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The Groundhog Gave Us More Winter!

The Groundhog saw his shadow and gave us 6 more weeks of winter! That's okay because we are the Boy Scouts of America...Come rain, snow sleet or hail, we will prevail! Well, we are not the United States Postal Service but we are just as hearty, we are just as fearless and we have a whole lot more fun!

This month's Campout will be at Sid Richardson working on the Cooking Merit Badge that, as of January 1st, is again Eagle required. Prior to our Campout we will be meeting at Stewart Creek Park to work on open fire cooking, on Tuesday, February 18th, 2014 at 7:00 PM! The cold weather looks like it will finally lift and we should be able to enjoy some good cooking and good fun with our Scouts!

March 1st and March 29th is the annual Tonkawa District Merit Badge College held at the LDS Church, Stapleton building where Roundtable is held. Every Scout is allowed two Eagle required and two miscellaneous Merit Badges of his choice. Contact Mr. Rudy and Mrs. Aileen immediately to sign up.

March will also bring our ANNUAL TROOP 226 FAMILY CAMPOUT! Join us, March 8th-11th, 2014 at Lost Pines Scout Reservation in Bastrop, TX, for a good 4 four days of camping, cooking and fun times. Last year's dessert contest was a good time to be had and maybe First Class Scout, Casey T. will sing us another song at the Campfire! We will be welcoming our newly bridged Boy Scouts to their first campout with Troop 226 so let's show them a good time. Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, Aunts, Uncles, Moms and Dads are all welcome at this annual campout. See Troop Treasurer Aileen for costs and payment times.

Think warm thoughts everyone...Spring is almost here!

The Scoutmaster Minute

We are going through that stretch of the year where things are getting busy. The January camping event went off great with 18 Scouts and 6 adults camping in two nights, below freezing, at Hills and Hollows. We had beautiful weather during the day while fishing for Trout at South Lakes Park near Denton, TX. We did catch a few and enjoyed them cooked over an open fire back at camp. Also in January, some Scouts helped out with Cub Scout Packs' 133, 395 and 281's Pinewood Derby races.

In February, the camping event features special cooking and working on the Cooking Merit Badge. At camp the plan is for Patrols to cook pot-luck style and bring to the table for the whole Troop to feast together. February activities also include Scouting for Food, Scout Sunday services and local Cub Scout Packs' Blue and Gold ceremonies. Keep an eye on the calendar for these activities.

Coming in March is the Merit Badge College, scheduled by District to be held March 1st and 29th. Also in March, is the annual Family Camping outing during Spring Break. This year we are traveling to the Austin area to camp at Lost Pines and the PLC is planning additional activities in the area.

Chris Wright
Scoutmaster

Committee Chair Corner



On January 4th, Adult Leaders from all over the Dallas area had the opportunity to attend the Circle 10 University of Scouting at Southern Methodist University. This is one of the best adult training experiences I've ever been a part of as it is not only very well organized and on a beautiful college campus but all of the "students" get to hand pick the classes they attend out of a pool of over 200 courses from things like Crafts for Cub Scouts, Dutch Oven Cooking, Religious Knots, Recharter...basically anything anyone would ever be interested in! Of the 33 courses I wanted to take, I had to narrow it down to just 7 (skipping lunch to pick up one extra session).

Here are my biggest takeaways from each course:

*Class 1—Boy Led Troops: Focus on term BECOMING, not EARNING rank when you become a First Class Scout.

*Class 2—Keeping Your Scouts Engaged: Set long term goals and build up to them. Scouts want to go somewhere. How do we get there, what steps are needed to prepare, how long will it take?

*Class 3—Community Service: Check with local code enforcement for any elderly or disabled person having trouble or meeting standards for lawn/etc., and assist.

*Class 4—Merit Badge Counseling: Counselors SHOULD get membership ID cards.

*Class 5—Skill Games used to Teach Scout Skills: Boys should not sit for more than 30 minutes at any meeting or

event.

