



# Troop 226 News

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## Having a great Summer Troop 226?

We are back from Summer Camp! Most, not all, of us are back from our vacations. We saw a lot, did a lot and most of us have many stories to tell! Mr. Rudy just got back from Chicago, I am going to Mexico soon and many Boy Scouts just got back from Summer Camps in Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado and North Carolina. As our PLC goes into our yearly planner, make suggestions to your Patrol Leader of some camps you have either been to or want to see. Maybe a beautiful part of the country you saw once...chances are, there is a Boy Scout Camp or State Park close to a location you'd like to see. It is always good to hear the boys give input on so many neat places they would like to weekend camp, Summer Camp and Winter Camp in the future.

**So far we are having a great summer and on behalf of Troop 226, we hope you are having one too!**

## The Scoutmaster Minute

As briefly alluded to last month, and with summer camp at Constantin behind us, it is time to start gearing up for the next round of awesome adventures and activities via the annual planner!

Our program and activities are decided entirely by the Scouts themselves; the adults are involved only to the extent of providing guidance for safety and appropriateness.

The PLC has decided that only the regular participants of the PLC meeting will attend the planner with everyone else submitting their ideas for locations and events.

Information on how this will occur will be provided at each of the meetings between now and the planner on August 9th.

The other significant decision that gets underway at the

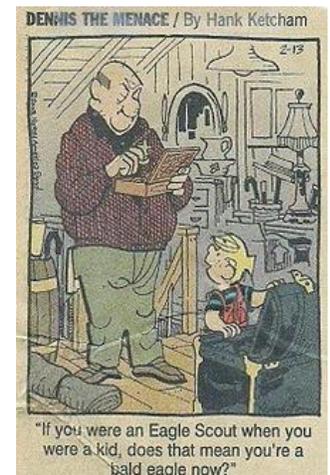
planner is to determine a few viable choices for summer camp next year. Some units opt to go to the same camp every single summer meaning there is no decision to be made, however Troop 226 has generally preferred to go to different locations and see new places and ways to do things. The top candidates from the planner will be better researched and the final decision be made by all the Scouts (likely at the next Court of Honor).

As a fun reference, over the past ten years we have gone to six different summer camps:

Constantin (2007, 2014)  
Hale (2005, 2009, 2013)  
Pioneer (2008)  
Tahuaya (2006)  
Trevor Rees-Jones (2011, 2012)  
Will Rogers (2010)

Where do you want to go in 2015? What do you want to do? Get those suggestions in so you can be heard!

Rudy Kamman  
Scoutmaster



## Committee Chair Corner



Attention parents! The Troop needs YOU! We have several open positions on the committee that need to be filled. Our Treasurer is stepping down at the end of this month, so if you have the background to help us out in this capacity, please contact me ASAP.

Troop management software update: a team of Committee Members and ASM's are currently evaluating two systems. We expect to have a final decision over the next few weeks, with cutover and rollout to the new system to follow shortly thereafter. Thank you for your patience as we continue to improve our Troop's operations!

Karen Herring  
Committee Chair

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## Our Webmaster's Spin



I've received some feedback on the redesigned website and I appreciate your comments. I've made some fixes and tweaks, but I'm always up to hearing more from people, especially Scouts, as this site is for you! The PLC recently decided to have Troop Meeting plans posted on the website. After each PLC, the Scribe will send those to the Scout Webmaster who will add them to each meeting announcement on the front page. Just click on the article for Next Troop Meeting at the top to find out what we are doing, what Patrol has setup and cleanup, which is doing opening and closing and so forth.

I've also added a few forms to the Forms section, just click on Info and then Forms. Stuff like Campfire Planners (useful to those guys working on Communications Merit Badge) and Permission Slips. Don't forget that there are Grubmaster Worksheets there too. It includes a Duty Roster and other forms that Patrols can and should be using. Some of the forms there are designed to help those guys working on cooking requirements for First Class to complete those requirements. The Troop Cookbook is also a guide to help those new cooks get ideas. We would love to add new recipes to this, so if you have a good one, send it along!

Have you checked out the Historian Articles lately? Zach W. the historian has been sending them in to be posted, so take a moment to check them out!

We are planning to get the pictures of Summer Camp up soon. There are a lot of pictures to sort through and we want to pick the best ones, but also get good pictures of every Scout who went to camp. If you have any pictures from camp and have not sent them to anyone and would like them added, please let me know!

Joe Macy, Webmaster

## Senior Patrol Leader



Summer camp was a blast! All the Scouts had a great time and earned their Merit Badges. Mr. Lyle's Cracker Barrel was amazing with the ice cream and other sweet treats to go along with it every night. The staff was amazing and the camp was overall great. I hope to go back next year and enjoy all the wonders and surprises of Camp Constantin.

