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A BUSY TROOP 226 FALL SEASON!

Troop 226 has had a remarkably busy Fall! We sold enormous amounts of Popcorn, we went to LBJ National Grasslands in Decatur, TX, were invited to and attended the Pack 133 Fall Family Campout at Eisenhower State Park in Denison, TX, and hosted our 2013 Annual Webelos Invitational Campout at Sycamore Bend Park in Hickory Creek, TX.

Some of our Scouts became Den Chiefs while others worked diligently on Rank requirements and Merit Badges. We all worked together to become a stronger better Troop 226. Watching these boys become more proficient in their skills, more self confident and grow as future leaders has just amazed me in the short one year and 2 months that I have known them. I am proud of each and every one of our Scouts and cannot wait to see what the future holds for them.

Won't you please join us in celebrating your Scout at our last Court of Honor for 2013, this Saturday at 7:00 PM at the FUMC Sanctuary? There is no more appreciation and congratulations that can be bestowed upon our Scouts than by a Scouts' own family. There will be Popcorn Awards, Rank achievements, Skits, our popular Dessert drawing and a few surprises. All family members, including grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, etc., are welcome and encouraged to attend. Everyone is invited to bring a homemade or store bought Dessert for our dessert drawing. As usual, tickets are \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1.00.

A Boy Scout Court of Honor is our most formal of ceremonies and is the equivalent to the Cub Scout Blue and Gold that you might be used to, (only not near as long). We hope to see you there!

ON BEHALF OF TROOP 226, WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

The Scoutmaster Minute

Troop 226 recently hosted area Pack Webelos at our annual Webelos Invitational Campout at Sycamore Bend Park in Hickory Creek, TX. Packs attending were 395, 226, 281 and 133.

The event featured a Monkey Bridge and Zip Line, various activity badge classes led by Troop 226 Scouts, a very entertaining Campfire program and lots of fun and good food.

Thank you Webelos dens for attending and helping to make this a success.

Chris Wright
Scoutmaster

Committee Chair Corner



It's the Holiday Season and that means time for families (and PIE)! In a round-about way, Scouting is a family and Troop 226 is one little branch of that tree.

As with all families, there is the occasional bump in the road; but by and large those are few and far between and we always come out stronger for it.

It's been a long and challenging year but I truly believe things are really starting to turn the corner in the Troop. Scouts are advancing on a regular basis, the PLC is taking a much more

effective role in planning and conducting our events and the Webelos Invitational campout was a huge success.

Last year the Committee set our top 3 Troop needs as Advancement, Fundraising and Membership; and though I do not have all of the data in front of me, my gut tells me that we have shown a significant improvement in each of those areas.

As we wrap up the year, we will be looking toward our goals for 2014. If you have any suggestions, please send them

my way before school lets out for Winter Break so we can start getting next year's plans put together.

Thanks and Happy Holidays!
Rudy Kamman
Committee Chair

Our Webmaster's Spin



We had a little Scavenger hunt designed to get Scouts more familiar with the new Troop website. Only One Scout completed it...so we will try this again with a different Scavenger hunt. Scouts, who write down all the correct answers and bring to Mr. Joe at a Troop meeting, will receive a prize!

1. What is the Scoutmaster's Troop email address?
2. What was the date of the last Troop Elections?
3. When and where was the Webelos Campout?
4. Who was the last Scout to earn his Eagle Rank with Troop 226 and what was the date?
5. Where are Grubmaster Worksheets found on the website?
6. How many pictures are in the Canoe Race Picture Gallery?
7. How many Historian Articles are there?
8. Give the title of your favorite article listed on the Boy's Life Newsfeed.
9. What Merit Badge(s) have information about classes listed on the website home page?
10. Where does the money from Aluminum Can Recycling by the Troop go?

Joe Macy
Webmaster

Senior Patrol Leader

Dear Troop 226,

We had a great time in November. Some of our Scouts helped at Webelos Woods and had a lot of fun there. Some of our Scouts went to Brownsea, the next level of Leadership, and had a blast. All of our Scouts pitched in to help with our biggest Webelos recruiting event of the year, the Webelos Invitational.

We ran a Monkey Bridge and a Zip Line and we taught many Activity Badges.

The Campfire program was fantastic! All of the Patrols had great skits. The Thunderhawk Patrol led us in our Flag Ceremonies.

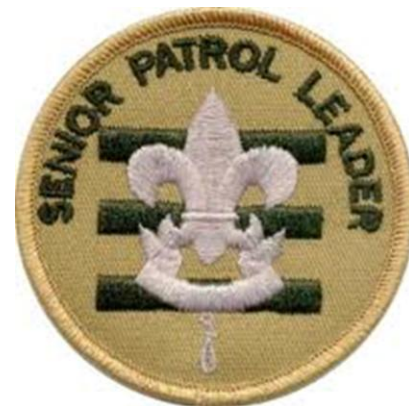
Thanks to Mr. Macy, Mr. Probasco, and the other adults who helped in the kitchen, for excellent meals.

