



Troop 226 News

JUNE 2013

ISSUE 3

VOLUME 1

It's Almost Summer, Troop 226!

The kids are out of school, our families are making vacation plans and we are getting ready for our Scouts to go to Summer Camp at Hale Scout Reservation. There are many things to buy and pack but before we get to that, Troop 226 has a summer of events lined up for your Scout. Make sure to read the Outdoor Chair Article so that you can plan your calendar! Our Summer Camp Coordinator has some vital information for you and our Committee Chair recently visited a fabulous place and wants you to think about where and when to plan our Troop campouts for next year!

Rudy Kamman, Committee Chair, is teaching the Eagle required Merit Badge, Citizenship in the Community, Saturday, June 15, from 9:00AM-Noon...if you have not already signed up please do so immediately via Troop Kit. This month's Committee Meeting has been rescheduled for June 20, at 7:00PM. Our Troop Family Picnic is Saturday, June 22. The Troop Rummage Sale is Saturday, June 29, from 7:00AM-3:00PM. The Liberty by the Lake Service project is July 4th at Stewart Creek Park, sign up on Troop Kit now if you are interested. Hawaiian Falls Scout Day is Saturday, July 13, and our Summer Camp gear check-in is also the same day from 7:30-8:30PM. Summer Camp at Hale Scout Reservation is Sunday, July 14-Saturday July 20, 2013. The second half of Citizenship in the Community, taught by Rudy Kamman, is Saturday, July 27, 2013 from 9:00AM-Noon. The August Court of Honor is Tuesday, August 13, 2013. Popcorn Sales start Saturday, August 17, 2013. Campout is Friday, August 23-Sunday, August 25 at the Caddo/LBJ National Grasslands in Decatur, TX. And last but not least, Monday, August 26 is the first day of the 2013-2014 school year. We have big plans, a big calendar and many things to do, learn, earn and have fun! Some of these dates are subject to change as the PLC sees fit.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER TROOP 226! BE SAFE IN YOUR TRAVELS AND ADVENTURES!

Editor

The Scoutmaster Minute

This past month we participated in the Kids Chase by the Lake service project. Thank you Ian H. and Aiden C. and parents for participating!

Several members of our Troop completed the Personal Management Merit Badge in May. Thank you to Suzanne Mattison, for your time in teaching this.

May's outing was a trip to Lake Murray State Park, Oklahoma, where the Troop patrols were joined by Webelos from Pack 395. We visited the Nature Center where the boys

attended a presentation on reptiles, where John L. was turned into a Chameleon. We also climbed the stairs to the top of adjoining Tucker Tower which reaches 65 feet into the air, allowing a breath-taking view of the lake that encompasses miles in all directions.

The Patrols embarked on separate hiking adventures where they identified native plants, trees and animal tracks along the shores of Tipps Point.

You cannot have a campout without eating and the Patrols

did a fine job of selecting menus including French Toast and a Sausage and Bacon breakfast, to Sloppy Joe lunches and Hamburger, Fajita and Chili dinners... to top it off, Fire Dragons Patrol member, Damion B., made a Dutch oven Chocolate Cake that attracted every other Scout in the campsite like a swarm of Ants. If you were able to sneak a bite, yes, it was DELICIOUS!

Chris Wright
Scoutmaster

Page 1:	It's Almost Summer, Troop 226!
Page 1:	The Scoutmaster Minute
Page 2:	Committee Chair Corner
Page 2:	Our Webmaster's Spin
Page 2:	Assistant Scoutmaster Information (ASM)
Page 3:	Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)
Page 3:	Advancement
Page 3:	Scout Service Projects
Page 3:	Adult Training
Page 4:	Fundraising
Page 4:	The Great Outdoors
Page 4:	Equipment
Page 5:	Summer Camp Coordinator
Page 5:	Troop 226 Scout Leaders
Page 6:	Leader & Committee Contact Information
Page 6:	June Birthdays!

Committee Chair Corner



This past Memorial Day weekend I had the opportunity to participate in a Philmont training weekend at the Flat Top Ranch. This privately owned ranch is 4500 acres of land just south of Glen Rose, which contains 20 stocked lakes as well as Deer, Elk, Turkey and even imported African Antelope and Blesbok. It was an extraordinary site. I am hoping to work with the people who arranged this trip to see if our Troop could have the opportunity to head to this magnificent location sometime

next year. While I cannot promise that we will be given the approval to stay there, this does illustrate a point I would like to make. As we all travel and meet people from other walks of life, if there is any skill, service, camp location or knowledge that you feel our Troop could benefit from by all means, please bring it back our way.

