

January 2006



Troop 400 Trail Post

MAWAT DISTRICT ♦ OCCONEECHEE COUNCIL

CHARTERED BY ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
1320 UMSTEAD ROAD, DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27712

Inside this issue:

Announcements	2
Thank You	3
Clothing Donations	3
Upcoming Events	4
Kodachrome	5

It's Freezeree Time!

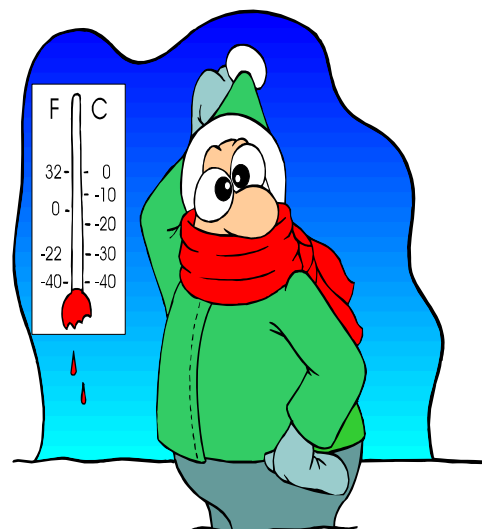
Event: Annual Freezeree & Cook Off

Date: January 20-22

Location: Camp Campbell

Drop off: Meet at church by 5:30pm
(subject to change)

Pick Up: Approx. noon at church



It's a new year and time for Troop 400's annual Freezeree and Capture the Flag Tournament! As always we'll be using flour bombs instead of touching by hand. Be stocking up on your supply of ammunition!

Got news or photos to share?



Troop400News
@aol.com

Remember to pack a cold weather sleeping bag and regular camping clothes – it may be cold & damp. Bring an **EXTRA SET OF CLOTHES TO WEAR DURING THE CAPTURE THE FLAG TOURNEY**. You WILL NOT be allowed to enter the tents with flour all over you! Remember – flour and water (sweat) makes PASTE!! If it rains, we don't use Flour Bombs!!

The campout will be a regular camping event - chuck boxes, tents, lanterns, etc. **DON'T FORGET....**there will also be a cooking contest. You guys better have some decent recipes to cook for the contest for the adults to judge! Look for more info coming at the troop meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS! ANNOUNCEMENTS! ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- ♦ **Duke Basketball Sign Up:** Parents - Check your personal calendars to see when you can help work the games. Tom Muellenbach will bring sign-up rosters to each meeting. Remember, the hours you work will go towards your scouts' account. Those funds can be used for dues, summer camp fees or camping equipment. This is our main source of revenue to support Troop 400. Several usher vacancies for the Duke women's basketball games still exist. Call (620-0224) or email (TomMuell@aol.com) to sign up. The game schedule (with reporting times) are as follows:

Thur. Jan. 19	5:20pm
Mon. Jan 23	5:40pm
Sun. Jan. 29	5:15pm
Fri. Feb. 10	5:20pm
Mon. Feb. 13	5:50pm
Wed. Feb. 22	5:20pm

- ♦ **Patrol Schedules:** What adds "meat to the bones" of Troop 400 is a good program. An exciting monthly adventure is great, but the week to week meetings are what keep us trained, skilled and motivated. Preparation for a good program is reward in itself because it puts the Scouts in touch with experts and information that's a feast for hungry minds. We will learn, to teach each other. So here is the program schedule for the next several weekly meetings:

January 10	Viper's Program
January 17	Mad Cow's Program
January 24	Sharpshooter's Program
January 31	Court of Honor
February 7	Cobra's Program
February 14	Eagle's Program

