



TRAIL POST

Siwash camping set this weekend

The Siwash minimalist camping trip will be at Camp Campbell this Saturday and Sunday

Each person needs to bring his own food (Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast). The aim is that everything needed for the camping trip, except the sleeping bag, should fit into a container the size of a

shoebox. We will be leaving from Aldersgate on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 8 a.m.; we will return to Easley Elementary, 302 Lebanon Circle (to avoid getting in the way of the church service) on Sunday, Oct. 19, at about 10 a.m.

There is a chance of rain early Saturday, and the weather will be relatively cold Saturday night. Scouts should dress in layers, with plenty of warm clothes and rain gear.

Scouts should also be prepared to pay their driver \$5 for gas.

A Call for Troop 400 Tents

Troop 400 scouts and parents,

The troop purchased 12 (twelve) new tents for \$110 apiece, including 6 (six) footprints. Currently, we only have 5 (five) of the new tents in the scout shed. Some of the 5 were not even in their tent bags! It is evident that scouts are not respecting the troop gear. Please, please, if your family has a troop tent, return it by next Tuesday. Some troops require boys to purchase their own tents. We are very fortunate that the troop committee has provided the troop with the funds to purchase tents. If we do not see better handling of the tents by the boys, I recommend that we start taking detailed inventory and institute a sign-out system to provide better accountability of equipment. I don't want to go to those lengths, as it puts an administrative burden on someone (an adult and boy). If we simply take the tents home to dry out after a camping trip and return it at the following troop meeting, we won't have an issue. Thanks for your help on this important issue.

Thanks,
Tim Walters
Scoutmaster



This shelter was built during the 2007 Troop 400 Siwash campout

Orienteering merit badge event Oct 19

#1) Next orienteering event Sunday, Oct 19 Umstead State Park Southern entrance, off I-40 and left onto Harrison Ave, right turn as you enter the Reedy Creek part of Umstead. Follow the red and white arrow signs into site. Whispering Pines is the first right as you enter the park, again, follow the signs and look for all the parked cars.

Be sure to bring: Compass, whistle, long pants (for ticks & bugs), \$10 for entry fee, map and finger stick. Cold water will be there. Details further below:

<http://treklite.com/bok/index.html>

#2) Please schedule on your calendar Saturday (not Sunday) Nov 8th at 9am until afternoon at the NCSU's Schenck Forest. This is the big one that covers all the other merit badge requirements including make your own orienteering course and have others run the course you designed. After this the scout only needs to finish attending three actual "events."

Directions: http://treklite.com/bok/directions/schenck_forest.htm



Troop Dues are Now Due

Troop 400 dues are \$82 per family. If you have money in your scout account from last year's Duke Basketball, the dues have been deducted already. If not, you can see the Treasurer, Tammy Holt at a Tuesday night meeting or mail your check (made payable to BSA Troop 400) to:

