



TRAIL POST

Crossover Set This Weekend

This weekend (May 10-11) is our annual Crossover camping trip and family dinner at nearby Holly Grove Campground on Lake Michie. This is the time when we welcome new Scouts into our Troop. Meet at the Scout Shed at 5:00 Friday with a bag dinner. Saturday, we'll work on setting up the Crossover bridge and helping the newbies with basic skills.

Families should arrive around 3 p.m. (not 4 pm as was previously reported) Saturday with a side dish or dessert; main dish and beverages will be provided.

Holly Grove Campground is on Archery Range Road in Bahama, just this side of the Lake Michie bridge. Google Map:

<http://tinyurl.com/2am5j2>

After dinner, we break camp, and at dusk we will have the crossing over ceremony. We will be back home that evening, so you won't miss Mother's Day the next day.

If you have questions, please call Kent Wick-er at 383-5818 (home) before or 602-1393 (cell) during Crossover.

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The following Troop 400 scouts were "tapped out" into the Order of the Arrow at the camporee at Camp Tuscarora May 7:

Houston Gilbreath

Travis Hanson

Charles Logan

John West

Chris West

Carson Woodell

Jeremy Hartman

Michael Rasberry

Adult Scouter

Mark Rasberry was also selected to be in the OA.

A Letter From the Air Force

Note: Will McDougall was one of Troop 400's Eagle Scouts in the mid 1990s.

Sent: Tue, 1 May 2007 4:25 AM

Subject: Big News!

Dear friends and family,

Life for me is always an adventure and I wanted to pass on the new changes coming up for me. First, I will be leaving in early May to deploy with my squadron to Afghanistan for four months. We've been training hard in preparation and I'm looking forward to supporting and protecting America's heroes on the ground over there. Second, I will be moving to Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma on December 15th 2007. Enid lies about halfway between Oklahoma City and the Kansas border. I will be there for about two years as I completely start over flight school, but this time to be a pilot.

As many of you know, it's an absolute miracle that I've made it through all the hurdles to be currently flying the F-15. It seems that I'm always on the brink but God somehow makes it work out. I've enjoyed being a Weapon Systems Officer in the F-15E but since my time at the Academy I've always wanted to be a pilot. My eyesight (prior to laser surgery) has always restricted me from sitting in the front seat. Last fall, I applied for an exception to policy (only about 2 or 3 are approved each year throughout the Air Force). After being denied, turned down and disqualified multiple times throughout the fall, my exception to policy waiver was approved in mid-December. I still had to make the pilot training selection board but the waiver was approved too late to make this year's board. Imagine my surprise when my commander found me in February and told me that I've been accepted for pilot training starting

this year! The story of how it all worked out is truly amazing showing how God, yet again, made a way for me. I won't bore you with all the details, but it even includes Vice President Dick Cheney's office to push my application through.

I'm excited about this next step in life and it's certainly going to be a lot of work. I don't know what aircraft I'll end up flying since I'll be back in the pool of all the other pilots, but I'll start out flying the T-6, a single-engine turbo-prop—quite a slowdown from flying the F-15E.

Right now, I'm hoping to pick up fighter jets again.

While I'm deployed, I should have access to my macdeeco@yahoo.com account. You can also mail me directly at (normal US postage):

Will McDougall
455 EOG/492 EFS OPS
APO, AE 09354

I appreciate all your prayers and encouragement while we're deployed supporting America's heroes on the ground. It's going to be quite a difference from my past deployment, but I'm excited to put all this training to use to protect and assist the guys on the ground. I hope each of you are doing well and have a good summer.

Will



Whitewater trip set June 9

The trip to the National Whitewater Center in Charlotte will be Saturday, June 9. The cost of the trip will be \$43 for entry into the park. This will include a two hour session of whitewater rafting and a full day of climbing.

The National Whitewater Center's website is <http://usnwc.org>. Information about the facility is available from there. The National Whitewater Center has many solid class IV rapids. For this reason the National Whitewater Center has made the rule that you must be twelve years of age or older

to participate in the rafting.

If you have any questions about the safety of the park or anything else, please talk to Clinton Miller.

Frank Morgan

Mr. Frank B. Morgan, 49, of 5409 Stephens Lane, died Sunday morning, April 22, 2007, at Durham Regional Hospital. Mr. Morgan was born in Allegheny, PA, the son of the late Frances Junn Morgan and the late Howard Christy Morgan. He was a co-founder and partner with his wife of Morgan's Property Management for the past 11 years. Mr. Morgan was a former member of Glendale Heights United Methodist Church and a current member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. He was a former Cub Scout Den Leader for Pack 400 and was active in Boy Scout Troop 400.

Mr. Morgan is survived by his wife, Sheryl White Morgan; sons, Dylan Morgan and Trentin Morgan, both of the home; and brothers, Ronald Morgan and Howard Morgan, both of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Thursday in Clements Funeral Chapel in Durham with Rev. Johnny Branch officiating. Burial will follow in Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery. Casket bearers will be Tom Petrosky, Ken Parham, Mike Siler, Mark Drogos, Brandon Maynard and John Taylor. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening from 6 to 8 PM at Clements Funeral Home in Durham. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 3801 Lake Boone Trail, Ste 190, Raleigh, NC 27607, or to Boy Scout Troop 400, The Bryan Culberson Scholarship Fund at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1320 Umstead Rd., Durham, NC 27712.

The family is being assisted in Durham by Clements Funeral Service, Inc.

Troop 400 Calendar

May 15: Medical Exams

May 22: Planning session

May 29: Court of Honor

Do you have any Troop 400 news?

Susan Schwab, who has edited the Trail Post in recent years, has turned over newsletter to Mike Konvicka. The contact e-mail address has changed as well. Send your stories and pictures to a new address, troop400news@yahoo.com. (The previous contact e-mail address was troop400news@aol.com.) We would like to get the scouts more involved in the creation of the newsletter.

We appreciate all the work Susan did to keep the Trail post going, and we hope we can continue to live up to the high standards she set.

Kite Flying at County Stadium, April 14, 2007

