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Quote of the Month

*Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities... because it is the quality which guarantees all others.*  
 —Winston Churchill

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## Campfire Report

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### SAFETY IN SCOUTING

BY BECKETTE F.

Scouting isn't all fun and if you are not careful you can get hurt. So as scouts we prepare for that with some safety rules. Scouts should stay with a buddy so that if something happens they have someone who can help. We have rules about fire safety, like you have to make sure the fire is cold and there is no smoke before leaving because that could end badly. When someone is using a sharp tool we have to have a blood circle to indicate that the area should not be entered and when a sharp tool is being used you have to say thank you and it has to be closed so someone doesn't try taking the sharp object from a person

using it. We have to clean our cooking utensils and instruments using environmental safe soap. We also have to put our food in trees, a car, or cooler to keep animals out of the camp and food. We have penalty more to keep us, other campers, and the environment safe and natural. Scouting is fun but if you don't follow the rules someone and something may get hurt which it will still happen everyone has some cuts and bruises but most of the big ones and most of the smaller injuries can be prevented. ♣

### TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE

BY SONJOSUA P. (JASM)

Scouting is not just a program, it's a way of life. We have our scout oath and motto that guide us and teach us good standards to have. Helping other people is service or charity, service is also the theme for young men and young women this year. Through service we can come closer to our fellow scouts. We learn more about each other and from a tighter bond.

person but for many. A friend of mine did a project where they cleaned up a cemetery, this affected many people, those who are old can't get out as much and clean up their loved ones graves so it is a blessing that someone would come and clean everything up. This particular scout went beyond his eagle duties, he has gone back every year and cleaned up the cemetery so people could come back and enjoy the presence of loved ones. Service brings us closer to our fellow man and helps uplift people's spirit, even if it's as simple as just planting someone's garden, it will leave a lasting impression on that person. ♣

Service is also a huge focus in scouting. For every rank advancement after first class you must perform a certain amount of service. Your eagle project is a service activity, usually it's a service project on a bigger scale because it is not for one



Caelan's Crossover & Arrow of Light Ceremony—April 2015

### FREE GEAR

BY JOHN OLIVER (ASM)

After a recommendation from Gavin, our senior patrol leader, it has been decided that rather than just holding our auction at the end of the year, we should do part of the auction in July.

We have put together a budget of around \$600 for items that will be auctioned off. Items will include basics, as well as some big ticket items. Here are a few examples of what we have in mind...

Hydration Packs (water bladders), Mess Kits, Trekking Poles, Hammocks and LOTs of Accessories (straps, tarps, bug nets, etc), Backpacking

Accessories, etc.

... Just to name a few. We are still sourcing and pricing from a number of different locations and we plan on getting as much as we can for the budget we have put towards this.

What do the boy scouts need to do? They need to turn in their point sheets! Each month every scout should turn in a point sheet so that they can earn points for the auction. How do they earn points you ask? Simple! They earn points by doing things they already do. For example, a scout who shows up to a troop meeting in proper uniform will earn 215 points. To see all the ways scouts can earn

points, please check out this year's point sheet. These points will be used like money at the auction to bid on items.

If you have equipment that you would like to donate to the troop for the auction, please contact either Gain or myself.

I will not accept any sheets more than 2 months old. For example, at this point in time, I will only accept sheets for April and May. This is an easy way for scouts to get equipment that will last them for the rest of their life so please turn in your sheets so that you can earn your points. ♣

### SCOUT SKILL

BY GAVIN R. (SPL)

There is a reason that in order to be an eagle scout you have to receive multiple merit badges. Personal fitness and personal management are just two of the merit badges you have to earn.

What I have learned the hard way is that a scout has to be skillful in every area he can be (even knot tying). You are able to help more people if you have a wider variety of knowledge. I have heard that a lot of employers ask if the employee is an eagle scout and the reason that is, is because they are looking for somebody that is helpful and skillful. ♣

### A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS

BY NEIL F.

Most people remember when a scout was trustworthy, brave, kind, friendly, or loyal. But most cannot name a time when a scout is courteous. The problem that is here is that most people don't actually know how hard it is to always be courteous. First in order to understand why this is so difficult we first have to understand what courteous means. Courteous mean to be "Polite, respectful, and considerate in word and action." as you can see people are already expected to behave this way most of the time, however a boy scout must be courteous at all times even to those who are rude and whose only goal is to demean others.

In example I once remember a time when a boy scout was confronted with a bully. This boy scout instead of saying snarky things and demeaning the boy back merely excused himself and walked away.