BSA T400
1306 Logan Street
Durham, NC 27704

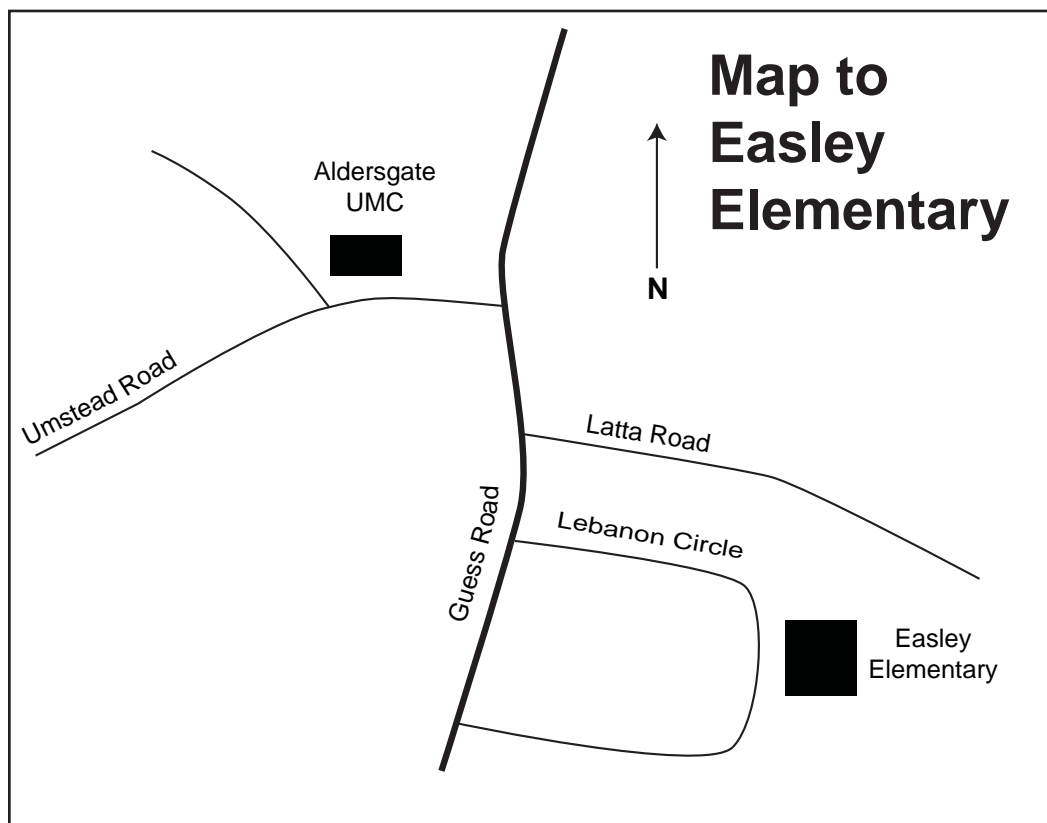
Aldersgate Brunswick Stew

This is a friendly reminder that orders are now being taken for the Brunswick Stew and BBQ prepared by the Aldersgate United Methodist Church United Methodist Men. Stew day is Saturday, October 18.

Orders may be placed at the church by filling out an order envelope, or on-line at <http://aldersgate.org/stewodr.htm>