On your family trips this summer be safe, have fun and if there is anything you really enjoyed then bring to the

annual planner for consideration in 2014.

Planning from guides and books is okay but hearing stories about locations from someone who has actually been there makes for a much more persuasive presentation and new events and locations every once in a while keeps the program fresh and exciting. Have a great Summer!

Rudy Kamman
Committee Chair

Our Webmaster's Spin



Have you checked our new website, troop226.com yet? There are lots of new features! We have a Troop Historian corner where articles about events we have done are posted by the Historian. Also I have added newsfeeds for Scouting and Scouters. The Boys Life newsfeeds are really cool...info about nature, camping gear, video games and much more. You can also see the latest issue of Boys Life and Scouting Magazine there.

Don't forget to check the calendar for upcoming events, not everything is posted in Troop Kit and the Treasurer posts when and how much is due before every campout on the website calendar as well.

I have added several new forms that adults, Patrol Leaders and Scouts will find useful such as Blue Cards, Meetings Plans, Applications, Grubmaster Worksheets, Reimbursement Forms, Chuckbox Inventory

Sheets and much more. You can also find this newsletter and previous issues on the website!

Pictures from events will be posted in the gallery as time allows. If you have pictures you would like posted just email them to me. If you have a lot, just let me know.

Joe Macy
ASM/Webmaster/MB Counselor

Assistant Scoutmaster Information (ASM)

The May Campout was at Lake Murray State Park near Ardmore, OK. 17 Scouts and 6 adults went along with several Webelos and parents from Pack 395.

Saturday, we visited the Tucker Tower Nature Center where all were treated to a fun and interactive presentation about amphibians by the park naturalists. Boys were given the opportunity to explore the nature center, learn more about the unique features of Lake Murray and explore the stone tower overlooking the lake.

Back at camp some patrols learned about hiking safety and all went on a 5 mile hike. We discovered the types of trees native to the area and identified several different animal tracks along the way. Some also found an opportunity to splash around in the clear, cool lake.

The Fire Dragons Patrol received high praise from the Scoutmaster and ASMs. They made very good use of their food, had posted a duty roster, cleaned and put away their cook gear without being prompted and were the first to pack and clean their campsite.

They also were the only Patrol to make dessert Saturday night; a Dutch Oven Chocolate Cake, (the tiny bite I got was PERFECT!) Once the other patrols heard they had cake, they were quickly mobbed and practiced, "Leave No Cake". It was their very first time to camp and cook as a Patrol. They really served as a great example to the other Patrols and Webelos who were our guests. Well done Fire Dragons!

Joe Macy
ASM/Webmaster/MB Counselor

Senior Patrol Leader

We had an amazing month of May. Our Campout was May 17-19 at Lake Murray State park, OK. We finished many requirements and had some extremely exciting hikes. Boy, they were surprising! All the Scouts were respectful to each other and the adults. They helped each other out...even in different Patrols! That is the

type of Scout Spirit that we like to see.

At the last PLC meeting, May 21st, we discussed many things for the month of June. On May 28, we had Court of Honor. We have PLC Campout on June 8-9. Our Family Picnic which will be on June 22, where you should bring your entire family and The

Troop Rummage Sale on June 29 and multiple Community Service opportunities such as the Liberty by the Lake 5 K run and Church Cleanup.

Every one of you should attend these exciting events and I hope to see you there!

Elmer Yang
Senior Patrol Leader



Advancement

We have had a GREAT deal of advancements since our last Court of Honor in January! With around 40 Merit Badges and 20 Rank Advancements, our Troop as it is growing, is seeing some significant accomplishments being made. About 25 Scouts accounting for around 60 awards...Congratulations boys on all of these accomplishments and let's keep the momentum going!

I would also like to thank our Scoutmasters who have been making sure that every boy has an opportunity to advance. Here is the kicker...Scouts, you have to show up to the Trail to First Class program every week it is offered and you have to go on campouts! If you just do these things, you will advance quickly! It is our goal to try and get all of our Scouts currently in the program to the First Class Rank by the time we get new Scouts at bridging next year.

If you are not advancing at the rate you'd like, please meet with your Scoutmasters to see how you can get your plan of attack together to make achieving First Class by March next year. The opportunities lie before you and our cadres of Scoutmasters are there to assist you in making it a reality. Don't miss out!

Congratulations to our newest Rank Advancements: Elmer Y., Second Class, Jared P., Second Class and Ian H., Tenderfoot. The next Board of Review is scheduled for June 11.

Shawn Rowe
Advancement

Scout Service Projects

In May, our Troop was invited to present the colors and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance for the opening ceremonies at the "Relay for Life". Thank you to Brendan A., Lance H., Matthew W., Zach L. and John L., for doing such a fabulous job!