This young boys example was set and I still attempt to follow his never ending patience and his ability to laugh at himself even when he should fight back. ♣

## CALENDAR

June 10 @ 7pm	Troop Meeting
June 12 & 13	Flag Ceremony and Camp at Flying Squirrels Game
June 15 to 19	Cub Scout Day Camp
June 17 @ 7pm	Troop Meeting
June 24 @ 7pm	Troop Meeting
June 25 to 27	Camping Trip
June 30	OA ArrowTour
July 1 @ 7pm	YM/YW Mutual
July 7 @ 7:30pm	Cardinal Roundtable Pamunkey Chapter Meeting
July 8 @ 7pm	Troop Meeting
July 10 & 11	Youth Conference

## LIFE SCOUT TO EAGLE SCOUT

BY PATTI HOBBS (COMM. CHAIR)

The Life scout takes a wonderful journey to become an Eagle Scout. It begins by making a commitment to becoming a better person; one who is willing to serve others in as many ways as possible. Yes, service is what scouting is about. Just like being a priesthood holder. The skills a scout learns during his few years in scouting will not only make him a skilled person, it will make him a person of value to others.

There is a great deal necessary to accomplish the task of achieving the rank of Eagle scout, all of which is to be done by the scout, with assistance from parents and leaders. Things like, transportation to acquire signatures from leaders that a scout may not be able to do on his own.

An Eagle candidate should download the Eagle workbook and application onto his computer and read through each in their entirety to become familiar with the information he will need to gather in order to complete each of these. There are many things required to complete the workbook. It is divided into 3 sections: The project proposal, the project plan, and the project report. Each section requires signatures from leaders or others. Some projects will require fundraising. This has to be done

by scouting requirements and documented.

Accomplishing the requirements for Eagle rank is not like earning a merit badge. It is not something that can be done in a weekend, or even two weekends. The Eagle candidate must complete each section of the workbook, which requires much information, getting signatures and dates, before moving onto actually doing the project. The project itself may be able to be done in a few days, but the workbook will take months. It is not something that should or can be taken lightly. The workbook outlines the whole project and the process to complete it. The Eagle Scout Board will need to be able to take the workbook, look at each entry, and retrace the steps the Eagle candidate took to accomplishing his project and the reason his project qualifies as an Eagle Scout Project. They will have questions for him at his Review, but they should be fully informed of what process he took and what he accomplished simply by reading his workbook

During the carrying out of the project, the Eagle candidate is to instruct and advise others how to accomplish his project. The project is not about what the scout can build or do, but ra-

ther, how he leads others.

One of the first things an Eagle candidate needs to do is select an Eagle Coach. Our troop has 4 trained Eagle Coaches; Gain Foster, John Oliver, Mike Bradshaw, and Patti Hobbs. The job of an Eagle Coach is to assist the boy with his Eagle project, in that, he/she makes sure the project the scout has chosen will pass the Eagle Board of Review. The Eagle Coach can answer questions, or get answers to questions concerning the carrying out of the project.

The great Cardinal district, that our troop is a part of, has produced a great wealth of information on this road to becoming an Eagle Scout at this link. <http://scoutlife.us/cardinallifetoeagle/>. There are many links on this page. I recommend that the scout and his parents look at most if not all links and become as familiar with the information as they can in order to make this journey an easier one.

Because this is a long, involved journey, the Eagle candidate and his parents will feel a huge sense of accomplishment upon completion of it. They will know the sweet taste of success and reap the rewards for the rest of their lives. ♣

## A SCOUT'S COOKING CAULIFLOWER FRIED RICE WITH BACON RECIPE



### INGREDIENTS

- 4 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 small onion, finely minced
- 1 head cauliflower, grated
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 cup frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 tablespoon fish sauce or soy sauce

### DIRECTIONS

STEP 1: In a wok or large sauté pan over medium heat, cook bacon until almost crispy.

STEP 2: Add the onions and stir fry until translucent.

STEP 3: Turn heat to high. Add the grated cauliflower and stir fry for 1 minute. Add water and mixed vegetables, stir well, cover the pan and let the cauliflower mixture steam for another 3 minutes or until tender.

STEP 4: Uncover and add ( your choice of seasoning) to combine. Toss well. Taste and add additional seasoning as desired. ♣



Joe Taylor's Eagle Court of Honor—April 27th, 2012

## MAY ORDER OF THE ARROW ORDEAL

BY JOHN OLIVER (ASM)

I am happy to announce that two of our other troop members that were elected back in March were able to go through their ordeal this past weekend. I want to take a moment and congratulate Gain and Charlie on becoming the newest Arrowmen in Troop 767!

In addition to Gain and Charlie going through the Ordeal, Gavin was able to help all weekend in the food services committee and I had the opportunity to serve as an elangomat and work with the new candidates.

We would also like to thank Mike and Parker for joining us Saturday afternoon to participate in fellowship and in supporting our newest members.

For more information about the Order of the Arrow, please feel free to visit our website:

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