In PLC this month we have come to the decision to have our August Campout as a Lock-in at FUMC. Bring games, both electronic and board, because Webelos will be invited for the first few hours.

The cyber chip will be in effect in the next few months. This permits you to have phones and tablets at Troop Meetings and Campouts...But only for Scout related use. Have fun at the Lock-in!

Zach L.  
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

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## Advancement

July Boards of Review have taken place with two Scouts advancing to new ranks. Congratulations to:

Alex R – Tenderfoot and Tim B - Star

Camp Constantin was a huge success with our Scouts completing 68 Merit Badges and bringing home 22 partials that need a requirement here or there to wrap up. This is an impressive haul and represents a large leap forward in knowledge and growth. Thank you for letting us take them for the week to introduce them to some skills they might not have otherwise been exposed to.

Also in the news, Mr. Lyle has registered as a Merit Badge Counselor for the new Sustainability Merit Badge. This badge is an Eagle required option, an alternate for Environmental Science, and once again gives us 100% coverage on all Eagle required Merit Badges. Nobody in the Troop has earned Sustainability yet. Will you be the first?

Rudy Kamman  
Acting Advancement Chair

## Scout Service Projects

The Independence Day holiday and The City of The Colony gave our Troop three different opportunities to volunteer in July.

The first was to attend the pre-race meeting on the evening of July 3rd and load up all the items that we would need to use at the water stations the morning of the run. Thanks to all that helped as it sure makes it easier loading all the tables and water jugs when we have a lot of helpers. A big thanks to Mr. Jeff and Mr. Jesse for letting us load up your trucks and for hauling all the equipment to and from the race stations.

Then, we had a lot of volunteers come out to man two separate water stations for the 10K run early the morning of July 4th. Zachary L's family was hosting two high school students from Beijing that week and they came out to assist as well and see what a "run" was. The students spoke very little English, but our boys and the adults did a fantastic job communicating with them, showing them how to hold the cups and hand off the water while the runners sped by.

And finally, thanks to Mr. Lyle, Ms. Aileen, Elmer and Luke who got up early on the morning of 5th. The beach at Stewart Creek Park needed to be cleaned up after the huge fireworks event and your hard work was appreciated by the city.

I know we also have a few of our Scouts assisting at the city pool under the Volunteering program this summer. Be sure and get your hours to me when your service there is completed! A great month of service! Keep it up Troop 226!

Geraldine Leondike  
Service Project Coordinator

## Adult Training

IOLS Training:

Is being offered Friday 09/20, 6PM until 9PM, 09/21/2013 at Camp Holland in Weatherford. Contact Andy Stokes,

[sekotsydna@gmail.com](mailto:sekotsydna@gmail.com) or (682) 225-4904 to register.

Another IOLS is being offered on 10/25 at 6PM until 12PM, 10/27/2013, at Camp James Ray. Go to:

<http://www.ntrail.org/> for more information.

10/24 - 10/26/14. Get to participate in an actual camp out.

Advance registration required. Fee: \$20

Location: Trevor-Rees

Website: <http://ntrail.org/?q=content/outdoor-leader-skills-weekend-1024-262014>

Here are some adult training updates:

Boy Scout Leadership Specific Training:

3 classes: 10/16/14, 10/23 and 10/30/14 @ FUMC of Richardson.

Fee: \$10. Contact: Jeff Page - email [Jeff.page@L-3com.com](mailto:Jeff.page@L-3com.com)

<http://ntrail.org/content/boy-scout-leader-specific-training-part-1-classroom-0>

SM Specific Training can still be taken online. Please email me at:

[appioriley@prodigy.net](mailto:appioriley@prodigy.net) if you have any questions.

Atim Appio-Riley  
Adult Training Coordinator

### Fundraising



We are continuing our aluminum can drive. Your aluminum can donations made it possible to purchase our new, gently used Troop Trailer last year.

I am challenging you for the next year to fill up the Red Troop Trailer once a quarter with your Aluminum Cans. The proceeds go to your Equipment needs...charcoal, broken equipment, trailer maintenance, new equipment purchases and so on!

Bring all your aluminum cans to

each meeting and either myself or my husband, Jeff Thompson, ASM, can accept these.

Please do not send in cans that are dirty or un-rinsed as they will be thrown away and not recycled. It is much easier to rinse a fresh can than it is to rinse dried on drink. **Please CRUSH your cans from now on!**

Do you know what time it is? It is almost POPCORN TIME! BSA's largest fundraiser of the year is the sale of popcorn. Most units earn their entire year's operating money just by selling

popcorn. As you well know, Troop 226 needs to make some much needed money and that can be easily done by selling popcorn. I will talk with everyone about this in an upcoming meeting soon. Please watch for an email on Friday, August 15, regarding a location and time to pick up your Scout's popcorn. Popcorn pick-up and Popcorn sales start Saturday, August 16.