For those of you interested in assisting with the Cub Scout Day Camp and are at least age 13, put the following dates on your calendar.

CUB SCOUTS SALUTE OUR NATION'S HEROES

Tonkawa Cub Scout Day Camp 2013 at Furst Ranch (771 Scout Ministries)
June 25-28 from 3:00-8:00PM and June 29 from 10:00-2:00PM

We will also have volunteer opportunities at the annual 4th of July, Liberty by the Lake. Be on the lookout for a Troop Kit email regarding these opportunities.

Geraldine Leondike
Service Project Coordinator

Adult Training

YPT (Youth Protection Training) is mandatory for all adult volunteers. It is offered online at the following:

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

Create an account, once registered, click on "E-Learning" to start the YPT training. You do not have to be a registered member of BSA or have a member ID to take this training, however once taken, please email me, committee1@troop226.com, and I can assign you a member ID.

CPR certification is coming soon. Please contact me at the above email address if you are interested in taking this class. Minimum age is 13.

IOLS is being offered 10/25, 6:00pm-12:00pm, 10/27/2013 at Camp James Ray, and again 4/11, 6:00pm-12:00pm, 4/13/2014 at Camp Wisdom. Go to: <http://www.ntrail.org/> for more information. **SM Specific Training** can be taken online or is offered at July's Summer Camp, if interested.

Atim Appio-Riley

Fundraising



Kroger Camp Card sales were a Success! We sold a total of 825 Camp Cards and our commission grand total with sales and donations was \$1,794.00 for the Scouts and \$448.50 for the Troop! **Way to go Troop 226!**

Congratulations to the Winners of our Troop Camp Card sale Incentives! The following prizes were awarded: A correction to the announcement at COH, I stated the highest seller gets their mess kit washed for a camp of their choice, it is the Top 3 Highest Sellers: Raley W. 106 cards sold, Casey T. 104 cards sold, and Joseph M. 68 cards sold, all get to have their

mess kits washed at the camp of their choice by ASM Joe Macy! Congratulations Top 3 Sellers! Top selling Patrol gets a Dutch Oven Dessert at a campout cooked by ASM Joe Macy, as well...Congratulations Thunderhawks Patrol, 296 cards sold, for winning! The top selling Patrol also got to shave the head of ASM Jeff Thompson, and they were too eager to do it! Congratulations again Thunderhawks Patrol for winning this prize...and a big thank you to Lance H.'s mom for cleaning and evening up Mr. Jeff's head afterward, patchy job done by a lot of eager Scouts, SCARY! And the last prize is offered by Longhorn Council: any Scout that sells

over 100 Camp Cards get 2 tickets to the Father's Day Texas Ranger game. Congratulations Raley W. and Casey T., your tickets are being mailed directly to your home from council!

Finally, the Firm date for our Troop 226 Rummage sale is June 29! Our storage has run low. Please store your own things and we will send emails right before the sale of where to drop off. Thanks for helping to make this a successful sale for our Boys!

Cindy Thompson,
Fundraising Chair/Editor/Unit
Commissioner, The Colony



The Great Outdoors

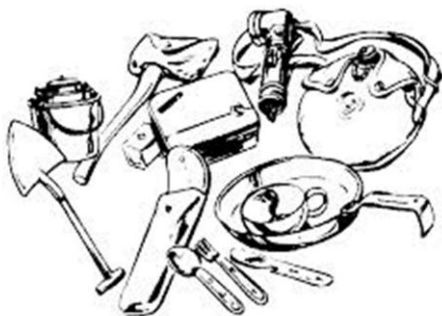
Summer time means fun time! The first event on our schedule is the Troop Family Picnic, June 22 from 11:00AM-3:00PM at Stewart Creek Park, The Colony. Cost is free per family car. Lunch will be "Potluck" style, so bring something yummy to share! This event is now in Troop Kit so sign up now!

July brings Scout Day at Hawaiian Falls on Saturday, July 13, what a great way to kick off Summer Camp! Cost and details for Hawaiian Falls will be posted in Troop Kit as soon as they are available. Summer Camp at Hale Scout Reservation in Talihina, OK is July 14-20. See Summer Camp Coordinator Article for more information.

Looking ahead to our August Campout...that is August 23-25 at Black Creek Lake Park at the LBJ National Grasslands in Decatur, TX. This is a beautiful location and has lots of great hiking trails and a nice lake to cool off in!

