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BRING ON 2014!

It was a great 2013...We camped, we hiked, we sold, we serviced, we grew, we shrank but most important of all...we worked together!

Scouting is a family. We work together, help each other, argue like siblings, work out our differences but we are a family. We work as one for one common goal, to help make our sons into better men one day. I enjoyed Girl Scouts as a child and teenager and had always hoped one day I would have a daughter that followed in my footsteps. I got one better in my eyes, I had two sons. One was interested in sports so I thought my Scouting opportunity was lost. But the second was interested in Scouting. I thought I could teach him and show him everything I learned as a Scout myself. I realized soon after joining, he was teaching me.

Sure, I taught him to cook and camp and clean and whittle and all that jazz but he was teaching me that he was independent, self sufficient, eager to learn and always striving to be the best. I have backed off on the "extreme" over protective that I gave my first son, as I realized that given a situation, my son can handle himself. He knows what to eat and not, he can light a fire and make shelter for himself and signal for a way out just as I am confident he can make his way through classes daily, college one day and a career in the not so distant future. One thing we did gain though is a lot of mentors to help guide him along the way. People, that should he need to, he can call at any time in the future for help or a pep talk or guidance.

On behalf of Troop 226, I would like to thank all of the volunteers that make this Scouting experience happen for our sons! Your countless hours of dedication are greatly appreciated!

HERE'S TO A GREAT 2014!

The Scoutmaster Minute

Hope everyone had a great holiday and break (for those that had one).

Some things that are going on with the Troop:

University of Scouting at the SMU campus was attended by some Troop adult leaders this month, where we had some great training opportunities and discussions with other Scouting leaders in the area.

The January camping event will be fishing where we will be working on the Fishing Merit Badge and plan to catch some Trout that are stocked in local ponds by Texas Wildlife and Parks Department. Also in January, our Scouts will be attending Local Cub Scout Packs' Pinewood Derby races to help out and enjoy some competitive action. Keep an eye on the calendar for Merit Badge College which is scheduled by District to be March 1st and March 29th. This is a great opportunity to work on a few extra badges.

Looking forward to getting the New Year started.

Chris Wright
Scoutmaster

Committee Chair Corner



With a new year come tons of new opportunities for fun and excitement. Saturday January 4th, was the much promoted University of Scouting which is one of the best events and some of the best training that I have ever received. The old saying is, "Every Scout deserves a Trained Leader", and this opportunity lets everyone customize their own curriculum to pursue areas you are most interested in. I do hope you will consider attending next year.

For those interested in collecting or nostalgia, the 36th Annual Dallas National Trade-O-Ree is going to take place January 17 and 18th at the Grapevine Convention Center. For a \$5.00 entry fee, people can buy, sell and trade Scout

memorabilia. It is a great place to acquire items, meet friends and learn about the hobby. Last year I was able to obtain the original strips from each of the Councils I was a Scout in as well as a few old-style rank patches and hat pins along with tons of outdated, but nevertheless interesting literature.

The last thing I want to mention that will begin in earnest this January is our annual re-charter. While this process should be fairly invisible to everyone, it is a rather challenging exercise in paperwork however is a standard procedure so should not be too difficult to get taken care of. The big wrench in the works is that the Troop always

strives to cover all re-charter costs, however National raised those fees by a whopping 60% after our budget was set. So... there is a chance unfortunately, some portion of that may have to be paid out of pocket. While I do not expect it to be very much, if anything at all, I do want to mention that possibility so that nobody is caught off guard if it comes to pass. I do apologize.

Happy New Year and have a great 2014!!!

Rudy Kamman
Committee Chair

Merit Badge News



The Troop Calendar has had the dates of the 2014 Tonkawa District Merit Badge College posted for some time and we are about two months away from that event taking place. All of the course availability and registration information came out at the January Roundtable last year so I am expecting that to be the case again this time around. As soon as I learn what courses are available I will send the information out and start getting class selections from all of our Scouts. Enrollment takes place on a first come first serve basis so this is one of those times where being a night owl comes in handy as registration opened at midnight last year and I was able to get everyone the courses they were interested in.

Finally, if you were not aware, with the turning of the calendar comes a change to the Eagle requirements in that Cooking Merit Badge is now required to achieve that honored rank. The requirements have changed slightly however any Scout who has started or feels they can complete the Merit Badge this year can use the old requirements up through January 1st, 2015. At that time the new requirements must be met to earn to the Merit Badge regardless of any prior work done.