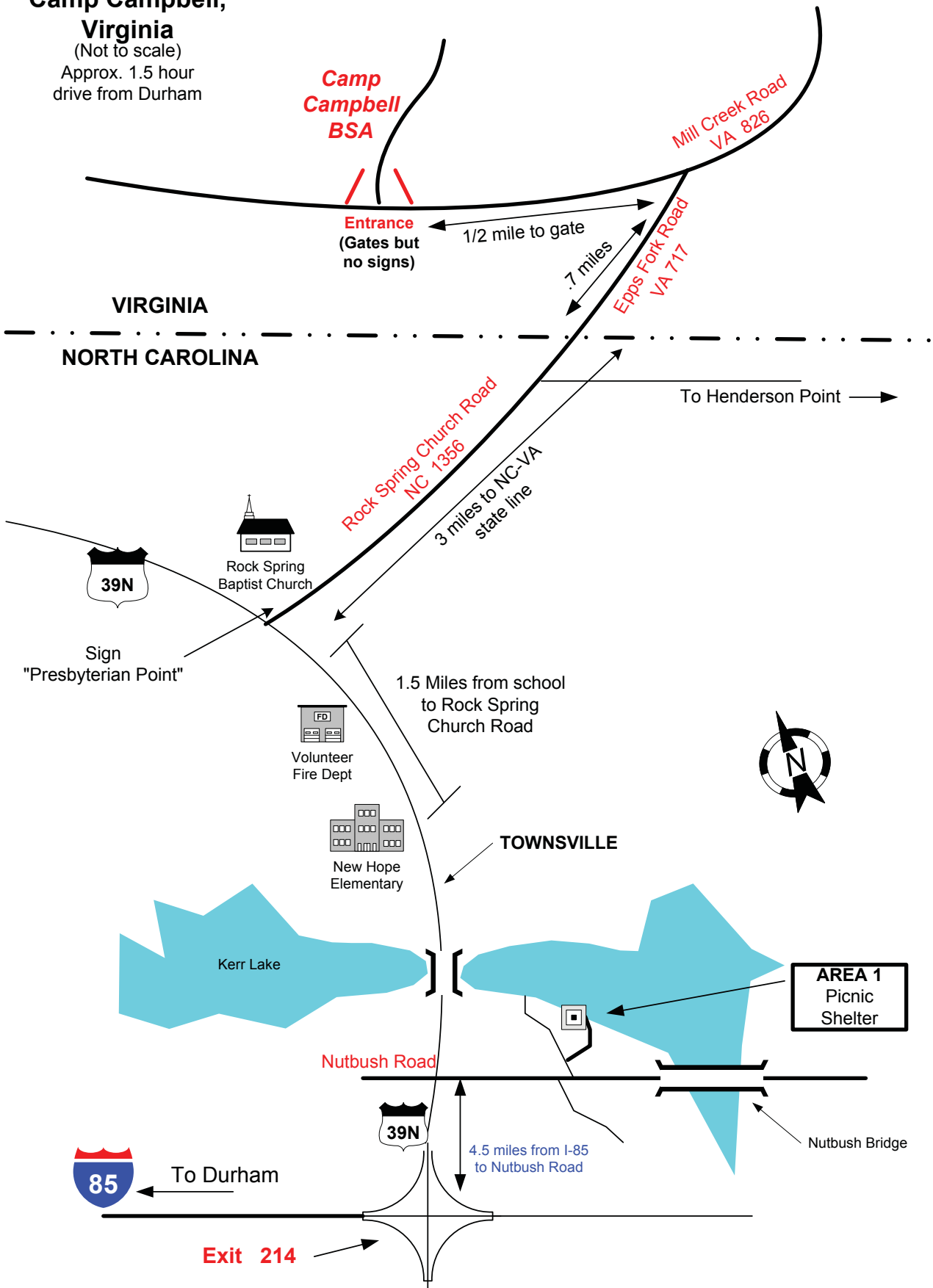
Prices are the same as last year - \$7.00 per qt of stew, \$7.00 per pound of BBQ. Orders may be picked up from 1:00 - 3:00 pm on stew day, October 18. Please arrange to pick up your stew at this time, as storage space is limited.

Place your orders early - most of the Stew and BBQ was sold last year on pre-orders!



Map to Camp Campbell, Virginia

(Not to scale)
Approx. 1.5 hour
drive from Durham



University of Scouting Saturday Nov. 1

The University of Scouting will be held Saturday November 1, 2008 from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Wake Technical Community College, 9101 Fayetteville Road in Raleigh.

The purpose of the university is to promote learning and interaction between the different program areas, while enabling Scouters to prepare themselves to put forth a quality program in their units.

The goal is for Scouters to increase their knowledge by being exposed to all the different areas of the Scout program. Participants may register for courses in any of the colleges. For example a Cub Scouter may register for a Boy Scout or a General Studies course. A

Venturer may take a General Studies or Boy Scout course. Any questions about your selections can be sent to the Dean of Student Affairs, who can offer course suggestions.

The University will include seven periods of instruction and a lunch break. Lunch is included in your registration fee. Please wear your scout uniform and bring paper and pencil/pen for notes along with a watch for time. Appropriate handouts and materials will be provided based on the courses selected. It is suggested that unit leaders carpool together and take a variety of courses to expand their overall unit knowledge.

The University will offer four degrees and one certificate. Registration fee is \$35.00, \$25.00 if prior to October 1, 2008, which includes lunch/patch and materials. Registration started on August 1, 2008 and ends October 24, 2008. After this date no registrations will be accepted! Any exceptions to this policy must be approved by the University Chancellor and will be assessed a penalty fee of \$10.