We have an exciting month planned for December. We have Boards of Review on December 3rd and 10th. Our Troop Lock-in is on the 14th, as is our Court of Honor.

We have a Troop Winter Camp from December 27-31, which offers Scouts another chance to earn Merit Badges.

Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving and have a great time in December.

Elmer Yang
Senior Patrol Leader



Advancements

Scouts,

You have been working really hard on your Advancements. It is very exciting to see so many of you who are really working hard on your rank. We have had much advancement and have lots to award at our Court of Honor Saturday. Please, take the time to insure the Blue Book is updated after every meeting. For Boards of Review, always make sure you are in full Scout, Class A, uniform.

You guys are doing great!

Shawn Rowe
Advancements

Scout Service Projects

Saturday, December 14th, 2013, is a Service Project opportunity here in The Colony.

Pack 281 is hosting their Annual BBQ with Santa Toy Drive from 9am-3pm, at Fire Station #1, 4900 Blair Oaks Drive, The Colony, TX 75056. There will be 3 shifts to choose from. Sign up now. Details are on Troop Kit.

Happy Holidays!

Geraldine Leondike
Service Project Coordinator

Adult Training

Youth Protection Training is Mandatory for ALL adult volunteers. For those who have not taken it yet, it is offered at the following site: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx> Create an account, once registered, click on the "E-Learning" to start the YPT training, however once taken, please email me, training@troop226.com, and I can assign you a member ID.

Face to Face YPT is being offered this Thursday, 12/12, at 7PM at the monthly Roundtable meeting. Anyone attending a Camp longer than 72 hours in length must have your Face to Face YPT. The address is: 1100 Stapleton Lane, Flower Mound, TX, 75028.

IOLS training is being offered 04/13/2014 at Camp Wisdom. Go to: <http://www.ntrail.org/> for more information.

SM Specific Training can still be taken online.

Atim Appio-Riley
Adult Training Coordinator

Fundraising



WAY TO GO TROOP 226!

We had a Troop record breaking year in Popcorn Sales!

Thanks to your hard work we sold over \$11,000.00 in Popcorn! You should be very proud of yourselves for working so hard to fund your Troop! I appreciate all of your help and cooperation and look forward to an even more successful 2014!

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.

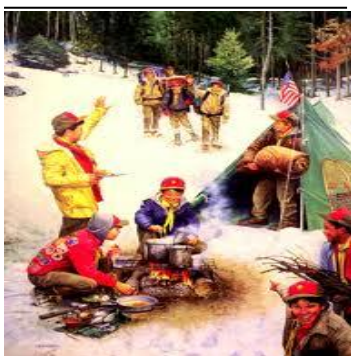
Don't forget to bring a Dessert to our Court of Honor this weekend to be entered in our Dessert drawing. This is the most popular part of Court of Honor and everyone is eligible to participate.

We are still in need of Charcoal. If you are out Holiday shopping and can pick up a bag to donate to the Troop, it would be much appreciated. With Winter Camp coming up I am sure the Dutch Ovens will need to rise to the occasion again.

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

Have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Cindy Thompson,
Fundraising



The Great Outdoors

Its Winter Camp time again. This month's event is scheduled for December 27-31, 2013 at Hills and Hollows in Denton, TX. One last blast of outdoor fun before the New Year! Several Merit Badges will be offered including many Eagle required.

Sign up on Troopkit now to attend.

Karen Herring
Outdoor Chair

A Word from our Treasurer

Hi Troop 226,

It will not be too late to join our Annual Lock-in for a night of Games, Pizza, Scoutship and Fun. Please send an email to me as soon as you can letting me know if you are planning to attend and to pay for your \$5.00 fee by Passbook Account.

Hope you all had a great Band Concert!

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: Eldon P.
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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www.troop226.com

Birthdays!

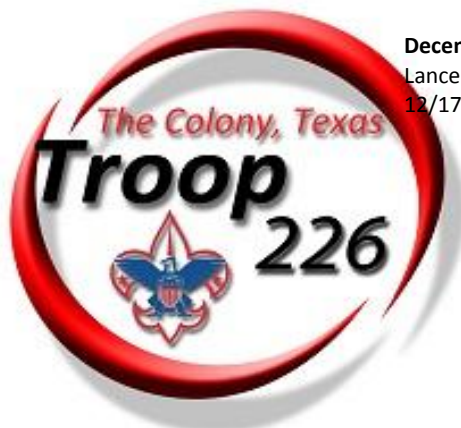
Happy Birthday to our fellow Troop 226 friends and family!

November:

Kirsten Wilson: 11/03, Ben J. 11/03, Jared P. 11/08, Becky Story 11/14, Emilio Ortiz 11/28...Happy 18th, Arinze R. 11/28, Cindy Thompson 11/29

December:

Lance H. 12/07, Patrick Dilger 12/10, Chris Story 12/12, Dalton N. 12/12, Raymar T. 12/13, Karen Herring 12/17, Eldon P. 12/27, Brendan A. 12/28, Rudy Kamman 12/31



Over 35 years in Scouting!