



Troop 226 News

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Court of Honor is May 28, 2013!

We hope you enjoyed the first edition of our new Troop 226 Newsletter in April. As stated before, it is our goal to make you, the parent more informed and more involved in your Scout's Troop life. With so many new Scouts over the last 6 months, this newsletter is even more important now than ever before. We thank you for supporting your Scout!

A fabulous way to honor your Scout is our quarterly Court of Honor Ceremony. A Court of Honor is a formal recognition with families, friends and the public invited. All Scouts who have moved up a rank, except the Eagle Scout rank, or who have earned Merit Badges since the last Court of Honor, are recognized. A Court of Honor requires all Scouts and Leaders to wear their entire uniform, sash and all, for this very special occasion. There will be formalities, festivities and fun. Please come out May 28, to support your Scout. There will be a dessert raffle and you may purchase your tickets before the Court of Honor. Please bring a homemade or store bought dessert that you would like to donate to our raffle. You may only win once regardless of how many tickets you buy to be fair to everyone. Tickets are \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1.00. We will be announcing the Patrol Winners of the Camp Card Sale incentives as well. Come out and join us as we honor your Scout.

We hope to see you there!

Cindy Thompson
Editor, Troop 226 News

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The Scoutmaster Minute

It has been a busy month!

Our Scouts provided a wonderful service to our Charter Organization, First United Methodist Church, by helping to clean inside the sanctuary building and spreading mulch outside in the plant beds.

The Scouts worked with The Colony Parks and Recreation department volunteering for the city's annual Spring Eggstravaganza where we helped young children enjoy egg hunting and crafts. Members of our Troop also joined together with The Colony

High School's Jr. ROTC in the opening flag ceremony at two separate baseball games. Scouts Drexler R. and John L., led the crowd in The Pledge of Allegiance.

The Troop held their semiannual elections for youth leaders, who then participated in a Leadership training program and just recently held their first PLC meeting. These young leaders are off to a fine start as they planned for this April's Canoe Race and May's outing to Lake Murray State Park in Oklahoma where they will be working on hiking and first-aid activities which are

requirements for Second and First Class ranks. Check the calendar for upcoming Service opportunities, Court of Honor and our upcoming annual Scout Family Picnic, to be held in June.

Yours in Scouting,

Chris Wright
Scoutmaster, Troop 226

Committee Chair Corner



Last December the Committee held a special Strategy session to outline our areas of concern for the 2013 Scouting year. It was overwhelmingly felt that improved communications was the Troop's area of greatest need. Since that time significant efforts have been made to streamline the flow of information to the Troop.

The web page has been completely revamped with calendar access being given to those responsible for the roles they hold. We are releasing our second monthly newsletter, which looked really good the first time, and only expect to get better and better as we

learn what may or may not be needed in each addition.

The PLC also voted to adopt Troop Kit to help with event planning, scheduling and messages within the unit. I truly feel that these collective efforts should help to improve our communication concerns that existed at the start of the year.

I am proud of the Scouts, Scoutmasters and Committee for making these a reality. Please remember, communication is a two way street; we are putting the information out there in each of these formats but everyone

needs to take advantage of those avenues to stay informed.

In addition, if you see that something is not being provided, please, let us know so that we can take care of that for you. Great strides have been taken but there is always room for improvement!

Rudy Kamman
Committee Chair, Troop 226

Assistant Scoutmaster Information (ASM)



April's Campout was held at Worth Scout Ranch in Palo Pinto, TX. Troop 226 participated in the Spring Canoe Race on the Brazos River. We had a great time even though many of the Scout and Adults had little experience in a Canoe.

The race was 6 miles down the Brazos with obstacles along the way like low water levels and wind. Boats were turned many directions and at times we just had to get out and drag the canoes. We all made it through and it was a great learning experience. As one of the experienced canoeists, I was impressed with the way many Scouts and Adults adapted and learned very quickly.