*Class 6—Developing Troop By-Laws: Keep signed code of conduct forms with the medical forms on all occasions.

*Class 7—Avoiding Burnout: Unit meeting elsewhere from time to time to keep things fresh.

Again, this is just a snapshot of the copious notes I took for each course. It was really a wonderful day with so much useful information. I hope that next year several adult leaders will have an opportunity to take part in this great event and learn much more about areas of specific interest to them then bring that information back to our unit to disperse to others. I'll be sending emails out about it next winter!

Rudy Kamman
Committee Chair

Senior Patrol Leader

Troop 226,

We had an amazing month in January. Our Fishing Campout was amazing. The food was awesome and all our Scouts helped one another during fishing and were patient all day long. Our Scouts went on some exciting hikes in the afternoon, and thanks to Mr. Ortiz and the Patrol Grubmasters, Zachery W. and Matthew W., for cooking an amazing fried Catfish dinner.

The PLC has planned an amazing month in February. The monthly theme is Special Cooking. At the meetings the Scouts will learn about Special Cooking techniques such as open fire cooking. The week before the campout, we will meet at Stewart Creek Park for cooking demonstrations. Our campout will be at Sid Richardson, where we will be at the Big Tree campsite.

On February 8th, we participated in Scouting for food. On February 11th, we will have Boards of Review for those who need it.

Hope you all have a great month in February.

Sincerely,
Elmer Yang
Senior Patrol Leader



Merit Badge News

The big, upcoming Merit Badge event is the Tonkawa District's annual Merit Badge College, to be held on the 1st and 29th of March. As of this writing there are about half the amount of courses that were available last year, but I expect that to catch up before scheduling begins. In terms of making this opportunity a reality, here is how we shall proceed with this event over the next month:

- February 1st – Merit Badge College will be added to TroopKit for signups.
- February 4th – Printed course listings will be sent home from Troop meeting, those who signed up in TroopKit will also receive this list via email.
- February 11th – Class signups will occur at Troop meeting.
- February 15th – Online enrollment will be handled by Coordinator based on selections of Scouts.
- February 18th – \$10.00 fee for the MB College due at Troop Meeting
- March 1st and 29th – Classes take place (details to follow).

Also of interest, I had the opportunity to participate in a MB Counselor course at University of Scouting in January. Courses like this are always useful because they help one learn things not previously known and also serve as reminders of things that may need to be refreshed. In this instance, what I learned was that registered Merit Badge Counselors are indeed supposed to receive membership cards (who knew?) and what I was reminded of is that the purpose of the Merit Badge system is to provide a means for Scouts to identify, pursue and take responsibility to find a Counselor for and working and working on their own endeavors. That last part is an important distinction which we often forget with all other readily available opportunities for Merit Badges (Summer Camp, colleges, Troop events, etc.). However, like most of Scouting, the goal of our program is to prepare young men for adult life. To that end, the role of the MB program is to encourage the Scout to identify an interest they would like to pursue, get permission from their Scoutmaster to pursue that MB, be provided with and select a counselor from the available list, and then personally contact and coordinate with that instructor and work with guidance along the way. This enables Scouts to pursue interests through which they might need other people's help more effectively in their future.

With that in mind, and the big reason I am mentioning this, is I am very pleased to announce that our Troop now has (with the exception of the new "Sustainability" option) a (n) MB Counselor for every Eagle required Merit Badge! This is a significant milestone as the resources are now all available for Scouts to pursue their own ranking goals. Our Counselor list is up to date in both TroopKit and Troopmaster for anyone who wishes to take the initiative and work on their own personal time table. Go get'em!

Rudy Kamman, Committee Chair

Adult Training

Youth Protection Training (YPT) is mandatory for ALL adults who plan to do ANY activities with our Scouts.