Refreshments will be available from 7 am to 3 pm.

An exhibit area set up for various displays of interest to Scouters. There will be ample time during the lunch break to view displays and materials. If your District or Unit is interested in setting up a display, contact Ricky Bunn at rbunn98@aol.com. Displays are on a first come, first served basis.

The Official Scout Store will be open during the day to purchase additional materials discussed during the course periods.

There is more information at <http://www.durham-scouts.org/>

Merit Badge College

The Mawat Merit Badge college will be held November 1, 2008.

Mawat Scouts can register starting on October 6th, then all Scouts can register starting October 13th.

There may be a small fee for swimming if we have to rent a lane.

Location is Duke East campus

Registration is in the Richard White Lecture Hall 107 located directly behind the East Duke Building. Classrooms are in Carr 103, 114, 136, 137, 240 and West Duke 101, 105, 108B, 202, 08A.

Park next to Bivens and the Art building. There is a P for parking; we have used this lot the past few years.

Registration opens at 8:15am and the event ends at 3:30 pm or sooner if the counselor completes.

Each class is limited to 15 Scouts

Make sure and touch base with the counselor the day of to make certain of your scout's pick up time.

Cost is free, plus the cost of a merit badge book if you need one.

Each Scout needs to have a current book to attend class.

A donation will be accepted to go to a campership for a Scout at Camp Durant in 2009. The amount of the donation is up to you.

Lunch is bring your own; time is from noon until 1 pm. Bring your sandwich and save money on lunch.

We will also do the Jimmy John's like last year; bring your lunch money in an envelope with your name on it. Download a pdf menu from the JJ website and circle what you want.

APO volunteers will take your order and return with your food and change. But we encourage everyone to bag a lunch.

Each Unit must have at least two adult leaders present throughout the day.

In the case of Citizenship in the Nation, we may need more to get scouts to Bennett Place.

A class A must be worn all through the event.

Mawat District will furnish Merit badge work books and Blue cards.

Bring \$5 to pay for a merit badge book from council if you do not have a Current one and a pencil.