Before we were qualified to participate in the canoe race we had to do swim checks at The Colony Aquatic Park, as everyone entered in the race had to be a swimmer by BSA's standards. During swim checks we did a few of the Second and

First Class Rank requirements. These included rescue techniques such as throwing a ring to a swimmer in distress and the reaching methods. At first, ASM's were teaching these, soon after, the Scouts took this over. Ian H. started teaching the ring toss, and was very good at it. Elmer Y. taught the Scouts the reach method. In both cases, the ASM's did not ask the boys to teach; they came up and asked to do it. That is what makes a future leader. Other Scouts helped others understand and learn during instruction.

This is exactly the sort of thing that should happen in a Boy Lead Troop; boys instructing boys and adults standing by for safety and guidance when asked. I, as well as the other ASM's and Scoutmaster were very proud and happy to see this happen. Since the majority of the boys are young and inexperienced, often adults are tasked with teaching. Anytime Scouts can

jump in and take these leadership and teaching roles, it is good. Not only does it benefit the Scouts being instructed, but the boys doing the instruction learn about leadership. We saw a bit of this leadership at the campout itself and would love to see more. Leadership can come from anyone, from our older and experienced Scouts, to our younger and less experienced ones. Scouts do not be afraid to jump in and lead when you can! After all, that is one of the major points in Scouting, to learn how to lead others.

Joe Macy
Assistant Scoutmaster
Troop 226

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

Hello, my name is Elmer Yang, and as SPL, I lead the PLC which stands for Patrol Leaders Council. The PLC is the Council that makes and plans the meetings and helps plan the campouts. This hardworking group of kids consists of Patrol Leaders (PL), Assistant Patrol Leaders (ASPL), and all elected positions.

We always have a PLC meeting

the Tuesday after every campout. April 23, we discussed many things. We voted on whether to use Troop Kit or not. Troop Kit was approved, so that will be our main form of communication used.

PLC also discussed plans for the next campout in May at Lake Murray State Park. We discussed when and where to do the multiple requirements that

will get done at the campout as well as planned the next three meetings leading to May campout.

I hope to see all of you make the PLC in the coming years as a Boy Scout.

Elmer Yang
Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 226

Advancement

Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through advancement. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progress at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for achievement, which helps him gain self confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self reliance and in the ability to help others.

Scouts please do not forget to fill out the Blue Book at every meeting so we can reward your personal achievements. Congratulations to Seth H. for earning the Tenderfoot Rank and Sam J. for earning his Life Rank. Our next and last Board of Review (BOR) night before Court of Honor is May 14, 2013.

Chris Dougherty

Scout Service Projects

Thank you to all who volunteered for The Colony Spring Eggstravaganza; you did a fantastic job representing our Troop. Kudos to you all!

A big thank you to the Scouts that came out and represented Troop 226 at The Colony High School baseball games. You looked awesome as you presented the colors and led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. We will try and get this on the calendar again next year in case you could not join us this time.

Thanks to all who came out to support Kids Chase by the Lake. The event coordinators appreciated your help and all who participated.

May 3rd, we volunteered to assist with the Relay for Life which was held at The Colony Five Star. Thank you to all who helped with this great charity.

All Service Projects are on troop Kit and the Troop calendar. Please remember to sign up so we have enough adults and Scout participants to help!

Geraldine Leondike
Service Project Coordinator, Troop 226

Adult Training

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

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

Click on the "MyScouting.org" link (in the gray box, on the right side of the page.) Create an account. Once registered, click on, "E-Learning" to start the YPT training. Please note that 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 (appioriley@prodigy.net) and I can assign you a member ID.

Any Adult Leader interested in becoming **CPR** certified should please contact me at the above email address.

Scoutmaster and ASM's, for those of you that do not have this essential training, **IOLS**, (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills), is being offered at the following locations: October 11-12 <http://www.easttrinitytrailssdistrict.org/>, in Rockwall; or October 25-27 at Camp James Ray, <http://www.ntrail.org/>. Also **SM Specific Training** can be taken online or is offered at July's summer camp, if interested.

Atim Appio-Riley
Adult Training Coordinator, Troop 226

Fundraising



Popcorn is coming soon! Look for dates to be sent out in late July.

I would like to thank all the Scouts and parents who came out to Kroger to sell Camp Cards and make money for your Scouts Personal Scout Account. Job well done!

