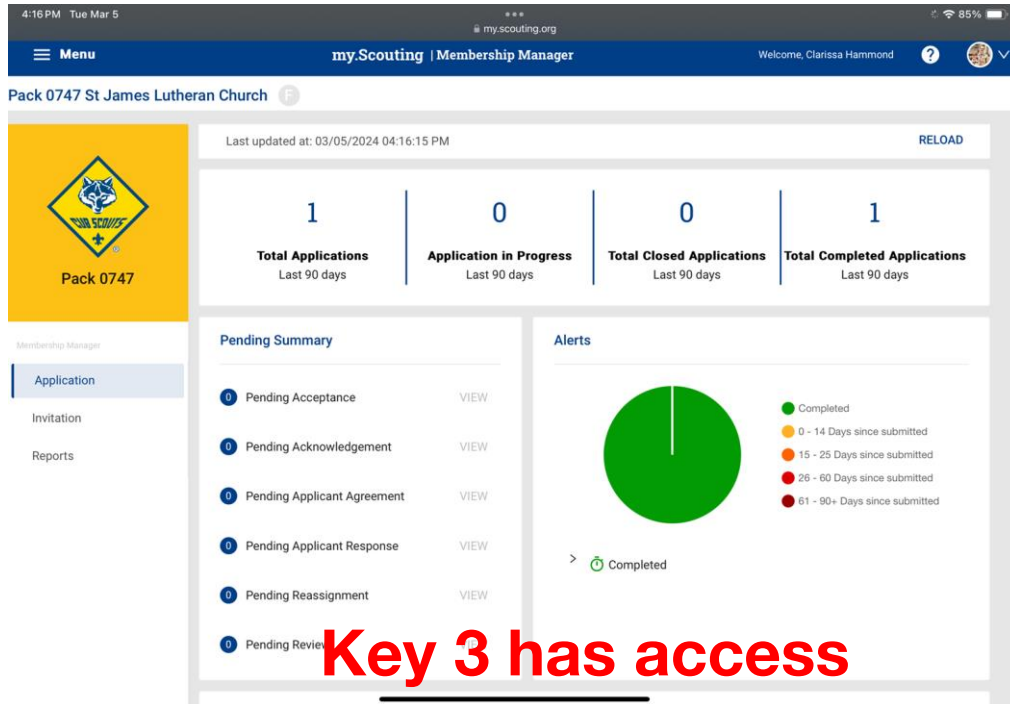
APO Eagle Scout

- Alpha Phi Omega Eagle Scout Alumni Association, a NESA Affiliate, are launching a new Scholarship Program
- For more information, documents, and submission go to:
<https://www.apoeagles.org/scholarship>





Membership - Invitation/Application Manager



Key 3 has access

You'll receive an email from the website within 1-2 days

Contact the Lead directly

Have a welcome packet ready to go

How do we get leads?

- **Be Visible! Participate in Community Events.** An active unit is the best marketing tool.
- **Peer to Peer - Utilize Buddy Cards.** Having active and engaging activities make kids talk!
- **BeAScout.org - Parents are looking for info!** Give it to them! Up to date, engaging website. Direct contact information. Meeting location/date/time information.
- **Stay active on social media. - NEW Recruiting Campaign Kit available on Scouting.Org** including girl-focused materials



Membership

Clarissa Hammond

clarissabhammond@gmail.com

(252) 315-8524





Activities & Civic Service – March 2024

Canned Food Drive

- All month long.
- Scout units are asked to provide canned food donations. All proceeds will be donated to the local Urban Ministry. Help give back to the community for a good cause. Hours: Monday – Friday from 1 PM to 9 PM, Sat. 9 AM to 5 PM.
- For more information, please call (910) 433-1570.
- G.B. Myers Recreation Center, 1018 Rochester Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28305

Cemetery Clean Up Day with the Harnett County Cemetery Preservation Group

- March 9.
- Scouts are asked to help clean up and restore the Morrison Cemetery which is the final burial place for five veterans ranging from the Revolutionary War to the First World War. Assistance is needed in filling in holes with dirt and to start leveling and repairing headstones. Cleaning begins at 9 AM. Scouts are advised to bring leaf blowers, shovels, rakes, work gloves, safety glasses, ear plugs, a stool or kneeling pads, appropriate footwear and clothing. Two-deep leadership is required.. Warning, there are no restrooms on site
- Interested Scouts/units are asked to contact Steve Koontz via email at savingthecemeteries@gmail.com to sign up. Please let him know how many Scouts/Scouters will be participating.
- 15 Finabury Ct. Lillington, NC 27546