It expires every 2 years, so please keep your training up to date. Training can be done online at:

www.myscouting.org. Please make sure to add your Scout ID to your account so your training can be tracked. Face to Face YPT is mandatory for ALL adults who plan to go camping with the Scouts, (day or overnight). It is usually an hour-long session that is taught in person by a certified instructor. Classes are being offered on April 7th (instructor-led) and April 10th (at the Round Table). Please see link for more details: http://events.longhorncouncil.org/cgi-bin/Calcium36.pl?CalendarName=council_training_calendar&Op=ShowIt&Amount=Month&NavType=Absolute&Type=Block&Date=2014/4/1

Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills or IOLS

Training will be held on April 11th-13th at 6pm. Please click the link for registration details:

<http://ntrail.org/?q=content/intro-outdoor-leader-skills>.

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Adult Training



The Great Outdoors

February is Special Cooking at Sid Rich, February 21st-23rd, sign up now on Troop Kit.

March Family Campout is March 8th-11th at Lost Pines Scout Reservation in Bastrop, TX. Spring Camporee is April 18th-20th! This is a fun event, details to follow next month.

Karen Herring
Outdoor Chair

Fundraising



Camp Cards are starting the weekend of March 14th. Many Packs and Troops have discovered how much Camp Cards can benefit them so online live registration for Kroger locations for this event were quite interesting this year. We have many dates and all will be posted on Volunteerspot very soon. I ordered enough cards for every Philmont participant to buy his way to camp. All you need to do is sign up, show up and sell, sell, sell!

Door to door sales will also be of the utmost importance this year, but we can do this and all who participate will refill and

renew their Scout Accounts for the year to be used on ANY Scouting related venture or activity. Last year we split a percentage with the Troop, this year it is 50/50 with your Scout and Council. Each Camp card costs \$5.00. \$2.50 of that goes to Council for plastic and printing and \$2.50 goes to your Scouts Passbook account. Watch for sign-ups soon!

We are continuing our aluminum can drive! We are trying to fill up the Red Troop Trailer and we are well over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way there. We hope to fill this trailer very soon so keep on bringing in your bags of

cans! Are you up to the Great Aluminum Can challenge?

We are still in need of Charcoal. If you can pick up a bag while you grocery shop to donate to the Troop, it would be much appreciated. The boys will need this for Special Camping Cookout this month!

Watch for a Schlotzsky's night coming soon!

Cindy Thompson,
Fundraising

A Word from our Treasurer

Hi Troop 226,

Financially, we are off to a great start for 2014. We raised \$41 for our equipment fund at December's Court of Honor. All popcorn sales money has been deposited to all Scouts' Passbook accounts. 90% of Scouts have paid their dues for the first quarter of this year. 24 people (19 scouts and 5 adults) participated in the January outing at Hills and Hollows.

Between 2/21 and 2/23, Scouts are planning to camp at Sid Richardson where we will be at the Big Tree campsite, it is going to be a fun campout for cooking. Please remember to sign up on Troopkit.com before you submit your payment. The payment will be due on 2/11.

Starting January 2014, Scoutmasters focused on teaching Scouts money planning and their camp expense management by asking Patrol Grubmasters to collect money from his Patrol. The Patrol Grubmaster is assigned with the following responsibilities:

1. Submit Patrol camp sign up list to Troop Treasurer on the week of camp.
2. Inform Troop Treasurer who will be the payee on his grub check.
3. Return all receipts, leftover money, and calculation sheet to troop treasurer during regular Troop meeting on Tuesday.

Individual Scouts Passbook balances will be emailed to parents by end of each month. You can top up Scouts' Passbook anytime by writing a check to Troop 226 or by cash. You also can check your Scout's Passbook balance during any Troop meeting.

You can find our monthly Camp dates and activities on our Troop websites: www.troop226.com and www.troopkit.com. If you need an access code to sign in to Troop Kit, please contact our webmaster, Mr. Joe Macy. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any concerns: aileentroop226@gmail.com

Aileen Yang
Treasurer



Advancements



I am really proud of all the Scouts and Scouters this past year! Advancements have been moving really nicely and we are starting to see the fruits of a very active Trail to First Class program and our Cadre of Scoutmasters couldn't be a better group! Troop 226 did really well on advancements in 2013! Many of you are very close to getting your next rank, keep up the good work! Let's get all of our veteran Scouts that have been here over a year into the First Class Rank!

