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April - May Birthdays!

The Groundhog said a little more winter, but that is where Boy Scouts rise to the challenge. Just like the Postal Service, rain, snow, sleet or heat we can function in most anything...with the proper gear! As we go along and find the need, either on purpose or by accident, having the right gear can make an otherwise miserable outdoor experience, relatively comfortable.

I know for my family we figured out our Rain Gear is not so rain proof at the March Family Campout. Good thing we gave birth to a fish but this could be quite miserable for some. Grab things on sale, buy a little at a time and you can never go wrong with a great pair of waterproof hiking boots. We are all here to answer any questions and by all means, if you find a great sale, let us all know!

NOW BRING ON THE HEAT!

The Scoutmaster Minute

In January Mr. Chris stepped down from his role as Scoutmaster. In February Mr. Rudy was elected and switched from the Committee side over to the role of Scoutmaster. Here are a few words from them both.

I want to acknowledge and thank all the adults that went to the Spring Break Campout earlier this month. Without their help and contributions for its tremendous success, it would not have happened for our boys. I especially want to thank Mr. Joe for his excellent Grubmaster skills and organization. We ate very well, so sign him up for a paid position!

Thank you to Chris and Rebecca Dougherty for donating two tents that went to Seth and Joseph at the Court of Honor drawing.

Good luck to Mr. Rudy as he moves into the role of Scoutmaster guiding the boys as they develop to become more confident in running their Troop.
Chris Wright
ASM

Even though 2014 is a quarter of the way over, our Scouting calendar at least to my way of thinking, really begins on April 1st! Our new members have been to a few meetings and are ready to fully integrate into the regular proceedings. Our new youth leaders have been elected and are ready to direct the activities for the next six months. Our Recharter process has been completed and we have another full year of events and opportunities to look forward to. Summer Camp deposits have been made and Order of the Arrow Callouts is just around the corner. Yes, just

like the improving weather outside, things are looking good with so many new and exciting events starting with the month of April. I hope everyone is as thrilled as I am about the upcoming year.

I am still so honored to have the opportunity to be Scoutmaster of Troop 226 and am going to do everything I can to help the Scouts implement the activities they want to run while also encouraging them along their journey within and outside of the program. I really feel that we are in a great place right now and am eager to see what the future holds for all our Scouts, Adults and Families.

Rudy Kamman
Scoutmaster, Troop 226



Committee Chair Corner



As Mr. Rudy stepped out as Committee Chair and into the Scoutmaster role, Ms. Karen stepped in as Committee Chair. Here are a few words from our new Committee Chair...

I am so excited, (and a bit scared), to be the new Committee Chair! Mr. Rudy left some big shoes to fill, but we have a great group of people who I know will help me out along the way. It really does "take a village" to run this Troop, so if any of you fine folks

have a bit of free time and can help out, we would really appreciate it. Right now, our most pressing need is for an Equipment Coordinator. We could use some help keeping track of the Troop's gear and making sure the Scouts have what they need for each outing. So please, please, please reach out to me and let me know if you can help.

Our second most pressing position is Advancement Chair as Mr. Shawn is stepping down

June 1st to return to the ASM side. He will stay to train the person that accepts this position.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or issues. I am eager to do whatever it takes to make this Troop successful for everyone.

Karen Herring
Committee Chair, Troop 226

Our Webmaster's Spin

Our Troop website, www.troop226.com, has a lot of great resources and news. You can find information about upcoming events, meetings, Merit Badge classes and more, right on the home page. Click the READ MORE button on the scrolling banner in the middle to get more information about whatever topic is displayed. Click any of the categories on the left to show all the articles in that category. There are also lots of convenient links to Scouting websites, including a direct link to our Troop's Troopmaster page. You can also find links to the current Troop Newsletter as well as all past Newsletters.

The calendar may be one of the most useful tools. All Troop activities are listed there and you can even import the Troop Calendar to your own Google Account to access via your phone, tablet or whatever you have. Let me know if you need help with that, I can be reached at webmaster@troop226.com.

Lots of Troop information and forms can be found on the website. Forms for Patrols and Patrol Leaders, Medical Forms, Blue Cards, Applications, Planning Guides, Summer Camp information and more! You can also find contact information for all Troop Leaders and Committee members there.

