



Troop 226 News

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It's Summertime Troop 226!

Summertime means Summer Camp here at Troop 226! We will be leaving for Camp Constantin this weekend. Please make sure you read the Summer Camp Coordinator's article. Troop 226 also has a summer of events lined up for your Scout. **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER TROOP 226!**

Summer Camp gear check in is this Saturday from 7:00-9:00PM at the FUMC parking lot. This month's Committee and PLC Meetings have been rescheduled for Tuesday, July 1, at 7:00PM. The Liberty by the Lake Service project is July 3rd, 4th and 5th at Stewart Creek Park. Sign up on Troopmaster now if you are interested. Hawaiian Falls Scout Day is Saturday, July 12th, however we will also be at Camp Wisdom July 11th-13th. BSA Day at the Roughrider's Ball Park is Sunday, July 20th, at 6:00PM. The PLC yearly planner is scheduled for Saturday, August 9th. Popcorn Sales start Saturday, August 16, 2014. Our Annual Troop Picnic is scheduled for August 16th as well. The 2014-2015 school year starts again Monday, August 25th. There is no campout in August! 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.

The Scoutmaster Minute

Happy June! I'm so excited about Summer Camp and cannot wait to roll out to Constantin. IT'S GOING TO BE AWESOME!

Troop 226 will once again be assisting with setup, water stations and cleanup for The Colony "Liberty by the Lake" 4th of July celebrations. Details are in the Service Chair article. This is one of the activities our Troop is known for assisting with and is a great chance to have a little fun while also giving back to our community.

We recently conducted an inventory/inspection of all our equipment. Each patrol should now have their own complete working set of necessary equipment for weekend camping. Going forward, if something gets broken or misplaced, that patrol needs to inform the Troop Quartermaster. Otherwise, on the next outing they will not have that item. Patrol Leaders and their quartermasters will be responsible maintaining their own gear.

For our July campout at Camp Wisdom, the PLC selected the theme as "Fun and Fellowship". The only goal for the weekend is to have fun and relax! We are planning to rent the pool, archery range and canoes so the Scouts should have a variety of activities to take part in. This campout is going to vary a bit from the norm in that we are inviting all Webelos or Boy Scout aged friends or family to attend the campout as well. These guests will be able to camp all weekend or just come out for the fun on Saturday. They will have to adhere to the same expectations as our Scouts, permission slips, med forms, costs, etc., but is a good chance for your sons to bring someone they enjoy spending time with to one of our events and hang out with for a couple of days. This is being allowed so that our boys can have a better time by hanging out with their friends...should those friends decide they enjoy the activities enough to join our program, then so much the better!

The annual planner to map out our 2015 calendar will be conducted by the PLC on August 9th. All Scouts should be thinking about what they want to do next year. If there is a suggestion for or against something please start sending that information to your Patrol Leader and our SPL's so that it can be considered at the planner. The Scouts plan the program so be sure and get your ideas in there to be heard!!!

Scoutmaster
Rudy Kamman

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Committee Chair Corner



Troop management software update: we have 2 potential solutions identified and have a group of Scoutmasters and Committee members looking at both. Hopefully we will be able to reach consensus on which system to choose and start the transition process over the next few weeks! Our goal is to have a system that is stable, secure and user-friendly, so please bear with us as we continue with this process.

On a different note, we really need your help! There are several open slots on the committee that we need for someone to pick up and run with: **Outdoor Chair**, **Equipment Chair** and **Chaplain**. These positions are voting members of the committee and also assist with conducting the Scouts' Boards of Review. With the size of our troop growing and the way the boys are rocking and rolling with their advancements, we REALLY need the extra help! Please reach out to me at any time if you have questions about these positions or if you feel like diving in!

Karen Herring
Committee Chair

Our Webmaster's Spin



I've made a major change to the look of the Troop website. It is a bit cleaner, more compatible with your mobile devices and so much more.

I've broken down events into three scrolling banners on the Home Page: the top is for when Troop Meetings are. The second is for Campouts, Service Projects, Fundraisers and Training and the third is for current Merit Badge Class offerings.

Don't forget, there are lots of tools and documents available on the website. Summer Camp documents, the newly posted Code of Conduct, Blue Cards,

Meeting Planning guides, Picture and Video Galleries, Newsfeeds, Newsletters, Historian Articles (check out the latest recently posted) and much more. The same Troop calendar is there as always. You can even add it to your own Google Calendar if you'd like! Let me know if you want help with that.

