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# Troop 400 Trail Post

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## Hargrave Military Academy March 31

**Event:** Hargrave Military Academy Merit Badge Jamboree

**Date:** March 31-April 2

**Location:** Chatham, VA

**What to bring:** Tent camping, sleeping bag, Class A shirt required, pack for cool nights and/or rain

Our annual trip to Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virginia will be the weekend of March 31 through April 2. They put on a fantastic merit badge jamboree and there is always time for a nice swim in their Olympic-size pool. Bring your swimsuit and towel.

Food is provided at the Academy's dining hall. Class A shirt is required for entry into dining hall and during Merit Badge classes. Bag dinner Friday night.



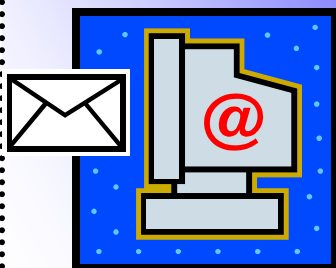
Merit Badges previously offered: American Heritage, Atomic Energy, Aviation, Canoeing, Chemistry, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World. Communications, Electricity, Electronics, Emergency Prep, Engineering, Fingerprinting, Fire Safety, First Aid, Genealogy, Indian Lore, Landscape Architecture, Law Leatherwork, Lifesaving, Medicine, Personal Fitness, Pioneering, Plumbing, Rifle Shooting, Shotgun Shooting, Swimming, and Traffic Safety.

Participants in the Personal Fitness merit badge should bring shorts or sweatpants, sweatshirt, T-shirt, towel and tennis shoes.

Contact Dennis Kay at 620-7555 for specific details regarding costs and merit badge offerings.

Got news or photos to share?

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS! ANNOUNCEMENTS! ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

- ◆ **Patrol Schedules:**  
March - 28th - Eagles
- ◆ **Troop Committee Meeting:** The next Troop Committee meeting is Monday, April 10 at 6:30pm. All are welcome to these.
- ◆ **OA Elections:** Elections for the Order of the Arrow will be held March 28.
- ◆ **Geology Merit Badge:** Don't forget to sign up for this merit badge to be held in May. Brad Elkins, an East Carolina University geology graduate student and Troop 400 Eagle Scout, will be offering this merit badge again this spring. Sign up sheet is in the scout room.
- ◆ **Congratulations to....** Joe Newman has just returned with reports of a good turn out from the OA lodge. He won first place in the Grass Dance category. He now has created his own regalia. There will be a District Arrow of Light ceremony for the Webelos this year. The OA is taking an active role.
- ◆ **Summer Camp:** The dates for summer camps are: June 18-24 Camp Durant, and July 9-15 Camp Daniel Boone. Mark Rasberry will have the details for money due dates.
- ◆ **Mini Clinic Physicals :** The mini-clinic for yearly physicals will be held May 9 @ 7:00pm. Scouts should have a parent present. This clinic is free of charge.

**Troop 400 Events 2006**

March 31-April 2 Hargrave Military Academy (Dennis Kay – Primary Coordinator)

April 10 Troop 400 Committee meeting 6:30 PM

April 21-23 Hammock's Beach State Park Trip (Lisa Janes – Primary Coordinator)

April 28-30 District Spring Camporee - Camp Campbell

May 5-6 Cross-over (Frank Morgan – Primary Coordinator)

May 8 Troop 400 Committee meeting 6:30 PM

May 19-21 Canoe Trip (Al Joyner / Carl Forsyth)

May 30 **Court of Honor, 7:00pm**

June 18-24 Durant Summer Camp

July 9-15 Daniel Boone Summer Camp

**ALL EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION!**

## Daniel McAndrew's Eagle Ceremony

***Daniel McAndrew has joined Troop 400's Eagle ranks***

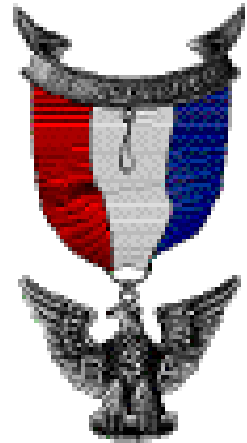
***Ceremony to be held in the Sanctuary***

***Aldersgate United Methodist Church***

***On April 2, 2006***

***2:00pm***

***with a reception to follow in the Gym***



***Please join us to celebrate his attaining the BSA highest award***

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## New First Class Rank Requirement

Beginning Jan. 1, 2006, an additional requirement were added for the First Class rank in Boy Scouting. The new requirement reads:

"Tell someone who is eligible to join Boy Scouts, or an inactive Boy Scout, about your troop's activities. Invite him to a troop outing, activity, service project, or meeting. Tell him how to join, or encourage the inactive Boy Scout to become active."