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Activities & Civic Service – March 2024

EGGstravaganza at Rick's Place

- March 16 beginning at 2 PM
- Rick's Place, a 50-acre interactive outdoor recreation center for military members and their families in Fayetteville is hosting an EGGstravaganza. Scouts ages 12 and older are asked to volunteer to assist Rick's Place by possibly serving in one of several areas: photographer(s), hiding Easter eggs, assisting with arts and crafts and serving snacks.
- For more information, please contact Rick's Place at 1 (910) 444-1743 or either of the following email addresses: info@rhfnw.org, volunteer@rhfnw.org. To register as a volunteer, please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/volunteers-for-march-family-eggstraganza-tickets-809293427427>. Two-deep leadership is required.
- 5572 Shenandoah Dr, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Volunteer Service at Easter Egg Hunt

- March 23 beginning at 8 AM.
- Lee County and the City of Sanford request the assistance of Boy Scout units to help out at the 2024 Easter Egg Hunt. Potential duties include: setting up tables and chairs, photographers, (please supply your own camera) and egg distribution. Two-deep leadership is required and Scouts may be in uniform.
- For more information or to sign-up your unit, please contact Cindy Castle at ccastle@leecountync.gov or (919) 775-2107– Ext. 4207 and inform her as to how many participants your unit is sending.
- Kiwanis Family Park, 1800 Wicker St. Sanford, NC 27330

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Activities & Civic Service – March 2024

Easter Extravaganza

- March 23 from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM.
- Moore County Scouts ages 13 and older are asked to assist the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Department in their Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 9 and younger. Scouts will mainly help hide the eggs and assist with cleanup duties.
- For more information, please call (910) 944-7275.
- The Malcolm Blue Farm, 1177 Bethesda Rd, Aberdeen, NC 28315.

Volunteer Service at BBQ Plate Sale

- March 23 from 11 AM – 6 PM
- Scouts ages 14 and older are asked to participate in the Bethany Rural Fire Department's BBQ Plate Sale. Potential duties include help set up tables and chairs; taking food orders, bringing food to customers, traffic control etc.
- For more information, please contact the Bethany Rural Fire Department via email at: bethanyfd12@gmail.com.
- Bethany Rural Fire Department, 2140 Wade Stedman Rd, Stedman, NC 28391.



Activities & Civic Service – March 2024

Easter Egg Hunt

- March 30 from 11 AM – 3 PM.
- Scouts ages 14 and older are asked to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt and related activities. Potential duties include help setting up tables, chairs, tents etc; serving as greeters, hiding eggs, providing animal themed games, arts and crafts. Two - deep leadership is required. Scouts may be in uniform.
- For more information or to sign up, please contact Amanda Salisbury at zoomiesfunnyfarm@gmail.com.
- Pine Forest Recreation Center, 6901 Ramsey St, Fayetteville, NC 28311-9425.



Safe Scouting – March 2024

Activity Planning and Risk Assessment

The Scouting program incorporates common activities such as swimming, climbing, cycling, archery, and snowboarding that, depending on the details, may include both real and perceived risks to participants. Those risks are managed by guidelines that set limits and incorporate specific features such as safety equipment or qualified supervision. Guidance is provided by, but not limited to, the Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb on Safely, Belay On and other resources designed to protect youth and adults. Prohibited activities include the following:

- Flying—use of hang gliders, ultralights, experimental aircraft, or non-tethered hot-air balloons, or flying in an aircraft as part of a search-and-rescue mission.
- Anvil shooting, flintlocks, throwing of shovels, stars, shot put, logs and cabers.
- Extreme or action sports: Parkour, cliff diving, BASE jumping and martial arts, (except tai chi).
- Entry into fox holes, makeshift caves, tunnels, trenches, ditches or the exploration of abandoned mines.

Three tools that units may use in the planning of a unit activity or event:

1. Program Hazard Analysis - This tool is primarily used for program areas within camp properties, camps or high-adventure bases. It covers specific risks and the severity of risks to program areas.

