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Here's to a great Scouting year Troop 226!

School is back in session, the weather will give us a much needed break soon, Summer is coming to a close and we are starting a new Scouting year. Every September Troops start their Scouting year with the best camping weather ahead. But first and foremost before we get on our way to a fabulous Autumn we will come together next week to celebrate the mighty accomplishments of our Scouts at our Troop 226 Court of Honor.

Our Scouts earned vast amounts of Merit Badges, made new friends, discovered Ga Ga Ball and had a great time at Camp Constantin. Please plan on being at your Boy Scouts' most formal event and celebrating his accomplishments. Full uniform for Scouters and Scouts is required including your Merit Badge sash. As always, we will be having our Dessert Drawing. Tickets are \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. Please bring a dessert to donate.

Our COH will be held outside by Emilio's Benches. Please bring a chair for each one of your family members. Pop-ups will be there to shield the heat. We will be in the Youth trailer should we get rained out.

Looking forward to a fabulous Scouting year! Won't you join us?

The Scoutmaster Minute

The 2015 annual planner took place on August 9th. It was a very efficient meeting taking about four hours to plan out the entire year. While the Calendar still has some minor tweaking to perform and approval by the committee, as of now we look to be going to five different campgrounds than were attended last year with some nice fresh locations to visit. Even though all of the details are not locked down yet the two big takeaways from the planner everyone needs to be thinking about is; are we going to attend the Circle 10 Winter Camp at Trevor Rees-Jones, December 27-31, 2014 and looking further ahead...The 2015 Summer Camp choices were narrowed down to Constantin (where we went this

summer), Lost Pines (where we went in March), Tahuaya or Camp Orr. In the coming months information regarding each of these Summer Camp options will be provided and a presentation performed for the Scouts to make their selections of where to attend.

Our next meeting is Court of Honor on Sept 16th! This Court of Honor is our biggest of the year! With several achievements from the time off school as well as Summer Camp., we really want to ensure as many Scouts as possible are available to be recognized. Every parent should make every effort possible to be present for the Court of Honor to laud their son's achievements.

The Fall Troop Elections are scheduled for October 7th. Although that is a ways away; preparation for elections are already underway. All Scouts should be thinking about what roles you would like to run for next term. Everyone First Class and above needs a Leadership role for rank advancement however you do not need to be First Class in order to run for a position. We also have some immediate requests for Den Chiefs, which is an appointed position, so please speak up immediately if you would be interested in taking on that very important (and fun) role.

Rudy Kamman, Scoutmaster

Committee Chair Corner



Our new Troop Management software system has been selected and is now LIVE and ready for use! The new system is from TroopWebHost and meets all of the requirements identified earlier this year. We will be using this system to manage Troop communications, event sign ups as well as advancements and Troop financial transactions. Emails have been sent out with user ids and passwords, so please check your Inbox for them as well as your Spam folder. If you need your account information re-sent, just let me know! For your convenience, the link to the new system is also on our Troop website.

We've had some changes in Committee roles this month: Ms. Aileen has stepped down as Treasurer since they have relocated to McKinney. Ms. Tonia has stepped down as Secretary due to her work schedule. She will remain as a member at large and will help out as her schedule allows with Troop business and Boards of Review. Ms. Margaret Richter will be picking up as Secretary as her schedule allows. Mr. Glenn Leondike has graciously agreed to take on the role of Outdoor Chair. Even with all of these changes, we still need your help! We desperately need a new Treasurer, Advancements Chair and Equipment Coordinator. Please, please, please reach out to me if you can help out in any way!

Karen Herring, Committee Chair

Senior Patrol Leader



This month has been a great month with our august lock in. It was a great time to have fun with fellow scouts and meet new scouts from other troops. We have had another great month and hope it continues like this for the months to come!

Zachary Leondike, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Advancement



At the August Boards of Review one Scout was successful in advancing to his next rank. Congratulations to: Cannan C - Tenderfoot

Over the summer I only received a few blue cards for partial Merit Badges that were completed. Just a reminder, that Merit Badge completion is the Scout's responsibility. We are typically not going to pursue setting up appointments with anyone. For those that need it, the first 30 minutes of our weekly meetings (the same time frame as TFC) can always be used to meet with counselors to work on merit badges but the Scout needs to initiate that contact. Some additional information regarding Merit Badges and TroopWebHost: •To view your partial Merit Badge list in TroopWebHost go to My Stuff -> My Merit Badges and click on the "Uncompleted Merit Badge Requirements" button to load the PDF report. • To find a counselor for the Merit Badge you wish to complete or begin go to Advancement -> Merit Badge Counselors for a complete list. • A reminder that a Scout is COURTEOUS! It is much easier for a counselor to be contacted prior to a meeting so they can be prepared as opposed to walking up to one after closing to ask if they can stay late to assist with your badge. Letting the counselor know in advance you will need a bit of their time is always appreciated.