There is up-to-date information at <http://www.durhamscouts.org/>

Canoeing the New River

Photos by Phil Korest

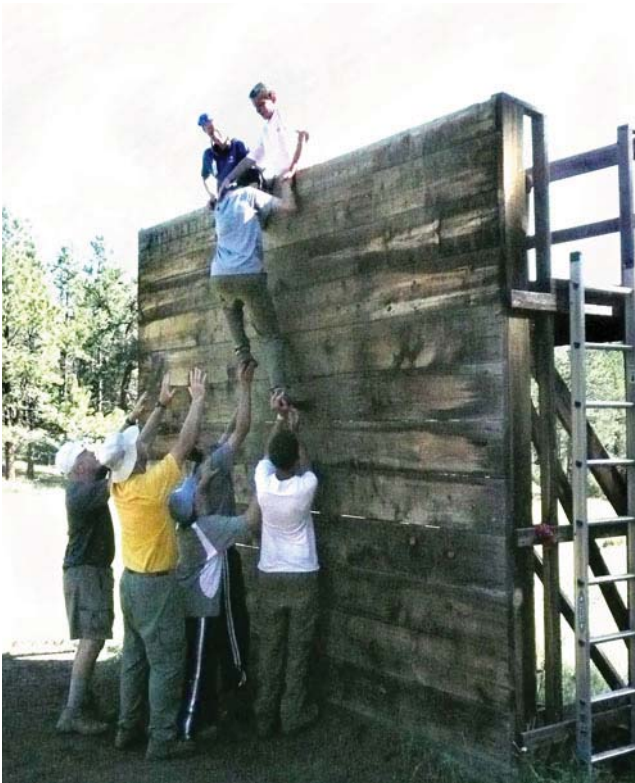


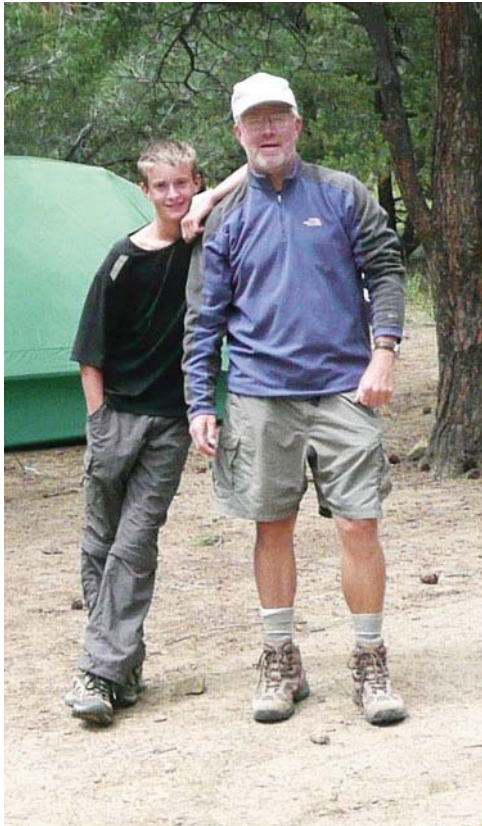
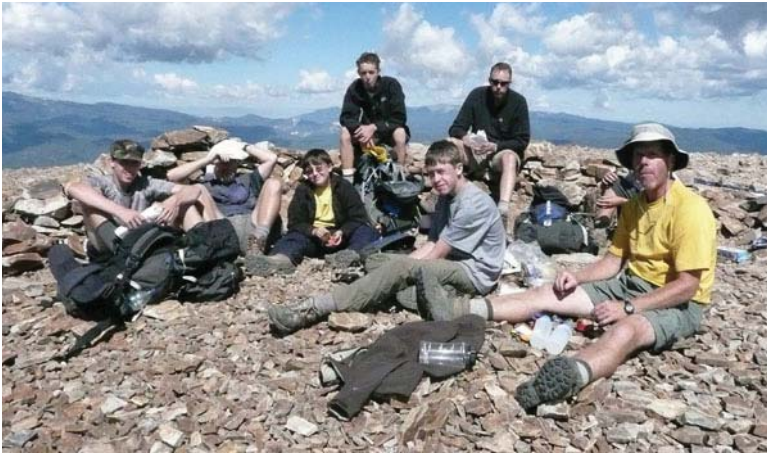




Troop 400 Goes to Philmont

In August 2008, Troop 400 sent 27 scouts and adults to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico for a backpacking adventure that included ten days in the mountainous backcountry. We ran some photos last month; here are some pictures by Phil Rasberry





2008-2009 Duke Women's Home Basketball Schedule

Ushering at Duke Women's Basketball Games is an important part of Troop 400's fundraising efforts.

Date	Opponent	Game Time	Broadcast
Sun, Oct 26	Blue-White Scrimmage	2:00 p.m.	
Thu, Nov 06	Anderson University (Exhibition)	7:00 p.m.	
Fri, Nov 14	Oklahoma State	7:00 p.m.	
Sun, Nov 16	Maine	12:00 p.m.	
Thu, Dec 04	Iowa	7:00 p.m.	
Sun, Dec 07	Michigan	2:00 p.m.	
Tue, Dec 16	Stanford	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Sun, Dec 28	Quinnipiac	2:00 p.m.	
Mon, Jan 05	Temple	7:00 p.m.	
Fri, Jan 09	Miami *	7:00 p.m.	
Mon, Jan 12	Maryland *	7:30 p.m.	espn2
Sun, Jan 25	Georgia Tech *	1:00 p.m.	RSN
Mon, Feb 02	Boston College *	7:00 p.m.	RSN
Fri, Feb 13	Clemson *	8:30 p.m.	RSN
Thu, Feb 19	Virginia Tech *	7:00 p.m.	
Sun, Mar 01	North Carolina *	5:00 p.m.	FSN

