

English Pea Patrol



The English Pea Patrol was started in March of 1960 by a group of Neuse Basin District Commissioner Staff members who served as event judges at the District Pre-Camporee. The Camporee was held where the sewage disposal plant is now located.

After a weekend of cold weather and warm fellowship, it was decided to commemorate the occasion by forming a patrol dedicated to unit service. The original membership was as follows:

Patrol Leader:	Charles Tucker
Assistant Patrol Leader:	"Red" Respass
Scribe:	Ken McCain
Bugler:	GySgt. Vic Vasco

The name came from a considerable staple of the weekend diet, **PEAS**. Then "English" was added to designate Scouting's roots, having begun in England by Lord Baden-Powell.

During the 1960's, the Patrol assisted in the reorganization of Troop 456 at Broad Creek in Carteret County and attended a troop weekend campout near Highway 24 at the "Horse Pond". Later the patrol camped together at the 1960 Tartan Guard Commissioner Conference held at the Coast Guard Station at Ocracoke Island, where they sponsored a Scout from Troop 272, in Havelock.

The Patrol gradually died out due to transfers and its policy of exclusion. In the 1980's, the Patrol was started again by District Commissioner Ken McCain to include the entire Neuse Basin Commissioner Staff. Patrol offices were vested jobs rather than individuals, as follows:

District Commissioner ~ Patrol Leader
Asst. District Commissioner ~ Asst. Patrol Leaders, Scribe
Roundtable Commissioners ~ Instructors
Troop Unit Commissioners ~ Troop Guides
Pack Unit Commissioners ~ Den Chiefs

Additionally, Commissioners with training responsibilities were designated as Quartermaster and Librarian.

The original patrol emblem was a blank red emblem with a pea sewn in the middle with green thread. Head gear was a white pith helmet with the Patrol office painted on the front. The original neckerchief was white with a green dot on the point. The current emblem was designed in the 1980's and the head gear remains a green and white baseball cap with the patrol office glued or sewn on the front. The current neckerchief is white with green polka dots.