

# Troop 214 Parent News

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## Key Events This Month

April 5-7<sup>th</sup>: District Camporee  
April 12-14<sup>th</sup>: Whitewater camp.  
April 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>: OA Conclave  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Court of Honor  
April 26-28<sup>th</sup>: Troop Leader Train.  
April 29<sup>th</sup>: Troop Meeting 7 PM

## Key Events Next Month

May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>: Busch Gardens Campout  
May 5<sup>th</sup>: ASM Meeting  
May 11<sup>th</sup>: Stream Cleanup  
May 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: OA Spring Inductions  
May 20<sup>th</sup>: Annual Planning Meeting

## Dates to Remember

**April 1<sup>st</sup>: WCPSS Holiday-No Meeting**

April 5-7<sup>th</sup>: District Camporee

April 6: Merit Badge College

**April 7<sup>th</sup>: ASM Meeting 7 PM**

April 8<sup>th</sup>: PLC, Troop & Committee meeting 7 PM

April 12-14<sup>th</sup>: Whitewater Center Campout

April 15<sup>th</sup>: Troop Elections, Troop Meeting 7PM

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## A Message from Scoutmaster Harold Hodnett:

**Troop Leadership Training (TLT) 2013 to be held April 26-28th at Emerald Isle!!!**

Troop 214's very own Troop Leadership Training will be held at Dr. Roberts' beach house in Emerald Isle, NC on 4/26-4/28.

You may ask: What is TLT? A short definition would be that TLT gives the

youth leaders of the Troop (any position, elected or appointed from Assistant Patrol Leader up to Senior Patrol Leader) additional training and skills to help them carry out their new roles as Leaders. It is also a wonderfully fun weekend at an awesome venue. We learn about leadership styles, how to lead, what makes a good leader, how to get others to participate and so many other important items.

The youth are treated to a variety of learning exercises and fun, and the "Old Goat" patrol takes care of all of the meals! (A lot is expected of our youth leaders, so there has to be some privileges associated with that!)

The cost for the weekend is nominal (usually in the \$30 range) but the amount of fun is extraordinary! A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the Scoutmaster's office and attendance may be limited, with priority given to those Scouts who have never attended before.

If you have any questions, see or e-mail Mr. Hodnett.

## **Inclement Weather and Holiday Policy for Troop Meeting**

The Troop does not usually have meetings on Monday nights that fall on the same days as scheduled student holidays listed on the WCPSS traditional school calendar. In the event that WCPSS cancels school during the day on a Monday due to weather, the Troop meeting will also be cancelled. Contact Mark Holmes at [unc10s@yahoo.com](mailto:unc10s@yahoo.com) if you have information to submit to the monthly parent newsletter. Items for the newsletter may also be submitted to the Troop Historian. Change your e-mail? Please notify [Jay Sprankle](#).

## News and Details About Upcoming Events

### **April White Water Rafting Campout**

*From ASM Craig Setzer:*

ATTN: Parents: Please see important attachments sent out recently via email regarding details for the April Troop Campout to the National White Water Center in Charlotte on April 12-14, 2013.

Please especially note a guide to the white water center to help your scout plan his trip. A waiver that the parent will need to sign for the scout & bring to departure at the scout hut on April 12 and the trip handout with detailed info about the trip.

The predicted itinerary will be as follows:

Leave scout hut at approximately 5:00 PM on April 12

Drive approximately 3 hours to campsite at Kings Mtn. State Park just over the NC border near Clover, SC

Establish Camp upon arrival

Taps

Revelry - Breakfast grub & pack bag lunches on the morning of April 13

Depart to white water center for 9-10:00 AM opening (approximately 30-45 mins drive from campsite)

Spend morning at white water center, then break for lunch

2:00 reservation for rafting

Back to activities at white water center after rafting

Back to campsite (30 -45 mins. ride back to campsite) once activities complete at white water center.

Dinner grub

Campfire

Taps

Revelry - Breakfast Grub on the morning of April 14

Break camp

Load out

Devotion & reflection

Drive to Bass Pro Shop (open at 10:00 on Sunday morning)

Leave Bass Pro Shop at approximately 11:00 AM & stop for fast food lunch individually with your vehicle

Back to Raleigh

Estimated arrival time back at scout hut: 2:00 PM - Scouts will call parents when they are about an hour away from Raleigh with an accurate arrival time for pickup.

