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Birthdays!

You would never have guessed judging by the weather lately, but Spring will soon be upon us. With the change in the weather brings great change to our Troop! We will be announcing some leadership transitions soon, have new PLC elections in April, welcome newly bridged boys into our Troop and having our March Court of Honor.

It is time for our **ANNUAL TROOP 226 FAMILY CAMPOUT!** Join us, March 8th-11th, 2014 at Lost Pines Scout Reservation in Bastrop, TX, for 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 to attend. Leave the pets at home please! Payment for this Campout is due at our March 4th Troop Meeting.

March also brings our quarterly Court of Honor (COH) Ceremony. A Court of Honor is the Boy Scout equivalent to a Cub Scout Blue and Gold, only not as long with light reception food after and no cost to you. Our Scouts are dressed in formal Class A's and all families are welcome and encouraged to attend. As always we will have our Dessert Drawing. Ticket prices are \$0.25/ticket or 5 tickets for \$1. Please remember, you may only win ONE time regardless of the amount of tickets purchased!

On behalf of Troop 226, I would like to congratulate those boys who made it through Cub Scouts and are now official Troop 226 members. We welcome you and look forward to getting to know you!

WELCOME TO TROOP 226!

The Scoutmaster Minute

The past month has been busy for the Scouts and adults in our Troop. The Scouts did an awesome job collecting food donations for the food bank of First United Methodist Church, our Charter Organization. We also had participation for Scout Sunday at local churches showing duty to God in living the Scout Oath. We currently have numerous Scouts participating in this month's Merit Badge College.

Last month's campout was at Sid Richardson Scout Camp and our theme was special cooking. The Scout Patrols enjoyed dishes such as fire roasted chicken and burgers, homemade mashed potatoes, Dutch oven carne guisada and roasted corn. Also we served desserts like Dutch oven cheesecake, cherry-chocolate dump cobbler and funnel cakes. All in all, the feast was delicious and lots of skills and lessons were learned.

We are expecting to be joined by new Scouts from Packs 226, 133 and 395. Let us welcome these Scouts and their families in joining our Troop family.

Chris Wright
Scoutmaster

Committee Chair Corner



Triskaidekaphobia is the fear of the number 13. But this month 13 is my favorite number and is how many bridging Webelos selected Troop 226 as the Troop for their next several years of Scouting adventure.

It is always exciting to see fresh faces in the Unit and start another round of the Trail to First Class program to help move everyone along in advancement. Each Scout may be at a different point along the trail but each plays an important role either as a student, a mentor or even just a friend who encourages and assists others. Please welcome these new Scouts and their families into the Troop and make them feel at home, because they are!

Rudy Kamman
Committee Chair

Senior Patrol Leader



We had an amazing month in February with our Troop. Our February Campout was at Sid Richardson where Scouts started the Cooking Merit, which is now Eagle required. We had two newly bridged Webelos attend the campout. Patrols cooked special meals that were out of their comfort zone and brought many delicious meals to the potluck dinner we had Saturday night at camp. Some of the great food we had included Fire Roasted Chicken, Steak, French Fries, Mountain Man breakfasts and much more. The Scouts all had fun and learned a lot about cooking.

In March, the PLC has some amazing stuff planned. The Annual Spring Break Family Campout is March 8th-11th. Please pay at the next Troop meeting, March 4th. The campout will be at Lost Pines in Bastrop, TX, where we will be canoeing and touring the capitol. Also, if you are interested in finishing the Cooking Merit Badge or starting it, please contact Mr. Macy, one of our Cooking Merit Badge counselors.

Our Troop Court of Honor is March 25th. Court of Honor is where Scouts get their Merit Badges and Rank Advancement Awards, so don't miss it. Merit Badge College is on March 1st and 29th. Troop Elections are on April 1st. Start thinking about whether you want to run for a Troop position. Mandatory Troop Leaders Training is on April 5th if you are elected for a position.

Elmer Yang
Senior Patrol Leader

Adult Training

YPT – Or Youth Protection Training is mandatory for all registered adults. YPT training can be done online at: www.myscouting.org. Please make sure you enter your BSA ID# so that your training can be tracked. If you need your BSA ID#, please contact me. Face to face or Texas YPT is mandatory for all registered adults who plan on staying at a long term camp more than 72 hours. They both expire every 2 years, so please keep your training up to date. There is a Texas YPT being offered at Roundtable on April 10th, please see the Tonkawa District website calendar for details and registration.

Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills – Or IOLS training will be held on April 11th-12th, from 6:00PM-6:00PM. Go to www.lakeviewdistrict.org/trainingschedule.php for details and registration.

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Adult Training



The Great Outdoors

We're kicking off the Spring Season with our Annual Family Campout this month! We will be going to Lost Pines Scout Ranch in beautiful Texas Hill Country in Bastrop, March 8th-11th, 2014. The PLC has planned a great trip of camping and canoeing, in addition to touring our great State Capitol. We might even catch the bats taking flight from Austin's Congress Avenue Bridge. Cost is \$35.00/person and sign ups and payment are due at the March 4th Troop meeting. Registration is still open in TroopKit, so sign up today!

Summer Camp at Camp Constantin is the week of June 22-28, 2014. That may seem a long way off but we need everyone who is planning to attend to register now. Summer Camp is a great opportunity for the Scouts to earn many Merit Badges that may not easily be accomplished at regular Troop events, plus it's just a ton of fun! Registration is open in Troop Master Web and the initial down payment of \$120.00 is due by March 25, 2014. The remaining balance is due to the Troop by May 13, 2014.