The new requirement tests the candidate's persuasive communications skills and carrying it out can help bring more boys into Scouting.

Scouts beginning work on requirements for First Class after Jan. 1, 2006, must complete the new requirement. Scouts already working on First Class requirements prior to that date will have until June 30, 2006, to complete First Class rank without completing the new requirement.

Every Scoutmaster has been sent a DVD, "In the Scout Zone" (BSA No. 18-443), containing tools in video format for young Scouts to use in completing the new requirement. One is an instruction session on how to speak to a friend about joining Scouting; another is a music video of Scout activity images to share with someone interested in joining.

Scouts can find additional support for the completion of this requirement on the Boy Scout membership Web site, [www.thescoutzone.org](http://www.thescoutzone.org), which is scheduled to be continually updated with helpful tools and information. In addition, Scouts who succeed in recruiting a new Scout are eligible for a new recruiter patch (No. 18-234), which unit leaders can obtain from the council service center when they turn in a new membership application.



## Hunter Janes' Eagle Ceremony

*Troop 400  
of the  
Mawat District,  
Occoneechee Council,  
Boy Scouts of America*

*Cordially invites you to attend the  
Presentation of the  
EAGLE SCOUT RANK  
to  
Hunter Huston Janes*

*Sunday, April 9, 2006  
Two o'clock in the afternoon  
Aldersgate United Methodist Church  
Durham, North Carolina*

*Reception to follow in the  
Family Life Center*





## Mini Clinic Information

### Important Medical Information For All T400 Parents and Scouts

In order to attend BSA and T400 sponsored events all scouts and adult participants are required to have a current physical and medical/insurance information on file with the Troop Health and Safety Officer. The forms are designated by Classes:

**Class I** all scouts and adult participants complete every year. The information required is demographic, insurance, doctor, allergy, immunizations, etc.

**Class II** all scouts and adults 40 years old and under are required to have a physical performed by a qualified practitioner every three years

**Class III** scout participating in High Adventure programs and adults over 40 years are to have a physical performed by a qualified practitioner every year

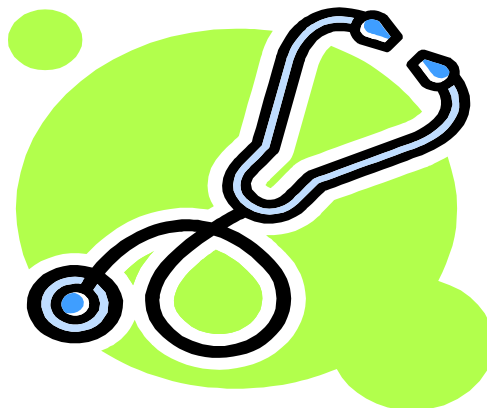
***Troop 400 offers physicals at a "mini clinic" every year after the Webelos crossover.***

***This year the clinic is May 9 @ 7:00 – 8:00 pm during the regular troop meeting***

Please contact Ann McAndrew at [Ann.McAndrew@va.gov](mailto:Ann.McAndrew@va.gov)

- ◆ ***To sign up for this free service***
- ◆ ***Want a form for your doctor to complete***
- ◆ ***Any questions***

***Remember no scout can attend any scouting sponsored event without a current Class I physical.***



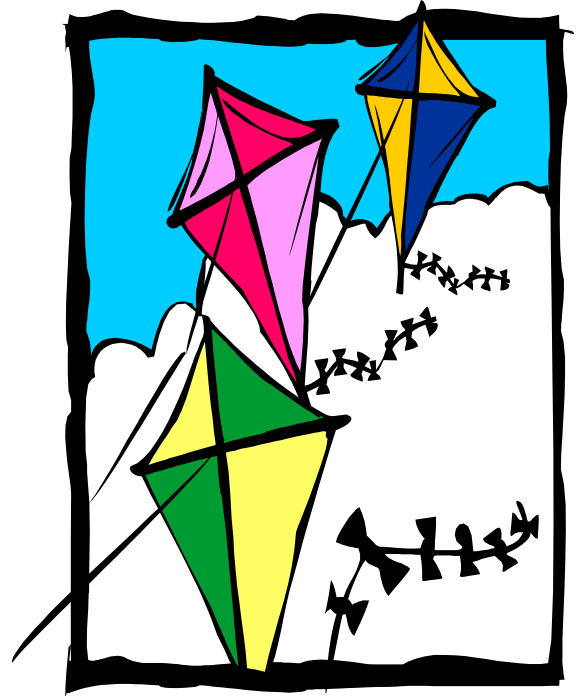
## Hammock Beach State Park Trip

Let's Go Fly a Kite at Hammocks Beach State Park!