* Conference Games

TIMES AND DATES ON THIS SCHEDULE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



**Do you have any
Troop 400 news?**

Send your stories and
pictures to:

**troop400news@yahoo.
com.**

2008-2009 Troop 400 schedule

2008

Oct 18 – 19 – SIWASH – Ethan and Mr. Norman/Mr. Buttry
Oct 21st – Troop meeting – Poised Platypuses program
Oct 19 – Orienteering Merit Badge at Umstead – Matthew and Mr. Fishback
Oct 24 - 26 – AT Hike Matthew and Mr. Fishback, 2 day hiking trip
Oct 24-26 – Council IOLS
Nov 1 – District merit badge college
Nov 3 – Troop committee meeting
Nov 4 – Student vacation/election day
Nov 11 – Student vacation/Veterans day
Nov 16 – Orienteering Merit Badge at Umstead – Matthew and Mr. Fishback
Nov 22 – Council new leader essentials training
Nov 21 - 23 – Ft Bragg – Tommy and Mr. Walters
Nov 26-28 – Student holiday thanksgiving
Dec 1 – Troop committee meeting
Dec 2 – Toy drive with Pack 400
Dec 7 – Orienteering Merit Badge at Umstead – Matthew and Mr. Fishback
Dec 19 – Vertical Edge Lockin – Mr. Simpson
Dec 22-31 – Student winter holidays – Tentative Seabase – Mr. Howe and Mr. Gentry

2009

Jan 1 – New years day holiday
Jan 5 – Troop committee meeting
Jan 10 – Pack 400 pinewood derby (need adults to judge)
Jan 13 – Troop 400 Meeting – Pinewood derby – Eric and Mr. Hofmann
Jan 16 – 18 – Freezeree – Mr. Walters
Jan 20 – Student vacation
Jan 27 – Troop meeting – court of honor
Feb 1 – District Pinewood Derby
Feb 2 – Troop committee meeting
Feb 8 – Scout Sunday and Spaghetti Supper – Kevin and Mr. Parham
Feb 13-16 – DC trip – James and Ms. Pearson and Nathan and Ms. Padula, Webelos invited
Feb 17 – Troop meeting – OA elections
Feb 28 – Skiing
Mar 2 – Troop committee meeting
Mar 13-15 – Webelos campout with the troop – Mr. Walters
Mar 21 – Webelos OA Day
Apr 3-5 – Patriot's Point (U.S.S. Yorktown)
Apr 6 – Troop committee meeting
Apr 10-12 – Busch Gardens
Apr 10-17 – Student spring break
Apr 25 – Pilot Mountain climbing – Aaron and Mr. Menchini
May 1-3 – Mawat Spring Camporee, Camp Tuscarora, troop 451 – Mr. Walters
May 4 – Troop committee meeting

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May 9 – 10 – Webelos X-over – Mr. Walters

May 15 – Tentative Bulls

May 22 – Tentative Bulls Game May 25 – Student Memorial day holiday

May 26 – Troop meeting – court of honor

May 29-31 – Zorbing – Jake and Mr. Buttry

June 1 – Troop committee meeting

Jun 10 – Last day of school

Jun 12-14 – Caving – Aaron and Ms. Moran

TBD Summer camps

July – Tentative Northern Tier or Glacier Park Camping – Mr. Howe and Mr. Gentry

Aug 25 – First day of school

Sep 7 – Labor day

Nov 11 – Student holiday veterans day

Nov 25 – Student vacation utility day

Nov 26-27 – Student vacation thanksgiving

Dec 21-22 – Student vacation utility day

Dec 23 – Student vacation

Dec 24-25 – Student vacation

Dec 28-31 – Winter holidays