- ♦ **Laser Tag:** Michael Forsyth and his Dad are trying to put together a Laser-Tag experience for the January 27-28 weekend. We don't know yet if this will be a lock-in overnighter or just an afternoon assault, but stay tuned for last minute details.
- ♦ **Ski Trip:** We are still shooting for a ski weekend on February 3-5. Most of the resorts run about \$36 for Saturday lift tickets and between \$20-\$30 for ski or snowboard rentals. Plus meals. Lodging has not yet been secured, but it is a work in progress.
- ♦ **Scout Sunday:** This year Scout Sunday will be combined with our annual spaghetti supper. This event will be held on February 12. More details will be announced at the troop meetings.
- ♦ **Contact Information for Will McDougall:** Will is a former Troop 400 Eagle Scout now serving in Iraq. He would enjoy hearing from you. Here is his contact information:
 1Lt Will McDougall
 492 EFS/DO
 APO, AE 09309 Email: William.McDougall@auab.centaf.af.mil

Extra Special Thank You!

Thanks to Mr. Rasberry for doing all the research on a trailer for the Troop, presenting the options to the Committee and then placing our order. Troop 400 will soon be taking delivery of it's own enclosed trailer. No more arriving at camp with soggy gear!

Also, another special thanks goes to Paul Menchini. Mr. Menchini has also done his homework and will be presenting a proposal to the Committee to completely equip the Troop with all the climbing gear we need to do it big and do it safe! When we go over a cliff or up a rock wall, every system will have a back-up and your training will be the best in the Council. Those that want to finish their Climbing merit badge will have a chance to do so during a day trip to Pilot Mountain. Details to follow.



Clothing Donations for Hospitalized Soldiers

Vic Gentry has been in contact with Will McDougall who has asked for assistance with clothing for hospitalized soldiers. See the note below from the information manager:

To All:

I have been tasked with the duty of collecting new or used clothes for the soldiers that are in the hospital recovering from injuries suffered in Iraq. These men/women only come here with the DCU's that they have on. With the high number of them coming in and out, the hospital staff is running out of clothes to donate to them. If you all can please get the word out to your people about the situation, that will be greatly appreciated. There will be a box setup in the hospital taking the donations, but people are more than welcome to drop off items here at the Wing Headquarters Bldg. As I receive more information I will fill you guys in with the latest. Please remind your people that these guys do a year plus in Iraq and they deserve much more than what we are trying to provide them. If you have any questions or concerns just give me a call.

Thank you!!

QUIANA S. CAMPBELL, SSgt, USAF
Information Manager, 379 AEW/CCEA

THE PLAN: We will collect the clothing items on Tuesday, 1/10/2006. Vic Gentry would prefer warm weather clothing like shorts, pj bottoms, t-shirts (modern, bands, DUKE, UNC, make sure the items are coming from NC). Please, just 1 item initially. Sizes range from like Hunter Janes to the Frisneys and Will Alexander/Patrick Crownover. Check your closets and drawers for the perfect item to donate to this worthy cause.



Troop 400 Events 2005-2006

January 9 Troop 400 Committee meeting 6:30 PM

January 20-22 Freezeree (Van Blalock / Allen Logan)

January 28 Laser Tag (Carl Forsyth / Michael Forsyth)

January 31 **Court of Honor, 7:00pm**

February 3-5 Ski Trip (Location TBA) (Mike Simpson – Primary Coordinator)

February 12 AMC Scout Sunday (Carol Newman / Bob Naples / Ken Parham)

February 13 Troop 400 Committee meeting 6:30 PM

March 10-11 Troop/Webelos Campout (Location TBA) (Mark Rasberry – Primary Coordinator)

March 13 Troop 400 Committee meeting 6:30 PM

April 7-9 Hargrave Military Academy (Dennis Kay – Primary Coordinator)

April 10 Troop 400 Committee meeting 6:30 PM

April 21-23 Beach Trip (Lisa Janes – Primary Coordinator)

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**

ALL EVENTS AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION!





Kodachrome



Ann McAndrew
Troop Health & Safety Officer



Mona Griffis
Court of Honor
Refreshment Coordinator



Mike Griffis
Advancements Coordinator



Susan Schwab
Troop 400 Newsletter



Tom Mullenbach
Duke Football/Basketball
Coordinator