

## 2015 Cub Scout Day Camp at Croatan Trails District Camp Sam Hatcher June 15-19

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This year's Summer Day Camp was once again coordinated by the dynamic duo of Camp Director Kim Quintero and Program Director Jessica Hult. Of course, if it wasn't for over 30 volunteers including parents, Boy Scout Den Chiefs and many Day Camp "regulars" it wouldn't be the success that it was for over 95 Scouts from Packs 61, 130, 252, 446, 460, 472, 551 and 677.

Activities included BB guns, archery, outdoor flag ceremonies, First Aid, relay races, arts & crafts, HUG-A-TREE, and the Wild Turkey Foundation.



This year, we had oppressive weather which saw the heat index rise over 100 degrees for each of the five days of Camp. Leaders reminded Scouts to stay hydrated and avoid sun-stroke or heat exhaustion.

Among the adult volunteers was Dave Kellman, a parent who works the night shift but wanted to be more involved in his son's activities. "Currently, my son, Landon, is the only Bear Scout in Pack 61. We made a lot of friends this week and hopefully we can recruit more Scouts this fall."

Dave recalled: "When I was young I wanted to be a Scout really bad", but his parents didn't have the time or interest in supporting him in Scouts. Dave wanted to make sure he made the time to be with his son and be an active parent.

Offering each Scout personalized instruction and critique, Wayne McCain is one of the true "Day Camp regulars" who has been instructor of the Archery session at Summer Day Camp for 38 years. "My wife, Lyn, drafted me years ago," he recalled, "and on the first day I taught Archery; I've done it ever since."

Wayne assisted his wife, Lyn who was Camp Director for 34 years until her death the Saturday before Camp in 2009. Mick Kinney filled in on short notice and continued for two years until his sudden death. "Camp Lyn-Mick" is named in their memory.

Wayne McCain who has been awarded Scouting's Silver Beaver award will be 87 this October 5<sup>th</sup>. He served as a Marine in three wars (WWII, Korea and Vietnam) and is currently evening director at Craven Community College in Havelock.

Each Den was asked to create a special cheer for Day Camp:

Den 1 – "In the heat, in the sun, we're still here, we're Den 1!"

Den 2: "Who let the dogs out? Who, who, who... (howl)."

Den 3: "From the stars to the sea, you still see Den 3!"

Den 4: "North, South, East, West, Bear Den is the Best!"

Den 5: "Den 5 – Where you at? Den 5 – Stayin' Alive. We're not Zombies, we survive!"

Den 6: "Den 6 – Yaay!"

Despite the heat, Scouts enjoyed all the activities and especially their time together.



Den Leader Darden “Doc” Eure (left) and Senior Scouter Wayne McCain observed as Den 4 prepared the flag ceremony on Tuesday morning. When the flag was unfurled, it showed 13 stars in a circle on the field of blue (inset). Wayne explained the 13 stars and 13 stripes represented the first states in the Union. He then challenged the Scouts: “Do you know what this flag is called?” After a pause, one voice rang out: “Old Glory!” At 86 years of age, some wondered if the flag might be from Wayne’s childhood.



Each day began at the flagpole with a 9am flag ceremony. Everyone stood at attention and saluted, and once the flag was secured they joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Camp shirts were color-coded: neon yellow for Cub Scouts, orange for Den Chiefs and purple for adult leaders.



With the help of this prop, Camp Director Kimberly Quintero (left) and Program Director Jessica Hult led in this familiar tune: “The Day Camp Captain Kim, she had 10,000 men, she beamed them up to the Enterprise, and she beamed them down again. And when you’re up, you’re up, and when you’re down, you’re down, and when you’re only half-way up, you are nowhere to be found!”



With an assist from Archery Directors James Rankin (left) and James Atkinson, Kim and Jessica were freed up to provide an energetic choreography to the song.



Camp Mick-Lyn is a tribute to memory of two former Camp Directors. Lyn McCain was Camp Director for XX years until her accidental death in XXX. Mick Kinney then held the position for two years until his sudden death. Both are remembered fondly.



Archery Director James Atkinson of Pack 460 proudly displayed his decorated walking stick from last year's Wood Badge Course S7-426-14. The Camp bulletin board reminded everyone to be vigilant in checking themselves for ticks.