Pack your favorite kite and fishing gear and join us for Troop 400's annual beach camping trip at Hammocks Beach State Park April 22 and 23. Mr. Simpson is planning on bringing his jumbo kite and we may even try a hand at making our own kites! The trip is limited to 36 boys and adults, so be sure to sign up early to guarantee your slot. And Moms, this is a great trip for females because the bath house is just a quick walk up the beach!

Located in Swansboro, NC, between Jacksonville and Morehead City near Emerald Isle, Hammock's Beach features three-mile-long Bear Island that is accessible only by passenger ferry or private boat. The unspoiled barrier island offers tent camping only and is a popular spot for beachgoers and kayakers.

Troop 400 beachgoers will need to meet at the Scout shed at 6 p.m. Friday evening April 21 with all their camping gear to be loaded into the Scout trailer and to exchange maps and other information. After a good night's sleep, we'll reconvene at 6:30 a.m. Saturday April 22. Don't be late, because we'll hit the road no later than 7 a.m. and should arrive at Hammock's by 11:00 a.m. Then we'll eat our lunch and take the ferry to our camp site. (Don't worry, it's an easy walk from the ferry to the camp site). The campers will return by 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon.



The fees for camping are \$1 per person and the charge for the ferry is \$5 per person, round-trip. Each Scout will need to bring enough money to stop for snacks on the way down and lunch on the way back. Each patrol will be responsible for their own food for Saturday night's supper and Sunday morning's breakfast.

Scouts should remember to bring sun protection and plenty of fluids for drinking. It will be important to dress properly; because there are few places on the island to escape the sun's rays (or rain). Hats and shoes are recommended. And, be sure to bring along insect repellent for protection against mosquitoes and other insects.

To reserve your spot for this fabulous camping trip, please contact Lisa or Terry Janes at 423-3463 (Lisa's cell) or 477-2768 (home); [JanesGang@aol.com](mailto:JanesGang@aol.com).

## Aldersgate's Soldiers Ministry

Troop 400 - Aldersgate Church has a "soldiers ministry" that involves all men and women of the church in the military. Different groups of the church are asked at different times to send cards/ letters/care boxes to men and women in the armed services - whether overseas or here stateside - as a "Hi. We're thinking about you and appreciate you" kind of thing. The troop has been asked to put together a "box" (no bigger than a shoebox) of this type for Eric Twine, a young man who just returned from overseas, and is currently stationed in Jacksonville, NC. He and his family have been long-time members of the church, and Eric (I believe) went to Northern HS.

If any of you are interested in participating in this effort, please bring a little something - candy, toiletries, mini games, CDs, etc to the meeting next Tuesday eve and I will collect it all. I will also get a card to have all those present sign and include with the box. I know Eric will appreciate it. Thanks!!

John Howe  
471-8637 or 368-4749

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## Ad Altare Dei Award

ATTENTION ALL CATHOLIC BOY SCOUTS a series of classes leading to attaining the Ad Altare Dei Award will be conducted at Holy Infant Parish. It is planned that they will be conducted on the first Thursday each month at 7 PM at Holy Infant, starting in May. (July is vacation month.)

If you are interested please call Joe Kilsheimer, at 489-2610, so that workbooks can be ordered. The first meeting will be with Scouts and parents on Thursday May 4.

The "Ad Altare Dei" (AAD) is a program developed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) for Boy Scouts of the Catholic faith. Its purpose is to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person by encouraging him to actively live out his Catholic Christian faith. This gives the boy the opportunity to develop his spiritual side according to the beliefs of his own religion, to be "morally straight."



The program itself consists of eight sections. These parallel the seven Sacraments. The Scout is encouraged to work with other Scouts on this program, under the guidance of a certified Religious Emblems Counselor. Check with your local Catholic Committee on Scouting to learn who can serve in this capacity for you. Your local Boy Scout service center can put you in touch with the Catholic Committee if needed.

From <http://www.nccs-bsa.org/emblems-awards/aad.php> -

Before work on the AAD workbook begins, the approval form must be signed by the applicant, parent, counselor, Unit leader, and pastor. A Boy Scout of Catholic faith.

The content is designed for 13 and 14 year olds. Older Scouts may also work on the program. Active member of the Troop for six months. Completed sixth grade before starting the program.