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Safe Scouting – March 2024

2. Safety Pause - The Safety PAUSE process stresses the importance of a last-minute safety check in the field. By encouraging each youth or adult leader to pause and reflect on the tasks at hand just before beginning, you have an opportunity to take necessary precautions to prevent any present or potential hazards.
3. The SAFE Checklist - To ensure the safety of participants, the Boy Scouts of America expects leaders to use the four points of SAFE when delivering the Scouting program. **Supervision *Assessment *Fitness and Skill *Equipment and environment*

News You Can Use

To assist units in preparing for any potential medical issue during an activity, the Occoneechee Council offers the following:

- March 15 – 17. Wilderness First Aid @ Camp Durant. <https://ocscouts.org/events/wilderness-first-aid-3-15-24/>
- March 21. First Aid, CPR, AED – Blended Learning. <https://ocscouts.org/events/first-aid-cpr-aed-blended-learning-3-21-24/>
- March 22 – 24. Sandhills District Camporee for units wanting to practice risk assessment and first aid skills. <https://ocscouts.org/events/sandhills-district-jamboree-10-6-23-286/>.

Questions, comments, concerns, ideas, please contact Bryant Cunningham at chanteurpourdieu@yahoo.com





Camp Durant-OSR

Camp Durant – Summer Camp 2024

1032 Scouts currently registered. But there is room for more.

Camp Durant has some of the best **facilities** that a camp can offer, and this year they're adding an older Scout Program this year called NLS (Next Level Stuff). Contact Henry or Kenna for a Zoom invite to the 11 March reveal.

- 15 campsites, each divided into two sides (A and B).
- Both sides feature a permanent shelter with electricity and lighting.
- Each campsite also has a shower house, complete with three hot/cold showers, three flushing toilets, and additional power outlets.

\$450 – Camper fee

\$200 – Leader fee (3-7 days)

\$50 – Rotating Leader fee (daily for 1 – 2 days)

For more info, contact:

Henry Goodson | Camping Director: henry.goodson@scouting.org Kenna

McIntire | Program Director: kenna.mcintire@scouting.org

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Sandhills District Spring Camporee

Friday March 22 – Sunday March 24

Camp Bowers: 13165 NC HWY 53 W

White Oak, NC 28399

Cost: \$15 per Scouter

Registration closes 3/11

Unit registration only – no individuals

Fee will increase to \$20/person for additions to units already registered after 3/11 (Call Angie)

+Patches are not guaranteed for late registrations+

T-shirts can be ordered & paid for through Jeb Designs at nathan@jebdesigns.com
they need to be ordered by 03/6
Units are responsible for shirt pick up

Please bring nonperishable food for our food drive

++ See leaders guide for event details++

+++ NO REFUNDS +++



Questions?

Camporee Chief: Brandon Clever
b.m.clever82@gmail.com

Program Director: Kevin Paulsh
Fmrh6guy@aol.com

Registrar: Angie Frassel
Kfraz37@hotmail.com or 910-578-4633

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FOOD DRIVE

2024 SANDHILLS DISTRICT
SPRING CAMPOREE

BE PREPARED TO HELP FIGHT HUNGER

Help us by
donating non-
perishable
food items
benefiting
those in need.



Donated
items will be
accepted
during unit
check-in

All donations will go to Live Oak Methodist Church
food bank.

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Ongoing Changes in the Occonechee Cope / Climbing Program

- Unit level “ground training” for merit badge completion
- Effective use of resource and time management to maximize vertical activities at the tower while accomplishing personal development goals
- Tower 1 Adult Leader training 10/4-6/2024

Sandhills District Climbing POC: Dan Houchins; danhouchins1968@gmail.com; 910-709-2680



New Venture Crew Interest Meeting

WHO: Scouts 14 - 21 y/o and interested adult leadership

WHAT: Interest meeting to discuss the possibility of form and chartering a new venture crew

WHEN: March 27, 2024 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Patriot Hall in Anderson Creek Street address: 216 Anderson Creek Drive, Spring Lake, NC

POC: Dan Houchins email: danhouchins1968@gmail.com cell: (910) 709-2680





District Resources

www.Sandhills.OCScouts.org





District Resources – New E-mail List!

sandhills.ocscouts.org/email/



BSA Marketing Bootcamp Dates AND

New! Occoneechee Council Marketing Call

BSA Marketing Bootcamp – March 14 & March 21 at 8pm EST

All are welcome to attend both sessions to learn new strategies to take your recruitment and marketing efforts to the next level!