Karen Herring
Outdoor Chair

Equipment



The New Troop Trailer worked great for May Campout at Lake Murray, however, some of our gear did not. Some pieces in our inventory are aging and supplies that we use almost monthly are running low. Our funds for replacement are running low as well. The Committee voted to rededicate the Aluminum Can funds for our Equipment but we still need more. Our Troop Rummage sale will help with that greatly but some of these things might could be obtained by donations. We need 50-75 pounds of Charcoal. If every one of us purchased just one bag and donated, we would be set for for the year. Some things we are looking to buy from our Rummage Sale proceeds are propane for our 9 tanks, a new stove for the Sea Dawgs Patrol and various utensils and supplies for our Fire Dragons Patrol. Thank you for helping your Troop!
Cindy Thompson for Chris Story, Equipment Chair

Summer Camp Coordinator

Summer Camp is coming quickly! It is a time for our Scouts to have fun, learn and make new friendships. Troop 226 is going to Hale Scout Reservation in Talihina, OK, July 14-20, 2013. There is quite a bit of information with this camp. We are in the process of condensing, verifying and organizing the Hale Reservation Summer Camp Packet. Look for this to be posted to our Troop website in just a few days. There are some very informative things you should know and questions at the Parent meeting will be answered there.

A plastic, waterproof, lockable tote big enough to carry everything in, is recommended. A combination lock is also recommended as well as giving a copy of the combination to the adult Quartermaster in case your Scout forgets it. ***PLEASE, do not forget your reusable water bottle on a carabiner***

All gear should be dropped off at FUMC on Saturday, July 13, from 7:30-8:30 PM for packing the Troop Trailer. We will pack

all gear the night before! We will be gathering on Sunday, July 14 at 7:00AM and will be leaving sharply at 7:30 AM. We expect to return on Saturday, July 20, by 3:00PM. Please watch your email for a Troop Kit notice for our final arrival time.

Parents, PLEASE inform your Scoutmaster if you will be out of town/country the week of summer camp. In the event of an emergency or a behavior issue, we will have to be provided with a contact name and number of the responsible party in charge. Please inform them that should there be an issue, they will need to retrieve your Scout as we are unable to leave camp and drive them home.

All Scouts and Adults attending must have a completed section A, B and C of the BSA Medical Form found on our website. Have a great Summer Camp!

Jeff Thompson
ASM/Summer Camp
Coordinator



"Be Prepared"

Troop 226 Scout Leaders

March-Sept. 2013

Senior Patrol Leader: Elmer Y.
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader: Jared P.
Quartermaster: Emilio O.
Scribe: Aiden C.
Librarian: Raymar T.
Historian: Casey T.
Chaplains Aide: Raley W.

Patrol Leaders:

Bloo Yeti Patrol Leader: Sam J.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Dalton D.

Thunderhawks Patrol Leader: Seth H.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Brendan A.

Sea Dawgs Patrol Leader: Zachary W.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Drexler R.

Fire Dragons Patrol Leader: Joseph M.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Tim B.

Leader & Committee Contact Information

Scoutmaster:

Chris Wright scoutmaster@troop226.com

Assistant Scoutmasters:

Mike Taylor, ASM asm6@troop226.com

Jesse Ortiz, ASM asm4@troop226.com

Marvin Williams, ASM asm9@troop226.com

Ron Probasco, ASM asm5@troop226.com

Jeff Thompson, ASM asm7@troop226.com

Joe Macy, ASM webmaster@troop226.com

Brian Karhu, ASM asm2@troop226.com

Mike Lesh, ASM asm3@troop226.com

Jon Jacobs, ASM asm1@troop226.com

Committee:

Rudy Kamman, Committee Chair committeechair@troop226.com

Joe Macy, Webmaster webmaster@troop226.com

Chris Dougherty, Advancement Chair advancements@troop226.com

Geraldine Leondike, Service Project service@troop226.com

Cindy Thompson, Fundraising Chair, Popcorn Kernel & Newsletter Editor fundraising@troop226.com

Karen Herring, Outdoor Chair outdoor@troop226.com

Rebecca Dougherty, Treasurer treasurer@troop226.com

Chris Story, Equipment Chair equipment@troop226.com

Becky Story, Chaplain chaplain@troop226.com

Tonia Holliman, Secretary secretary@troop226.com

Atim Appio-Riley, Adult Training Coordinator committee1@troop226.com

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.troop226.com

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our fellow Troop 226 friends and family!

Ann Jacobs 06/02/63

Isaac R. 06/17/02

Jon Jacobs 06/27/65

Waldy Turangan 06/30/71

Christopher Z. 06/16/01

Shawn Rowe 06/22/70

Aileen Yang 06/29/63



Over 35 years in Scouting!