The website is smart! It knows when you are looking at it with a phone or tablet and adjusts the appearance automatically to make it easier to see and navigate. You can also click on the gear in the upper right corner of the page to change the text size and even the color if you are using a regular computer. Only the color can be changed on a mobile device view.

Check out the Scouting and Boy's Life newsfeed for fun and informative articles, even links to the latest Boy's Life and Scouting magazines. You will find stuff about games, gear, skills, tips and more!

Should you have any question or need any assistance, please let me know, webmaster@troop226.com.

Joe Macy, Webmaster, Troop 226

Treasurer

A friendly reminder that Troop dues are due at the first meeting of every calendar quarter; January, April, July and October. Dues are \$15.00 per Scout and used to cover next year's Recharter fees. If there is a meeting you cannot make, send me an email to give me permission to pay by your passbook account.

The Scout remaining Summer Camp fees are due no later than May 20. Full Adults fees are also due on this night.

Aileen Yang, Treasurer, Troop 226



Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

Elections for our new Patrol Leaders Council were held on April 1, 2014. After a year of serving as our Troop 226 SPL, Elmer Yang is stepping down, thank you for a job well done, Elmer!

On April 1, 2014, Dalton Nixon, was elected our new Troop 226 Senior Patrol Leader. With age comes Scouting wisdom and experience. Dalton is our oldest Scout in Troop 226 right now and at the age of 17 he is sure to be a good role model to the large Troop we now have. We look forward to your six months of leadership and guidance. Look for an article from him coming in next month's Troop 226 News.

Cindy Thompson
Editor, Troop 226 News



Advancement

Having all these new Scouts in the Troop is awesome! I just want to make sure that you are aware of how we get things done in the Troop regarding advancements.

Remember that we do our Trail to first Class program at all Troop meetings from 7-7:30 pm, unless otherwise informed. We do not do them on the nights we have PLC. You should carry your Scout Book to EVERYTHING you do unless you are specifically told you don't need it. You will need it for EVERY Troop meeting. It is very important that we continue to track your activities as they happen. Please make sure that you confirm in the Blue Book all of the advancements that you do and have been signed off by your Scouting Leaders. The Blue Book is always in the back of the Sanctuary.

We held our Boards of Review on Tuesday, April 8th. Let's congratulate the following Scouts on their Rank advancements: Arinze A. - First Class, Ian H. - First Class, Matthew W. - First Class, Casey T. - Star, Drexler R. - Star, and Seth H. - Second Class.

Next Scoutmaster Conferences are to be held May 6, 2014. Next Boards of Review are May 13, 2014.

Shawn Rowe
Advancement, Troop 226

Scout Service Projects

Great job Boys! April has been a busy Service month so far. The FUMC clean-up went well! The church was thankful that you all came out and did such a fantastic job.

We also had a really great time at The Colony Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt. You should be proud! 10 Scouts and 6 Adults showed up. You served the Community, the children and did your part for the environment by picking up the trash around the fields after.

Check your emails often for future service projects. You may log in to Troopmaster at any time to sign up for service.

Geraldine Leondike
Service Project Coordinator, Troop 226

Fundraising

Camp Card sales at Kroger went well this year. We had a few weather challenges, but otherwise made it through. Door-to-door sales continue until Sunday, April 27. Philmont Scouts should be selling to try and gain their funds to camp. Please contact me should you need to pick up cards.

Camp Cards and/or Money are due to me Sunday, May 4, from 2-4 pm at FUMC, Fellowship Hall. Please pay by this day so that we may turn our results in to Council on time.

We have almost a full Red Trailer of cans, please continue to bring those in at every meeting or feel free to drop on my porch. Always expected are cleaned, rinsed cans and the bags they are in to be free of trash...just cans please!

Our Aluminum Can drive is how we buy new Equipment for the boys and it bought our white Troop Trailer. So keep bringing in those cans!