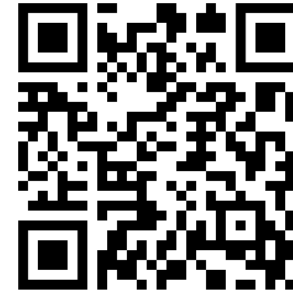
Register with QR Code:



Make plans to attend the first Council Marketing Call on April 2nd at 7pm EST

Participants will learn more about the council's marketing efforts, how they can be involved, and what resources are available to support districts and units.

Register with QR Code:



Registration Links and more info available at www.ocscouts.org.

Questions? Contact Laura.Williford@scouting.org

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2nd Annual Reach for the Stars! Be a Star!

STEM & Resource Fair for K-12 Students with disabilities – Friends & Family Welcome too!

Saturday, April 6th | 10am-2pm

**McKimmon Center, NC State University
1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC**

Over 50+ booths with STEM content, Careers, Educational Pathways, ALL with hands-on STEM activities and support resources! All Scouts are welcome!



There is transportation funding available if you have neurodiverse or special needs Scouts who would like to attend. If you arrange for the transportation, NCSU will reimburse you or pay the vendor directly.

You must contact Joann Blumenfeld at jrblumen@ncsu.edu or 919-633-3120 by 3/15 if interested in funds.

Questions? Contact Debraghall@yahoo.com or Laura.Williford@scouting.org

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Key-3 Notes





District Executive



Cumberland and Harnett Counties:

- **Bill Walters** - bill.walters@scouting.org - 910.818.9398

Moore and Lee Counties:

- **Kenna McIntire** - kenna.mcintire@scouting.org - 919.665.9619
- **Henry Goodson** - henry.goodson@scouting.org - 910.818.9244





District Executive



1. Moore DCA honoring Bill Eastman was a huge success. It raised more \$ than any fundraising dinner in Sandhills Service Area (\$98,000). Special thank you goes out to the Color Guard of Troop 7 Boys and Girls. They did a great job. Olivia Kopelen did a great invocation that would put most pastors to shame.
2. Cumberland County DCA is scheduled for May 30th at the Cape Fear Botanical Gardens. We have a scout that will play the bag pipes when guests arrive. The recipient this year is Mike Nagowski (CEO Cape Fear Valley Hospital).
3. Recharter losses- 6 dropped units:
 - 1) Lewis Chapel - Pack 29 // 2) Lewis Chape -Troop 29 // 3) Four Seasons Family Day Care - Pack 173
 - 4) Haymount Youth Services - Pack 740 // 5) Salem United Methodist Church - Pack 745 6) The Longleaf - Pack 13
4. Our March projection is 1166 youth and 61 units. Our Spring recruiting emphasis needs to involve booths at Spring Festivals, separated membership lists, dropped unit list (invite families to come back), flyers in schools that will allow access(private), new units. Congrats to Calvary Chapel for starting a new Pack this year.

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- **The 2024 Investment in Character Sustaining Donors Campaign is underway.** So far we have 3 units signed up for a brief presentation at your units Blue/Gold or COH. There are various levels of giving with 3 different patches this year. Please see Angie to schedule your presentation.
- **Cumberland United Way is looking for success stories for 2023.** If your unit has a success story how UW benefited their unit or families please let Bill Walters know as soon as possible. Also, I'm looking for 3 sharp Scouts to use in the 2024 request for funding presentation. If you have a well-spoken scout who would like to talk about "what scouting means to me" please contact Bill Walters at 910-818-9398





District Chairman Comments

1. March 22-24, 2024, Sandhills District Camporee at Camp Bowers. Looking for adult volunteers to help with planning and delivery.
2. Conduct at least one event at which your Scouts get the chance to interact with members of your community – Passive Recruiting or Recruiting by Doing!

Please use the Sandhills Website for your information.

Sandhills.ocscouts.org



District Commissioner

Sandhills had 60 Units After Recharter

Need Volunteers in the District

If you have an interest, please contact me.

Many hands make small work!!



Lee Leonard District Commissioner



leonardl@fnb-corp.com or
leonard6@yahoo.com

910-639-3273