As a head's up, in the coming months the PLC has been asked to plan meetings which would cover Second Class requirement 9A "Participate in a program on the dangers of using drugs, alcohol, and tobacco" as well as First Class requirement 5 "Visit with an individual your constitutional rights and obligations". These opportunities are typically conducted once per year so for any Scouts needing to complete these requirements it is very important that they attend those sessions. Once the dates for these activities are identified I will email out the schedule to everyone who needs to be there.

Rudy Kamman, Acting Advancement Chair

Adult Training

Boys Scouts Leadership Specific Training: 3 classes coming up: 10/16/14, 10/23 and 10/30/14 @ FUMC of Richardson. Fee: \$10. Contact: Jeff Page - email Jeff.page@L-3com.com <http://ntrail.org/content/boy-scout-leader-specific-training-part-1-classroom-0>

IOLS is being offered Friday 09/20, 6PM until 9PM, 09/21/2013 at Camp Holland in Weatherford. Contact Andy Stokes, sekotsydna@gmail.com or (682) 225-4904 to register. Another Outdoor Leader Skills Program: 10/24 - 10/26/14. Get to participate in an actual camp out. Advance registration required. Fee: \$20 Location: Trevor Rees-Jones. Website: <http://ntrail.org/?q=content/outdoor-leader-skills-weekend-1024-262014>

SM Specific Training can still be taken online. Please email me at: appioriley@prodigy.net if you have any questions.

Atim Appio-Riley, Adult Training Coordinator

Fundraising

Popcorn, Popcorn, Popcorn! It's that time of year and not too late to participate! Popcorn is the biggest Fundraiser of the year that supports your Troop. Without Popcorn sales, your Troop would financially cease to run unless we held at least one Fundraiser a month minimum. I like to Scout and I know the boys do too, so let's sell some Popcorn and have a fantastic Scouting year!

There are still many Scouts that have yet to pick up their Show and Deliver Popcorn. Please contact me to schedule a time to pick up. Show and Deliver sales end October 7th. Take Order Form sales started August 6th. If you do not have your form that Mr. Joe passed out, please come by my house and get one out of the my Scout Box or contact me and we can make arrangements to meet.

We sold almost \$12,000.00 in Popcorn last year and we can easily sell that amount this year. Only 25% of the boys participated in last year's Popcorn sale...imagine how much we could sell if we all sold. This Troop belongs to all of us...we all need to do our part.

There are many incentives and prizes for each Scout selling Popcorn. Last year the Scout's won over \$3,000.00 in prizes. There are no boundaries for sales. If Grandma lives in Garland, sell there. If Uncle Tony lives in Tucson, sell there. Taking your order forms to work, church, day care, etc., is another fabulous way to sell. Have family in Pennsylvania and not visiting any time soon...be sure to set up your Scout's online account for Trail's End online sales. It is easy and you can send emails to far away family and it has Facebook and Twitter links as well!

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 of 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!**

Cindy Thompson, Fundraising Chair

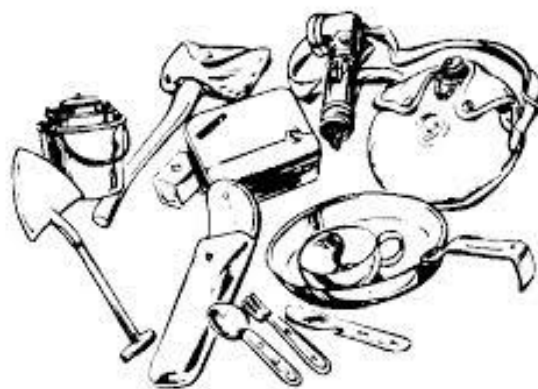
Equipment

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, trailer registration and so on.

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



Troop 226 Scout Leaders

March-Oct. 2014

Senior Patrol Leader: Zachary Leondike
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader: 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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www.troop226.com

August/September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our Troop 226 fellow Scouts and Scouters!

August

Joseph M. 08/05, Sawyer K. 08/05, Max S. 08/08, Jeff Thompson, 08/07 and Jeff Mack 08/18

September

Seth H. 09/07, Luke G. 09/07, Zachary L. 09/20, Greg M. 09/21 and Maria O. 09/02



Order of the Arrow

Just a friendly reminder for those of you that were Called Out on April 12th 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:

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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