

Troop 316 Honors its Scouts and Leaders!

The new year brought boy scouts, families, friends and leaders from Troop 316 together on February 7th for their semi-annual Court of Honor. The troop conducts a Court of Honor to recognize the outstanding achievements of its scouts and leaders. Senior Patrol Leader, Chris Pizzurro, opened the ceremonies by leading those in attendance with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Scout Oath.

Scoutmaster Rick Bunnell, officiating his first Court of Honor as the scoutmaster, said, “I’m very pleased with all our scouts performance and dedication this past six months.” He went on to say, “it’s truly an honor to be the leader of so many outstanding young men.” Working on and earning merit badges is one of the most rewarding things boys do in scouting. Scoutmaster Bunnell presented the following scouts with merit badges and advancement ranks.

Scouts

Chad Atkins	Star rank; 1 year service star
Will Allen	Personal Management, Personal Fitness, Reading, Snow Sports
Kyle Bunnell	Star rank; Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Snow Sports
Nicholas Carter	Snow Sports
Will Cheatham	Tenderfoot rank, 1 st Class rank; Snow sports, 1 year service star
Brian Cullip	Citizenship in the Community
Phillip Haberern	Camping, Snow Sports
Cameron Harrison	1 year service star
David Jackson	Life rank; Camping, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Snow Sports
Alex Klavon	Citizenship in the Community, Snow Sports
Jordan Lang	2 nd Class rank, 1 st Class rank; 5 year service star
Brandon Partrick	2 year service star
Andrew Scott	Family Life
Bill Spellman	Tenderfoot rank; Snow Sports

In addition to the scouts, several leaders were recognized for their recent achievements.

Leaders

Stefan Basladynski	8 year service star
Rick Bunnell	2-year service star
Ray Horton	17-year service star
Debbie Jackson	2-year service star
Frank Jackson	6-year service star, Red Cross First Aid and CPR certificates

Frank Jackson, Troop Committee Chairman gave a short recap of the troop’s activities in which many scouts participated. He said the scouts “were very busy the past six months.” Activities such as the Camp Campbell camping weekend, Apex Today, NC Museum of History trip, Pilot

mountain hiking trip, Raven rock backpacking trip, Pope AFB, Winterplace Ski trip were all exciting events. Frank Jackson also said of the scouts, "I'm proud of the amount of energy these boys put into rank advancement - it's impressive." He went on to state "Collectively, they earned 41 merit badges and 13 rank advancements toward their ultimate goal of Eagle Scout - Scouting's highest rank". Troop 316 meets every Friday at 7:15 p.m. at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Apex. The St. Andrews Men's Society sponsors the troop.

Following the ceremony, everyone gathered for refreshments and fellowship.