

Hello and welcome to this special edition of *Troop 764 Scouting Times*. My role as newsletter editor has expanded! I am now the merit badge coordinator for our troop and so from time to time, I will use our newsletter to tell you about the ongoing advancement opportunities available for our scouts.

We have an exciting program planned for the summer – the Summer Saturday Merit Badge Program.

SCOUTS – please read over the list and contact me as soon as possible if you are interested in attending any of the sessions. We also have new parent merit badge counselors on board so if there is a particular merit badge you are interested in, call or email me and I'll match you up with a counselor!

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#### Scouts – Share Your Stories!

If you have any interesting or fun stories, advice or suggestions on earning merit badges, email them to Debbie Smith!

#### Famous Eagle Scouts

Neil Armstrong - first man on moon  
Henry Aaron - baseball player, home run king

Milton A. Caniff - comic strip artist of "Steve Canyon"

Dr. William Devries - transplanted first artificial heart

William Sessions - former FBI director

Steven Spielberg - movie producer

**Eagle Fact:** 1.2 million boys have reached Eagle in over 80 years (15,000 a year, roughly). Only 2 in 100 that join Scouts make Eagle – We are sure proud of our Troop 764 Eagle Scouts!!!

### Eight Steps to Earning a Merit Badge

1. Pick a subject.
2. Assemble your resources (read the most current edition of the Boy Scout Requirements book and the merit badge pamphlet)
3. Get a "blue card" (available at the Scout Hut or Scout Shop)
4. Contact Mrs. Smith to get your counselor assigned
5. Contact your counselor.
6. Complete the requirements.
7. Give completed "blue card" to Mr. Porwoll.
8. Receive your merit badge!

### THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!

#### MEET OUR NEW PARENT MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS –

Shauna Sullivan, Neil Harkins, Greg Slaton and Mike Smith! These parents join Paul Porwoll, Bill Austin and Earl Owens as our official team of Troop 764 Merit Badge Counselors. Parents – if you are interested in helping out with merit badges, contact Debbie Smith. The list of badges is varied and you can help teach one or more! Any and all help is welcome. The achievement of earning merit badges is a great way to keep our boys excited about Scouting.

#### SCOUTS PARTICIPATE IN CHAMBLEE COURT

As you know, certain merit badges are required for the rank of Eagle Scout. A group of Scouts lacked the last two requirements for one of these – Citizenship in the Community – and needed to attend a county, city or school board meeting or a municipal, county or state court session. After a failed (although exciting – boys, remember the police barricade on I-85?) attempt to attend a Dekalb County Board meeting last month, the group reconvened to attend a Chamblee City Council meeting. Once arriving, the City Clerk quickly apologized that we were there on the wrong date! She did invite the Scouts to sit in on a court session that was just beginning. After the first ten minutes, Judge Samuel N. Werbin invited the Scouts to bring their chairs up and sit with him behind the bench. Scouts David A., David B., Michael H. and Brett S. got a close-up look at what's involved as each person approached the bench to state their case. The judge explained each proceeding and why he ruled the way he did. If any other Scouts need to finish up this badge, please contact Debbie Smith. This was a great way to meet the requirement and Judge Werbin would welcome any other interested Scouts.

### 2003 Summer Merit Badge Saturdays

Date	Badge	Before Attending	Deadline to Register
June 21	Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10 for supplies</li> <li>• Bring an item to decorate</li> <li>• Do #5 in book and bring it to the session</li> </ul>	June 8
July 19	Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring a plan on caring for a pet for the next four months</li> <li>• Read a book or pamphlet about your pet and bring the book or pamphlet to the session</li> </ul>	July 12
Aug. 2	Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do #3 in book</li> </ul>	July 26
Aug. 9	Fingerprinting		Aug. 1
Sept. 6	Skating (In-line)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice skating!!!</li> </ul>	Aug. 25

All Summer Saturday sessions will be from 1:00 to 4:00 Locations TBA. Space is limited so please contact Debbie Smith if you are interested in attending any session at 770-804-1408 or debbie@designseven.com