Camp Card sales have now come to an end. I have posted times in Troop Kit emails for return of your unsold Camp Cards and Door to Door sales money. All money must be turned in to me no later than Monday, May 13, 2013.

Troop 226 will be having a **Rummage** sale, rescheduled for Saturday, June 1st, 2013, in the

Big Lots parking lot. We are currently accepting all donations to sell in our sale. Should the items you wish to donate be heavy or bulky, contact me and I can arrange a pick up time at your location. Please, only donate useable, clean, good condition items such as clothing, furniture, small appliances, etc. Please do not donate non-working or broken items as they will not be helpful and there may not be an easy way to dispose of these items. We have received some wonderful donations so far, but this is still not enough. Please help us to have a profitable

Rummage sale!

We are continuing our aluminum can drive. Your aluminum can donations will make it possible to purchase a new kitchen for the bridging Webelos in March. Bring your clean cans to each meeting and either myself or my husband, Jeff Thompson, ASM, can accept these. 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.

Cindy Thompson,
Fundraising Chair Troop 226



Park was built in 1933 and extends 65 Feet into the air, giving a bird's eye view of the lake. It was turned into a geological museum and later a nature center in 1954.

The Great Outdoors

The April campout at Worth Scout Ranch was a total BLAST! The boys did a great job canoeing on the Brazos River, a first time experience for many of them.

The next outing in May, 17-19, promises to be a lot of fun as well. The Troop will be going to Lake Murray State Park in Oklahoma, along with Webelos from Packs 395 and 281. The Webelos have requested to camp and cook just like Boy Scouts instead of their usual Cub Scout style camping and adult cooking. Scouts, let's show them what it means to be a Boy Scout and a Boy Lead Troop.

Karen Herring
Outdoor Chair, Troop 226

Treasurer

Last month there was a printing error in the Treasurer's reporting. The previous publication stated the Troop Treasurer is available at every meeting to accept payments and issue receipts, which is not the case. I only attend Troop meetings if there is a payment due per the Troop calendar. However, that doesn't mean that I can't attend at other meetings if need be. If there is some financial business you need to take care of and the upcoming meeting isn't a "money" night, shoot me an email to give me a heads up and I'll plan accordingly.

On May 7th, funds were due towards the May outing at Lake Murray. The estimated amount is \$26.00 for Scouts and \$18.00 for Adults. The cost will be locked down the week prior and once that's done I'll let everyone know.

Rebecca Dougherty
Treasurer, Troop 226

Merit Badge Coordinator

The Merit Badge Coordinator role is currently an open position that I am covering since I do not want our Scouts to miss out on any opportunities. However, we need to fill this position as soon as possible. The job mostly consists of searching the web for courses or Merit Badge Colleges that are available and assisting with the registration as needed. See me for more details and information.

There are several great classes wrapping up or about to be offered in May.

Robotics: 8 of our Scouts were invited to wrap up their partials on April 27th, with Mr. Les, one of the best instructors I know.

Personal Management: The final class is Sunday, May 12th.

Do not forget your own mother's that day! This is one of the hardest Merit Badges to earn so I hope everyone is getting their stuff done.

Nature: LLELA is offering this course on June 1st, 2013, 9:00AM-Noon. Scout cost is \$7.00 and Adults cost is \$5.00, and an adult MUST be present. Not all requirements may be completed.

In addition, there are always standing open enrollment courses available at the following links:

<http://www.bsamuseum.org/Programs?Advancement?BoyScoutProgram.aspx> and at: <http://www.perotmuseum.org/events-programs/children/scouting-adventures/boy-scouts/index.html>



"Be Prepared"

Troop 226 Patrol Leader's Council (PLC)

March-Sept. 2013

The PLC Leaders are:

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.

May you Lead with Success...



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May Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to our fellow Troop 226 friends!

John L.: 05/06/2002

Nazhir C.: 05/28/2002

Ron Probasco: 05/02/63

Cathy S.: 05/07

Tonia Holliman: 05/16

Rebecca Dougherty: 05/21

George Beaudoin: 05/24

Many happy wishes for many more birthdays!