Next up is the annual Tonkawa District Camporee. This is an awesome event that will be held at Furst Ranch April 25-27, 2014. Registration information will be posted on the Troop website as more details are published by the District. Last but not least scheduled for May 16-18, 2014, at Juniper Point on Lake Texoma, we will be doing some hiking so be sure you've got good boots!

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to shoot me an email or give me a call!

Karen Herring
Outdoor Chair



Fundraising

It's Camp Card time again! I don't know about you, but I look forward to the opportunity to replenish my Scout's Passbook Account. For all you Philmont attendees, I have ordered enough Camp Cards for you to sell your way to Philmont. It can be done if you are diligent in selling. You may sell door to door and there are twice as many Camp Card Kroger sales slots this year as last year. If you are willing to travel a bit, I am willing to be there to help you sell. I have booked time slots so far, at four separate Kroger Stores this year; The Colony, Little Elm, Flower Mound and Keller. My VolunteerSpot emails will be out this weekend. Please note the location you have signed up for and please, should you have to cancel one, notify me by text or email immediately so that I can try to fill your spot. Kroger sales start the weekend of March 14th.

Camp Card door-to-door sales start Saturday, March 8th, while you are at Spring Break Camp. I will be in the parking lot on Tuesday March 11th when you return to start passing out your cards. Only parents can sign for the check out of your cards. If you are not available Tuesday at camp return, I will be available Tuesday night for check out as well. I will check out a set number of cards at a time. Once all are paid for, I can check out more cards to you. Do not bring your checked out cards to a Kroger Show and Sale because I will provide the cards to sell when you arrive. This year it is a 50/50 split for your Camp Card profits. Each Camp card costs \$5.00. \$2.50 goes to the Longhorn Council for plastic and printing and \$2.50 goes to your Scout Account. You may use these funds for use on whatever Scouting need you may have be it Philmont, camps, tents, books, clothing, gear etc. Just produce a receipt from any store for your Scouting related gear and you can get reimbursement from our Treasurer for your purchase(s). Scouts, we can do this! Let's make this the BEST CAMP CARD SALE EVER!

Aluminum Can Collections still continue! Please leave your Aluminum Can bags with (rinsed out not dirty cans) in front of the Red Troop Trailer or in the bed of Mr. Jeff's truck at all Scout meetings or events. PLEASE, no trash in the can bags as we get docked 10 pounds for every one piece of trash the recycler finds. As you recall, Aluminum Can recycling is what enabled you to purchase your new White Troop Trailer!

Cindy Thompson
Fundraising

A Word from our Treasurer



We had a fabulous month in February. Our Troop had an outdoor meeting on 2/18 at Stewart Creek Park and a fun Cooking Merit Badge Campout at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch from 2/21-2/23. The most exciting news is that we had no outstanding balances from all Scouts by end of February. Thank you for your great support!

I would like to welcome all new Scouts and their parents who joined our Troop recently. Many of you have submitted applications and paid registration fees (\$25.50 for registration and \$12 for Boy's Life magazine). Our official registration for existing Scouts will be in March. Our Troop will cover registration fees for all current Scouts. "Boy's Life" magazine will be an optional choice with a payment (\$12) from each Scout. As we start a new year (recharter for next year, 4/2014-3/2015), I would like to share some Troop financial guidelines and payment options with you as a friendly reminder for both new and "current" Scouts.

1. **Quarterly Dues:** Current dues are \$15, due by the first Troop meeting in the following month: January, April, July and September. You are always welcome to pay a full year (\$60) in advance.
2. **Monthly Campout Payments:** The payment is due two weeks before the Campout week. We encourage all Scouts to sign up through our Troop website and your Patrol Leader so we can make proper arrangements for transportation.
3. **Grub Fees:** \$3/meal and additional \$1 for Cracker Barrel. The Troop will cover propane, charcoal and other necessities for cooking. However, if the camp site requires other fees like entrance, car/night or reservation fees, we will inform you the total cost in advance.
4. **Summer Camp and Winter Camp:** Many Scouts participate in these week long camps scheduled during Summer and Winter vacations and take advantage of many Merit Badge classes offered during these special times. For these two camps a deposit is normally requested in advance by the respective camp site. Our Outdoor Chair will have all information ready when the time comes.
5. **Payment Methods:** You can pay check, cash, and/or money from your Scouts' Passbook Accounts (PB) for all Scout related activities; dues, camping grub fee, Merit Badge College, Leadership Training, Scouts' apparel, just to name a few. Almost every Scout in our Troop has their own Passbook Account into which we deposit the money earned by Scouts from Fundraising activities such as Camp Cards and Popcorn sales. You also can "top up" your Scout's PB account at any time by cash or check to "Troop 226". The Troop Treasurer maintains Scout PB Accounts and sends account balances to parents through personal email by the end of each month. One of the advantages of using your Scout's PB convenience. When you need to pay for your Scout's activity, but can't make it to the meeting, you can simply drop me a line, I will take care of the rest.
6. **Late Payments:** We encourage all Scouts to pay their dues and activity fees on time. According to Troop policies, a Scout is required to be responsible for timely payment. If the payment is not received by the activity date, it could prevent the Scout from participating in the activity or advancing rank. All account balances are checked for "Good Standing" before granting a Board of Review (BOR) for Rank Advancement. This is another good reason for each Scout to have his own PB.

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
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May you Lead with Success





Over 35 years in Scouting!

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Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to our fellow Troop 226 friends and family!

Stacy Hale: 03/07, Collin L.: 03/08, Cannan C.: 03/11, Alex R.: 03/13, Alex A.: 03/15,
Aileen Yang: 03/18 and Marvin Williams: 03/23

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.troop226.com