Committee Chair
Rudy Kamman

Senior Patrol Leader

December was a great month for the Troop. Congratulations to Emilio Ortiz for getting his Eagle Scout Award. Webelos attended our Court of Honor and the Patrols all had excellent skits. Afterwards, the Webelos attended our Holiday Party which was a great success. After that was our Troops' Holiday Lock-in, in which all of the Scouts had a blast.

The PLC planned an excellent month for January. The January Campout is Fishing themed on the 17th through the 19th. For those that want to take the Fishing Merit Badge Course, Mr. Ortiz is offering the badge during the Troop meetings.

Packs' 281 and 133 Pinewood Derby's are on the 25th for those of you interested in volunteering.

Also, Winter Camp was cancelled by the PLC.

Hope you all enjoy January,
Elmer Yang
Senior Patrol Leader

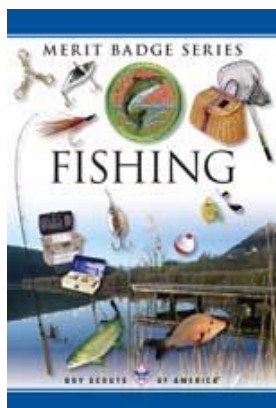
Adult Training

Youth Protection Training (YPT) is still required by ALL adults who plan to volunteer with ANY of our projects. It can be taken online at myscouting.org. Adults will be getting emails from me reminding them to renew their YPT once it is expired. YPT is good for 2 years. Face to Face YPT must be taken to attend any camp that is longer than 72 hours.

We need as many Committee Members as possible to take the Troop Committee Challenge training which is also online at myscouting.org. Deadline to complete this training is last day of February 2014.

All Scoutmasters and Assistants who have already taken the Scoutmaster Specific Training need to email me their training dates and training codes (located on their cards). Any SM or ASM who hasn't taken it should email me and I can find out training dates and locations for them. Deadline to complete this training is last day of February 2014.

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Adult Training



The Great Outdoors

Do you like to Fish and want to earn a Merit Badge at the same time?

Join us for January's Campout at Hills and Hollows, January 17th-19th, 2014. The event costs \$13.00 for Scouts and \$13.00 for Adults. Payment is due at the January 14th Troop Meeting. Sign up on Troop Kit today!

Karen Herring
Outdoor Chair

Fundraising



Happy New Year TROOP 226!

I hope you all enjoyed your well deserved Holiday break!

Now back to business...

We are continuing our aluminum can drive! We are trying to fill up the Red Troop Trailer and we are well over halfway there. After having our 2 snow days out of school, hosting friends and family for the Holidays and maybe some neighbors partying for the New Year, we hope to fill this trailer right after the first of the year! Are you up to the Great Aluminum Can challenge?

Bring your cans to each meeting. You may set them by the door of the White or Red trailer, they will get picked up!

Or as one Scout did, feel free to drop 14 bags off on my front door step but please be sure I can still open my front door!

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. Also, please be sure that there are only Aluminum Cans in your bag as we get docked 10lbs right from the start for trash found in bags.

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. With non-stop monthly camps until Summer Camp, we will surely need quite a few bags.

Camp Cards start in March so be on the lookout in February for sign up times at Kroger again this year.

We are also trying to schedule a few restaurant nights for Fundraising purposes. With Griffin Middle School and The Colony High School owning most of this month's Fundraising opportunities...I am trying to just squeeze in the door around them. Stay tuned for an email posting what times and places we struck gold in!

Cindy Thompson,
Fundraising



A Word from our Treasurer

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and has been enjoying the winter break so far.

Thanks for everyone's support, we had all dues and camp money paid in time last year. There is no outstanding payment for 2013. Big thanks to all Scouts and their parents of Troop 226.

There are two payments scheduled for January 2014.

1. Scout Dues: We collect Scout dues quarterly. The due date is the first Tuesday of each quarter – January, April, July and October. Amount is: \$15.00/Scout due 01/07/2014. Payment Method is: Scout Passbook, cash or check. I sent out your Scouts updated personal passbook account balances last night reflecting your Scout's Popcorn commissions and the November Camp refund. If you would like to pay by passbook you may always send me an email as well.
2. January Campout: Will be held on January 17th-19th at Hills and Hollows. Payment is due by January 14th and the cost is \$13.00/Scout and \$13.00/adult.

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: treasurer@troop226.com

Aileen Yang
Treasurer

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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We're on the Web!

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www.troop226.com

Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to our fellow Troop 226 friends and family!

January:

Joe Macy – 01/08, Mike Lesh – 01/16, Casey T. – 01/23 and Zachery W. – 01/27



Over 35 years in Scouting!
