

Kings Mountain Relay For Life Scenes



Joan'zin for a Cure team members surround the team's namesake Joan Childers, at bottom, who is recovering from colo-rectal and liver cancer.



Fun and games at Relay for Life



Susan and Stuart Beam take part in the Survivor's Lap. Susan is a breast cancer survivor. Husband Stuart has beat skin cancer in the past, but now is battling cancer of the lymph nodes



Amber Marcengill, who is battling bladder cancer, poses with her English bulldog "Junior" at Friday's ceremonies.

Angels in the Outfield team members take a stroll during the Team Banner lap at KMHS.



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Soloist Jaiden Huffman performs "The National Anthem" during opening ceremonies of Relay for Life in Kings Mountain Friday. Huffman is a fourth grader at West Elementary School. Jaiden gets a warm greeting from Kings Mountain Mayor Rick Murphrey.

Eagles Among Us

by JIM FEREBEE
19th in a series

Aaron Simmons was born in Lumberton, NC in May 1984. He spent his teen years in Lattimore, NC where he attended Crest High School. In 1995 he joined Boy Scout Troop 107 in Lattimore, earning his Eagle in 2002.

While in the troop he held the positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Chaplain's Aide. His troop elected him to the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's Honor Society. He advanced to Brotherhood level in OA.

Aaron attended Camp Bud Schiele a number of times and got to do the High Adventure Trek there one year. This involved back packing and mountain climbing in the Linville Gorge. Additionally he went out of council to Camp Bowers in the Cape Fear Council.

His favorite camping memory is going on an outing and ignoring the Scoutmaster's question of "Do you have everything?" Not wanting to take time to double check they assured him they had everything. Only after



AARON SIMMONS

they got to the campsite did they realize that they had forgotten their supper food. He and his patrol were hungry that night but learned valuable lessons on "Being Prepared" and listening to their leaders.

After high school Aaron attended NCSU earning a BA in Sociol-

ogy. This was followed with an MA in School Counseling. He has not found the "right" girl to share his life.

Aaron is the Youth Minister at Central United Methodist Church (CUMC) in Kings Mountain. One of the pictures is of him leading a youth group at South Mountain.

He is an Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chairman and Chartered Organization Representative for Troop 193 sponsored by CUMC.

Aaron says that scouting as a whole has taught me valuable life skills as well as instilling self confidence that he can achieve his goals.



Aaron Simmons with a group of campers.

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