## **Merit Badge Institute, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013!!!**

According to Troop Committee Chair Jay Sprankle and ASM Mike Fair, Troop 214 has **20 scouts** signed up thus far for **9 merit badge classes** for **Merit Badge Institute, 2013**.

There's still time if you want to sign up but don't hesitate as some classes are filling up fast!!!

Scouts can sign up for morning and afternoon classes and earn up to TWO merit badges.

Classes are held at Benson UMC, in the Admin building. Cost is \$10 for the whole day and \$5 for one half day class includes lunch.

Morning courses offered are Citizenship in the Nation, Energy, Environmental Science\*, Insect Study, and Salesmanship.

Afternoon courses are Art, Golf, Personal Management\*, & Photography.  
(\*underlined classes are restricted to 1st class scouts or scouts at least 13 yrs old)

Contact Mike Fair, [mikefair1@nc.rr.com](mailto:mikefair1@nc.rr.com), or Jay Sprankle, [jay\\_sprankle@yahoo.com](mailto:jay_sprankle@yahoo.com), to sign up or if you have any questions.

## **Order of the Arrow**

**From OA Representative Will Hollerung**  
Upcoming OA News:

This past month we have had several Arrowmen participate in OA elections throughout the chapter. Also, this past week we had several Arrowmen participate in an Arrow of Light ceremony.

Thank you to those guys for helping out! This month we had our Spring Pow-wow at Camp Durant which was a huge success for the lodge!

We also had one scout from our Troop, Cameron Burdett, complete his ordeal over the weekend! Congratulations!!!!

This coming month in April we will be hosting our section's Conclave at Camp Durant. It will be on April 19 to April 21.

**Online registration closes April 1st.**

I hope to see all you fellow Arrowmen come out to Camp Durant for an awesome weekend!

## **Summer Camp 2013!!!**

### **Update from ASM Mr. Joe Fiely**

The Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Troop meeting was the last meeting before the deadline for advanced registration for summer camp.

**If you are attending to camp, I need to know ASAP** and we need to make arrangements for the **\$100 deposit**. If you are NOT attending camp, please just let me know that your Scout will not be going.

Additional details for 2013 camp can be found in a flyer contained in this newsletter. Please take some time to review additional key dates.

If there are any questions, please contact Joe Fiely at [fiely@bellsouth.net](mailto:fiely@bellsouth.net) or 919-247-9329

## **Updates from Previous Troop 214 Events**

### **March Fort Fisher Campout Recap**

**From ASM Mr. Craig Setzer**

Troop 214 scouts & adults left Benson parking lot at a few minutes after our departure time of 5:00 PM with GPS's set for Moore's Creek National Battlefield in Currie, NC.

We arrived at the campsite at around 7:45 PM & proceeded to set up tents & a few scouts slept in hammocks. Scouts & adults hit the rack around 9-9:30 due to our scheduled early revelry of 6:30 PM.

Morning found all scouts rolling out of their sleeping bags & eating their various breakfast grubbs. We stowed away the camp site & left at approximately 8:00 AM for the drive down to Kure Beach to Ft. Fisher. The museum at the fort site was not open when we arrived & we strolled around the historic fort grounds waiting for the Ft. Fisher Aquarium to open at 9:00 AM.

We left the fort site & drove the short distance to the Ft. Fisher Aquarium. Scouts split off into buddy groups & had a two hour tour of the aquarium. Of course, this state aquarium offered viewings of multiple varieties of marine life topped off by a diver in their 200,000+ gallon tank who was able to

communicate with the gathered audience via a microphone in his face mask. A very neat job that several of the scouts said they would love to have.

Our schedule dictated that we depart the aquarium at 11:00 AM so we could catch the ferry from Kure Beach over to Southport. The ferry was first come, first served. So, we could not waste any time getting to the ferry. Luckily all was well the two vehicles we were using for transportation made it to the ferry entrance queue with no problem. The ferry ride was approximately 35 minutes. We exited the ferry & drove to Southport to have lunch on the waterfront & eat our prepared brown bag lunches.

