## February/March Newsletter

# Troop 779

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### **January Outing:**

Rain, Mud and a little Snow, the Klondike Derby had it all this year! Troop 779 brought home 2nd place this year and hopefully a lot of fun memories.

#### **Leader Minutes:**

New Year and new guidelines. We strongly recommend that Scouts get the new Boy Scout Handbook.

#### Scouts who joined the BSA prior to Jan. 1, 2016:

Who are working on the Tenderfoot through First Class ranks MAY continue to follow the old requirements, but MUST convert to the current requirements upon attaining First Class.

Who have completed the First Class rank MAY complete the rank they are currently working on in the old requirements, but MUST convert to the current requirements for subsequent ranks.

<u>Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, all Scouts MUST use the current</u> requirements regardless of rank.



## **Upcoming Events**

February 20

Horsemanship Merit Badge

February 22

**Troop Election** 

March 5

**Troop Leadership Training** 

March 11-13

**OA Winter Fellowship** 

March 18

**Beach Trip** 

March 21

Court of Honor

March \*TBA

#### **Webelos Crossover**

#### **Important Announcement**

Purchase a new Scout Book

Prepare for election if you're thinking about running for a position.

Continue working on your current Merit Badges, don't fall behind.

Sign up for future outings now, don't delay.

## New Boys on the Scene

March we will welcome our Webelos Scouts from Pack 779. The Pack would love to have as many Boy Scouts on hand for Crossover to welcome the future Boys Scouts to our Troop. We will provide a time and date soon.

As we will welcome these new Scouts we ask each Boy Scout to be a mentor and example to these boy to encourage and guide them on their scouting journey.

# Horseback Riding

This trip has been designed to allow exposure to horse riding, all participants will be able to work with the horses and learn more about the animal. Any Scout that attends will walk away with the Horsemanship Merit Badge. This is a great opportunity to earn a unique merit badge.

Schedule:

Meet at Scout Hut - 12:00pm - Return to Scout Hut - 5:30pm

Location - Little Hat Ranch in Kernersville, NC - cost - \$45.00 (you can use your account if needed)

Please remember we are paying for the activity and the ranch hand's time.

Items to Bring: Proper clothing (long pants is required), closed toe shoes, Merit Badge Worksheet & pencil/pen and snack during break time.

Monday 8th Deadline sign up!!

#### **Beach Info**

This weekend is being setup to visit Fort Fisher and the USS North Carolina. We might even find some time to stick our toes in the sand and ocean. We hope to sleep at the fort and possible at the battleship. Our departure and arrival times for this trip may be adjusted slightly to help with the logistics of getting to and from the coast.



Klondike Derby

## In the Community

Military Box:

We will be collecting to the end of February for our Military box. Items that our Soldier has requested are:

Beef jerky, slim jims, any kind of cookies and sunflower seeds. Comics and magazines are another great option along with any other item you have thought about sending.

#### Leadership Training:

This training will provide the incoming Senior patrol all the tools to be successful leaders. Individual roles will be discussed and it is mandatory for Senior Patrol. Our Troop is growing and to be successful leaders each boy must understand their positions.