We had 7 Scouts reach First Class Rank in 2013! Many are very close to getting that so as you approach this rank, the need for looking into Merit Badge opportunities becomes even more crucial. Please pay attention to what opportunities are laid out in front of you going forward for Merit Badges. Those become your pathway to advancement after you reach First Class rank. Also, you will want to look at positions of leadership within the Troop for advancement or even become a Den Chief for one of the area Packs. These are ways you can accomplish your leadership requirements for rank after reaching First Class rank. Great job Scouts!

Shawn Rowe
Advancements Chair

Webmaster's Spin



I've posted some new documents on the website that the PLC may find useful in helping to plan monthly meetings and activities. They are called Troop Program Features and can be found on the website by clicking Troop Info then Forms.

Did you know that changes to the BSA are coming; changes to requirements and much more? You can always catch the latest info and other Scouting news through the Scouting Newsfeeds. You can find even more by clicking on the picture of the Scouting Magazine which always shows the current issue.

The Boys' Life Newsfeeds also have great information on them like camping tips, gear, games and fun! The newsfeeds are always changing so check often and get a step ahead and better prepared!

Be sure to sign up on TroopKit for events, Service Projects, etc., before the deadline! Having accurate rosters and headcounts are important. If you have to make a change past the deadline, please do so, but keep in mind that changes require me to approve them before they take effect. I'll approve your change but please, be patient and do not keep trying over and over.

Joe Macy
Webmaster

Assistant Scoutmaster Information (ASM)



In January we went camping at Hills and Hollows and went to a nearby park to fish for Rainbow Trout. While the boys had a good time and gave it their best try, fishing was very difficult, even with expert advice and good bait provided by Mr. Jesse. Only Elmer Y., Mr. Jeff and Mr. George managed to catch fish. Luckily, Mr. Jesse brought plenty of Catfish nuggets to fry up to go along with the 4 Trout that were caught.

The Scouts put on a great impromptu campfire program and some learned a new fun game from Mr. Jesse to play while sitting around the campfire, "The Prince of Paris has Lost his Hat". I was also impressed by the Scouts lashing together the flagpole Friday night and insisting on doing Flag Ceremony, even on Sunday morning, before and after Sunday Service, which Drexler R. did an excellent job with.

I'm looking forward to the February Campout at Sid Richardson where we will focus on Special Cooking and some of the Cooking Merit Badge. We will be camping at the Big Tree campsite.

Joe Macy, Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM)

Troop 226 Scout Leaders

Oct. 2013-March 2014

Our Troop 226 Scout Leaders are:

Senior Patrol Leader: Elmer Y.
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader: Zachary L.
Quartermaster: Jared P.
Scribe: Joseph M.
Librarian: Ian H.
Historian: Casey T.
Chaplains Aide: Drexler R.

Patrol Leaders:

Bloo Yeti Patrol Leader: Raymar T.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Dalton N.

Sea Dawgs Patrol Leader: Drexler R.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Casey T.

Thunderhawks Patrol Leader: Zachary L.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Brendan A.

Fire Dragons Patrol Leader: Tim B.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Alex A.

Den Chiefs:

Zachary L. - Webelos II, Pack 395
Matthew W. - Webelos I, Pack 395
Casey T. - Wolves, Pack 395
Ian H. - Tigers, Pack 395

May you Lead with Success...



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See us at:

www.troop226.com

Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to our fellow Troop 226 friends and family!

February:

Elmer Y. 02/02, Cynthia Weichman 02/06, Chris Wright 02/23, Ian H. 02/23, Glenn Leondike 02/27, Raley W. 02/27 and Tim B. 02/28



Over 35 years in Scouting!