Cindy Thompson
Fundraising, Troop 226

Adult Training



Face-to-Face Youth Protection Training: This training is required for any adult who plans to participate in any long-term camping event such as Summer or Winter camp. Here is a list of trainings near you:

Longhorn Council Service Center
Saturday, May 3, 2014: 9am -10am & 11am -12pm
Saturday, May 17, 2014: 9am -10am & 11am -12pm
850 Cannon Drive, Hurst, Texas

Roadrunner District Roundtable
Thursday, May 1, & June 5, 2014: 7:45-9pm
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
4401 E Loop 820 N, North Richland Hills, TX, 76180

Circle 10 Council
Irving session
Monday, May 12, 2014: 7:00-8:00 pm
Plymouth Park United Methodist Church,
1615 W. Airport Freeway (a.k.a.TX 183), Irving, TX.

Coppell Session:
Saturday, June 14, 2014: 9-10:15
Valley Ranch Baptist Church (VRBC)
1501 E. Beltline Road, Coppell, TX

Circle 10 Iron Horse District Pre-register at:
<https://circle10.camp-master.com>
Frisco: Thursday May 8, 2014. Sign in at 5:50 pm for 6-7pm training, Preregistration required.

Thursday June 12, 2014. Sign in @ 5:50pm for 6-7pm training. Preregistration required.
LDS, 11000 Eldorado Pkwy, Frisco, TX 75035

Scoutmaster Specific Training: This free training focuses on the skills necessary for a Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster as well as other Leadership positions in a Troop. It will take place at the LDS Stapleton Meeting House in Flower Mound, where Roundtable is held, Saturday, May 10, 2014, 8:30am-5:00pm. Please click the link to register:

http://tonkawadistrict.com/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=109

Atim Appio-Riley, Adult Training, Troop 226

The Great Outdoors

Spring has sprung at last! April's event this year was the Tonkawa District Camporee at Furst Ranch in Flower Mound. The theme this year was the "Olympics" and was a ton of fun! If you have any pictures from Camporee, please submit those to Mr. Joe Macy, our Webmaster, to put on the Troop 226 website.

Looking ahead to our May outing, we have hiking at Juniper Point in Lake Texoma on the 16th, 17th and 18th. Stay tuned for costs as we get the site reservations confirmed.

Also, be sure to remember the balance of Summer Camp fees will be due no later than May 20. Speaking of Summer Camp, it is always a fun time! It is not too late too late to sign up, but there is an additional \$30.00 fee for late registration. We will start the process of collecting medical forms, parts A, B and C, soon. Be aware that anyone going to camp needs to have Part C filled out by his or her doctor. Care Now offers an exam for very low cost, (usually around \$12.00), and is a good alternative to seeing your family doctor for a Camp Physical. There are many locations in and around the metroplex to choose from. CVS Minute Clinics also offer a low cost Camp Physical if that is more convenient for you. Please make sure you fill out a new medication form if needed for Summer Camp and that you have enough medication in your original prescription container to last Sunday-Saturday.

Karen Herring
Outdoor Chair, Troop 226



Summer Camp Coordinator

Summer Camp is right around the corner! This year's Summer Camp is at Camp Constantin in Graford, TX.

There is a mandatory Scout and parent Summer Camp meeting Saturday, May 4, 2014, at 4:30 pm at FUMC, Fellowship Hall.

Anyone planning to attend Summer Camp 2014 must be present at this meeting.

Joe Macy,
Summer Camp Coordinator



Troop 226 New Scout Leaders

April-October 2014

Congratulations on being elected and or appointed to your new leadership position. For the next 6 months you will be responsible for planning and running most of the activities of the Troop.

The New Leaders are:

Senior Patrol Leader: Dalton Nixon
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader: Zachary L.
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader: Drexler R.
Quartermaster: Jared P.
Scribe: Raymar T.
Librarian: Casey T.
Historian: Zachary W.
Chaplain's Aide: TBD
Troop Guide: Sam J.
Leave No Trace: Tim B.
Webmaster: Joseph M.

Patrol Leaders:

Bloo Yeti Patrol Leader: Elmer Y.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Raymar T.

Thunderhawks Patrol Leader: Seth H.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Raley W.

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

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

Den Chiefs:
Zachery L.
Matthew W.
Casey T.

May you Lead with Success...

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See us at:

www.troop226.com

April – May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our Fellow Troop 226 friends!

Drexler R. 04/29

Ron Probasco, 05/02

Tonia Holliman, 05/16

George Beaudoin, 05/24



Over 35 Years in Scouting!