I, along with the Scout Webmaster, do our best to keep the website up to date for you. Wondering if there is a meeting tonight or if it is at the park instead of the church? Check the website! Wondering when and where we are going camping next? Check the

website! Need a Grubmaster worksheet for the next campout? Check the website! It is all right there, just for you: troop226.com

If you see anything missing from this new website, or something that doesn't look right, please let me know. I'll be adding some improvements, but I'm always open for suggestions. The menu system is a big change from the old, and I know some might have liked the drop down style we had before, but this new menu system is more compatible with all browsers on all devices.

Joe Macy
Webmaster

Senior Patrol Leader



This month has been a great one with our trailer cleaning and organization as well as our preparation for summer camp. Our Troop is advancing quickly and the new Scouts hopefully, are enjoying every part of being in Troop 226. The Troop has enjoyed all of the new Scouts becoming a part of our Troop family and becoming friends with all of the other Scouts.

Thanks for another great month!

Zach Leondike
ASPL

Advancement



June Boards of Review took place on June 10th, with five Scouts advancing to new ranks.

Congratulations to these Gentlemen:

Joseph M. - Star
 Brendan A. - First Class
 Isaac R. - Second Class
 Luke G. - Tenderfoot
 Sawyer K. - Tenderfoot

Summer camp is HERE! As we roll out to Constantin we take with us 21 Scouts signed up for 88 merit badges (35 of which are Eagle required). This is an impressive amount and I look forward to seeing everyone recognized at our August Court of Honor. At the same time we currently have 102 merit badge *partials* on the books and being out of school for summer vacation is a great time to wrap some of those up. If you need a counselor for any partial merit badge please look it up on Troopmaster or contact me to get things underway.

Just another monthly reminder that it is very important that we keep our advancement records as accurate and up to date as possible. Here are some good practices for everyone to go by:

- 1) Bring your book to all events unless specifically told not to.
- 2) Get your book signed as soon as you can after a requirement is completed.
- 3) Record that requirement in the blue book, on the proper line, the first chance you get so you will not have to repeat anything.
- 4) Signers need to use the date the requirement was completed, not the date the book was brought to you.
- 5) Signers need to verify and sign only the completed requirements, nothing extra.

Rudy Kamman
 Acting Advancement Chair

Scout Service Projects

In May, our Troop was invited to the Elmcroft Retirement Home to present a Memorial Day Flag Ceremony. We presented the colors, lead in the Pledge of Allegiance and socialized with the residents. Thanks to all who participated, we had a great showing!

Special thanks go out to Joseph M. and Cannan C. for helping with the Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14th, Flag Day. It was very last minute and we appreciate you both stepping up to do this.

Don't forget to sign up to help with the annual Liberty by the Lake 5K and 10K runs on the morning of July 4th. We will be handing out water to the runners during the race and can use lots of boys to man our stations and cheer them on. We will also have a crew to help set up for the event the evening of July 3rd and a cleanup crew the morning of July 5th. Put these opportunities on your calendar and be sure to register on Troopmaster so we know how many we have helping. Hope to see you there!

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, training@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 by the Silver Star District Sept. 5-6, 6:00pm-9:00pm. Another will be held 10/24-25 5pm-9pm location TBD.

SM Specific Training can be taken online or is offered at Summer Camp, if interested.

Atim Appio-Riley
 Adult Training Coordinator

Fundraising



Our Aluminum Can recycling program has indeed grown in the last year. Proceeds allowed us to purchase our white Troop trailer last March. With our Troop growing by leaps and bounds, our Equipment needs have also grown.

I challenged your Scouts and I am challenging all of us parents to donate cans from your workplace, neighbors, friends, family, etc. The more we can take in, the more we Recycle, the more money we make and first and foremost, the more landfill room we save!

It's a win, win!

Posted on the Troop website is

the Aluminum Can Recycling Procedures and a Neighbor Letter, your Scouts were handed both of these at our last Troop meeting as well. This fundraiser takes the least amount of time, a little effort and brings in the most money.

I thought long and hard and kept every Scouts schedule and activity in mind. For all of our Middle and High School Scouts, between NJHS, Band, Choir, Sports and Scouting, our Scouts schedules are stacked! We bring more money in with Aluminum Can Recycling than we do with a year's worth of Car Washes and Dinners combined.

Will you accept the challenge?

Aluminum Cans need to be rinsed, crushed and bagged. They may be brought to any Troop meeting and placed in the back of Mr. Jeff's truck or they may be dropped off on my front porch at any time. Please make sure they are clean; it is easier to rinse fresh drink than dried on sticky goo and make sure the bag you bring them in is free of other trash as we get docked in price by the recycler for that.

Bring in those cans!

Cindy Thompson
Fundraising Chair

The Great Outdoors



Wow! Summer camp is almost here, but that's not the only event the PLC has planned while school's out. The next outing will be July 11, 12 and 13, at Camp Wisdom with a theme of Fun & Fellowship. Guests are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be camping, swimming, archery and canoeing. Costs are estimated to be \$28 per person for the entire weekend.