Scouts assembling at their post each morning to put their ziplocked lunches into iced coolers. Throughout the day, each station had a large yellow jug of ice water where Scouts were reminded to hydrate and refill their water bottles.



Each morning and afternoon Scouts enjoyed ice-cold KoolAid and frozen yogurt tubes.





In the Nature session, Den Chiefs Frank McCabe and Aaron Castellano showed Scouts how to find the North Star on a handout for the Northern night sky.

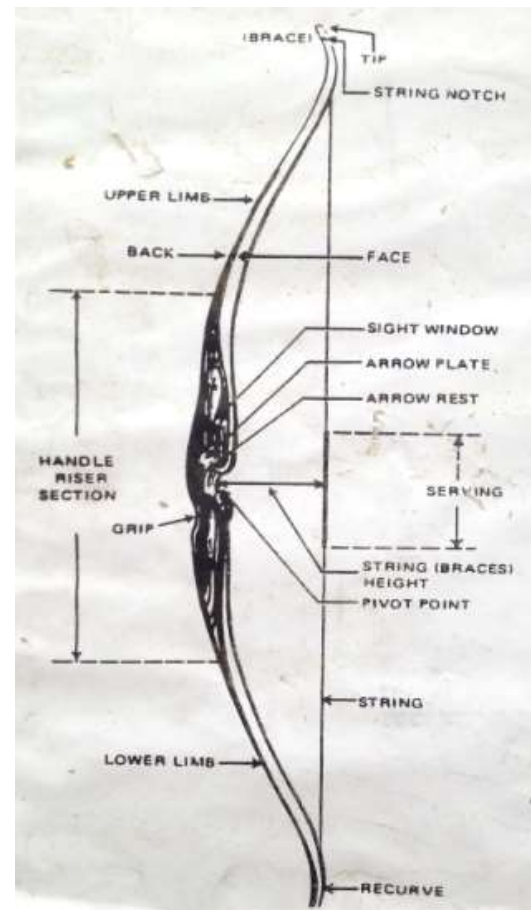


Parent volunteer Ashley Lewis helped Pack 446 Bear Scout Jude Millhouser with his glow-in-the-dark mobile of the moon and stars.



Before a Scout touches a bow or arrow, Wayne McCain goes over rules of the range.

- Archery Range Rules**
1. This range may be opened only by a certified archery range officer.
  2. All commands issued by the range officer must be obeyed immediately.
  3. Stay behind the firing line. Do not straddle the firing line. Do not reach for objects that fall beyond the firing line.
  4. Bows will be placed on ground quivers when shooting has ceased or when retrieving arrows. No bows may be carried to the target butts.
  5. Do not pick up a bow or nock an arrow unless told to by the range officer.
  6. Absolutely no running on the range. Belt quivers should be used while retrieving arrows.
  7. No horseplay or unnecessary talking on the range.
  8. If in doubt about these rules, ask your leader or range officer for advice and help.



Posted at the Archery Range were the rules and a diagram of the parts of a bow.



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Archery Director James Atkinson carefully supervises these young BB gun enthusiasts.



A proud moment for any Scout is finding they shot a bullseye on their target. Here Pack 446 Bear Scout Trevor O'Brien shares his experience.



Scouts found some shade and a place to sit with friends and enjoy lunch together.



Boy Scout Den Chiefs were a great help in keeping the Scouts in line and also serving as role models. Pictured here are Frank McCabe, Luke Hult and Lane Nickson.



Den 4 Leader Darden “Doc” Eure was personally appreciative of these two Corpsmen HN Melissa Hillyard and HN Jesus Pimentel of Cherry Point Health Clinic who taught the Scouts blister care, tick removal, bandaging and two-person carry. Melissa was also able to remove a stubborn splinter from “Doc” Eure’s finger.



Each afternoon closed with a 3pm Flag Ceremony around the flagpole.



Offering a salute to the flag during closing ceremonies were Senior Scouter Wayne McCain, Program Director Jessica Hult and Camp Director Kimberly Quintero.



The 2015 Summer Day Camp Program at Camp Sam Hatcher once again received National Accreditation and this pennant to proudly display.