Cindy Thompson,  
Fundraising

### The Great Outdoors



It's the middle of summer already! Summer camp has come and gone, but there is still plenty of fun to be had at the Troop 226 Lock-in in August! The picnic was planned for August 16 but the PLC has decided a Troop Lock-in is the way to go. To be held at FUMC from 6 PM to 6 AM, August 16-17. Cost is \$6.00/person and includes Pizza and fun. Registration will be set up soon.

Our September Campout will be at Lake Murray State Park in Oklahoma. This is a beautiful location and the boys really enjoyed camping there last year. Let's see if they can make it up to Tucker Tower again!

Karen Herring, Outdoor Chair

### Equipment

There are several ways to obtain funds for Equipment or Equipment itself. Besides our Aluminum Can Fundraiser that is ongoing year round we also accept donations.

One of our greatest Equipment expenses is Charcoal! These boys use it at every Campout. If every family were to pick up one bag of Charcoal the next time you grocery shop, we could be set on Charcoal for the next year and the Equipment money could go towards stoves, maintenance, Troop Trailer tires, a new Troop kitchen for new Scouts one day, etc.

Please consider picking up a bag of Charcoal on your next grocery shopping day. It does not matter the brand as any Charcoal will do.

Cindy Thompson  
Acting Equipment Chair

### Treasurer

Troop dues were extended due to so many expenses in June and July. Troop dues are due by the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and are \$15.00/Scout.

Aileen Yang  
Treasurer

Something you might find very fun:  
<http://www.scoutlander.com/publicsite/unitcustom.aspx?UID=2074&CUSTOMID=6321>



## Troop 226 Scout Leaders

March-Oct. 2014

**Senior Patrol Leader:** Dalton Nixon  
**Asst. Senior Patrol Leaders:** Zachary L. and Seth H.  
**Quartermaster:** Jared P.   **Scribe:** Raymar T.  
**Librarian:** Casey T.   **Historian:** Zachary W.  
**Chaplains Aide:** Collin L.   **Troop Guide:** Sam J.  
**Webmaster:** Joseph M.

### Patrol Leaders:

**Bloo Yeti Patrol Leader:** Elmer Y.  
**Asst. Patrol Leader:** Casey T.

**Sea Dawgs Patrol Leader:** Arinze A.  
**Asst. Patrol Leader:** Zachary W.

**Thunderhawks Patrol Leader:** Raley W.  
**Asst. Patrol Leader:** TBD

**Fire Dragons Patrol Leader:** Isaac R.  
**Asst. Patrol Leader:** Joseph M.

### Den Chiefs:

Matthew W. and Casey T.

May you Lead with Success...

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We're on the Web!

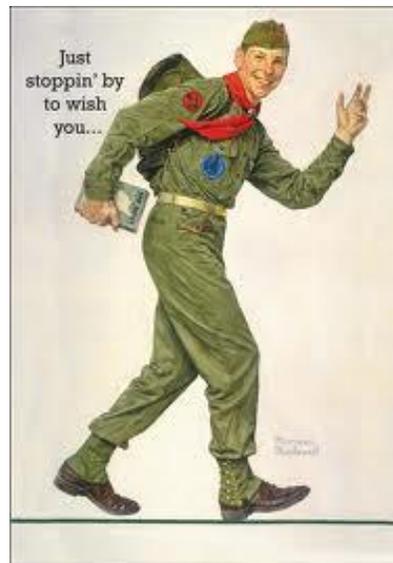
See us at:

[www.troop226.com](http://www.troop226.com)

### July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our fellow Troop 226 friends and family!

Christopher A. 07/08, Brody B. 07/17 and Sam J. 07/21!



### Order of the Arrow

Just a friendly reminder for those of you that were Called Out on April 12<sup>th</sup> for your OA nomination; there are three Ordeals left this year. Should you not participate in an Ordeal this year, your name will be put back into the eligibility lottery and you will have to wait until your peers nominate you again. Here are the remaining dates:

- August 22-24, Worth Ranch
- September 19-21 at Sid Richardson
- December 5-7 at Camp Tahuaya

Check in time is between 7:00 - 8:30 PM on Friday night and concludes at 9:30 AM Sunday morning. Cost is \$53.00 and you may register at the following lodge website: <http://www.longhorncouncil.org/Program/Order-of-the-Arrow.aspx>

Cost includes an OA Sash, OA Handbook, OA Pocket dangle, Lodge Flap, dues for one year and food. Details and a packing list can be found at the above website.



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