There is also a night at a Rough Riders game on the horizon in July - the date and cost will be communicated once we get it nailed down.

The August event is scheduled to be a family picnic. Location, dates and times will be published as we get closer to it. Be sure to watch the web site and your email for more information for these and other events that are planned.

Karen Herring
Outdoor Chair

Equipment

Proceeds of Aluminum Can recycling go directly to our equipment needs. There are so many things we use at every campout as big as propane to as small as sponges and paper towels. There is another way we can also meet some of our Equipment needs.

On your next trip to the grocery store you could pick one item that you'd like to donate to our Troop. One roll of paper towels, one box of Ziploc baggies, one bag of Charcoal, we could use anything and everything. We use at least 50-75 pounds of Charcoal/year. If each family donated one bag, we would be set for Charcoal for the next TWO years! Donating adds up and makes a huge difference! Have a great Summer Camp!

Cindy Thompson, Acting Equipment Chair

Summer Camp Coordinator

Are you pumped about Summer Camp? I know I sure am. So much to do to get ready! Do you have the Merit Badge books you need? If not, check with the Troop Librarian, Casey, and see if he has ones you can borrow. Or head over to the Scout Shop and get them.

Do you have a lockable trunk and a lock? You are going to need one! Make sure you give the lock combo or the spare key to a Scoutmaster so we can help you in case you forget or lose your key.

Do you have the spending money you need? Scouts usually spend \$75 - \$100 at camp, though you can live on less. Be sure you have enough for any class fees and keep track of your money. Be sure to lock it up! Don't forget, Mr. Lyle is planning a wondrous Cracker Barrel EVERY night at camp.

Is your name on EVERYTHING you are bringing to camp? Mark it all, even your trunk and cot. At the very bare minimum, put your last name or initials and "226" on it. You might add The

Colony, just in case. Hey, things get lost, even by adults. Even just a little info can help an item find its owner.

Got your sunscreen, pump bug spray, deodorant (not antiperspirant), soap and shampoo? Remember, aerosols destroy tent waterproofing, so please don't bring them. Don't bring flip flops either, bring closed toe shoes and water shoes instead.

Nervous about Camp? About sending your Scout to Camp? Hey, we understand that it can make parents and first time Scouts a little nervous, but have no fear! The older Scouts, Scoutmasters and Camp Staff will always be there to lend a hand, lead Scouts to class, make sure they don't poke out an eye, and have an AWESOME great time and so on.

Be sure to check the Summer Camp documents on the Troop Website. Pretty much everything you need to know is there! Click on Info, then Summer Camp at troop226.com.

Don't forget to have all your

forms you need turned in and bring your gear to the church on Saturday the 21st from 7:00PM - 9:00PM so we can be all ready to roll out at 8:30AM SHARP Sunday morning!

Finally, while we often allow the boys to play with their phones and games during the ride, please keep the following in mind: They will have to be put away while at camp. This is Texas and things get HOT, HOT, HOT! Storing those games and phones, well, they might get a little too hot and it isn't good for them. We aren't banning them for the ride to and from camp, but just think about how hot it is going to be on those devices for a whole week in the Texas sun locked in a car.

If you have questions, concerns or any issues at all, please contact me at: webmaster@troop226.com

Joe Macy
Summer Camp Coordinator



Troop 226 Scout Leaders

Senior Patrol Leader: Dalton Nixon
Asst. Senior Patrol Leaders: Zachary L. and Drexler R.
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Leave No Trace: Tim B. **Webmaster:** Joseph M.

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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.

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Asst. Patrol Leader: Joseph M.

Den Chiefs:

Matthew W. and Casey T.

May you Lead with Success...

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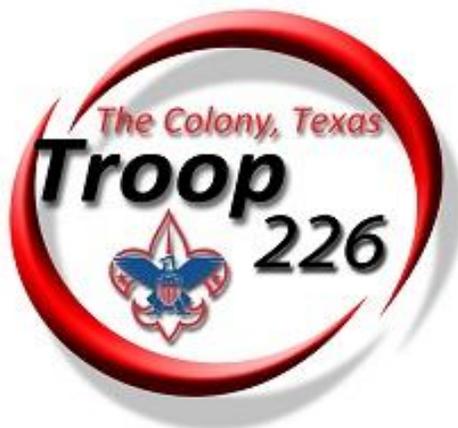
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June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our fellow Troop 226 friends and family!

Ann Jacobs 06/02, Isaac R. 06/17, Shawn Rowe 06/22, Jon Jacobs 06/27, Aileen Yang 06/29



Over 35 years in Scouting!