Next, we drove to the Oak Island Coast Guard Station where the troop had a guided tour by the acting officer of the day. He showed us the interior where they eat, sleep, have recreation & their radio/watch room. We also were treated to a tour of their vessels which included to 40+ foot vessels & a smaller vessels that they use in their water & sea operations.

Then, we took the short drive to the Oak Island Lighthouse where we climbed the stair system to the top of the lighthouse & had a magnificent aerial view of the area. Andy Jones described the climb as "sketchy" as climbing the stair system could be a little unnerving due to the height. Everyone who made the climb thought it was really cool & congratulated each other for finishing the climb.

Lastly, we made another short drive to Ft. Caswell which is a Civil War era fort with additions from WWI & WWII on land that The NC State Baptist Convention purchased back in the 1940's when the land became surplus. Lots of climbing ensued with explorations through various rooms & tunnels still remaining from the fort. The downside is that there is no ongoing attempt to preserve the site due to its historical & archeological significance.

We left Ft. Caswell & pointed our compass back to our campsite at Moore's Creek. Arrangements were made for a camp fire & preparations before grub began. Once grub was complete, Zachary Benson led us through a campfire service complete with flag retirement which fulfilled one of his requirements for the Communications Merit Badge. Most scouts were lulled to their tents after campfire & were ready for a good night's sleep after a long & fun day.

Sunday morning came early due to the change in daylight savings time. We grubbed, then broke camp. Our troop met one of the rangers at 9:00 AM who led us through the Moore's Creek BSA Patch Program which included some investigative research at the visitor's center & then he led a hike around the battlefield. We finished this portion of our event around 11:15 AM & then made our way down to Wilmington to tour the U.S.S. North Carolina.

Approximately 30 minutes later we arrived at the Battleship Memorial. We ate our prepared bag lunches at a picnic shelter on site & then broke off into buddy groups to tour the

battleship. Two hours later we regrouped & had reflection & an interfaith service prepared by Jefferson Norwood to fulfill a requirement for his Communication Merit Badge.

Once complete we piled back into our vehicles & made the return trip to Raleigh arriving at the hut around 5:00 PM. The trip was a lot of fun & our scouts came back with a wealth of knowledge about the history of their state as well completing an enjoyable camping experience.

Thanks to the following adult volunteers for the trip: John Norwood, David Burdett, Jeff Price, Mike Fair for grubbing for the adults as well as reserving several of the trip events & Mr. Mike Jones for once again driving the church van. Also, thanks to the March Camping Committee members: Thomas Fair, Joel Setzer, Matthew Kuwalik & Mr. Fair.

### Quote of the Month

Fires can't be made with dead embers, nor can enthusiasm be stirred by spiritless men. Enthusiasm in our daily work lightens effort and even turns labor into pleasant tasks.

**James A. Baldwin**  
**American Author**  
**1924-1987**

### Joke of the Month:

**Jim:** Why are you crying?

**Joe:** My dog's lost.

**Jim:** Maybe he'll just come home.

**Joe:** No he won't, he's lost.



**Jim:** Well, I'll help you put Lost Dog posters up if you want.

**Joe:** Naw, it wouldn't do any good.

**Jim:** Why not?

**Joe:** My dog can't read!

*Thanks to Scoutmaster Mr. Harold Hodnett and adult leaders, Mr. Jay Sprankle, Mr. Craig Setzer, Mr. Joe Fiely and OA representative Will Hollerung for contributing to this month's newsletter.*

### **March Fort Fisher Campout Photos!!!!**











*NOTE: Please see 2013 Summer Camp Flier at the end of this section*

# **Troop 214 Summer Camp 2013**

**When:** 6/23/2013 - 6/29/2013

**Where:** Occoneechee Scout Reservation  
Carthage, NC

**Cost:** Youth: \$265 (includes Camp and Transportation.\*)  
Adult: \$50

\*Additional merit badge fees may apply

## **Key Dates**

<b>March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$100 deposit due for each youth attending camp!!!</b>
<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Merit Badge requests due</b>
<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Medical forms for all youth and adults due to Troop.</b>
<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Balance due for all campers youth and adult.</b>
<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Last day to request refund for camp.</b>

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