



Boy Scout Troop 226

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The Scoutmaster's Corner

by Lyle K. Grisso

It's been a very busy last few months with something going on almost every weekend. The older Scouts have been helping the younger ones work on rank advancements, and many of the older Scouts have also been busy working on their Eagle required merit badges and planning or completing their Eagle Service Projects. We should see quite a few Eagles and Eagle Court of Honors this year.



So here's a brief overview of what's been happening in our Troop lately.

- Between Winter Workshop and the Merit Badge College, many of our boys earned a large number of merit badges, advancements, and awards.
- Both trailers have been reconfigured and the garage has been cleaned up. A big thanks to all that helped with these chores.
- Scouting for Food: collected exactly 700 items, not bad considering the cold and at times drizzly weather.
- Spring Break campout was at Bear Creek Scout Reservation. They did the Mission Trails Historic Hike where they visited several of the old missions in San Antonio and also did some caving in the area.
- New Scouts
 - Isaac Shakelford bridged from Pack 281
- Eagle Projects:
 - Matthew Wilson completed his mini trail bridges for LISDOLA.
 - Sawyer Kamman completed his erosion table for Ethridge Elementary.
 - Noah Johnson completed his flag pole and landscaping project for FUMC.
- Rank Advancements
 - David Pyke – Tenderfoot
 - Wesley Peck – Tenderfoot
 - Owen Forsthoffer – 1st Class
 - Alex Ahamad – Star
 - Chase Meyer - Life
 - Alex Ricker – Life
 - Luke Grisso – Eagle
 - Sawyer Kamman – Eagle
- Order of the Arrow:
 - Ordeal completions:
 - Chase Meyer
 - Isaac Richter
 - Luke Grisso
 - Sawyer Kamman
 - David Meyer
 - Brotherhood:
 - Brandon Halsema
 - Jim Halsema
 - Lyle Grisso

We have a number of projects in the planning and pre-approval stages, so be ready for lots of work in the next couple of months.

So what's coming up in the next couple of months?

- The Colony Eggstavanza: March 29
- Tonkawa District Camporee: April 6
- Adult Leader Training: April 14
- OA Ordeal: May 4-6 @ Sid Richardson
- Cub Olympics: May 5
- Troop Campout: May 11-13 @ Dinosaur Valley State Park
- OA Ordeal: May 18-20 @ Camp Tahuaya
- Sea Base: June 10-16
- Summer Camp: June 17-23 @ Quivira Scout Ranch. If you're going, go to TWH and sign-up, the deadline is fast approaching. If not going, go to TWH and decline.
- Court of Honor: June 25

Service Chair ~Rudy Kamman

The best moments of being the Service Project coordinator is when you do not have to do a thing and it all gets done anyway! This has been the case quite a bit lately as three Eagle Projects have been planned and executed by our Scouts this quarter. Matthew W. assembled 32 trail walkways to help keep LISDOLA students from having to trek through mud. Sawyer K. engineered an erosion table for Ethridge Elementary so students can have a working lab to experiment with. Noah J. installed some landscaping and a proper functioning flag pole at FUMC giving the church a much better display of Old Glory than previously existed. Each of these projects had challenges which needed to be addressed and overcome, and each was hugely successful upon completion.



Of the units that turned in their data, Troop 226 had the second most items collected in Tonkawa District with 700, a vast improvement over the 501 last year. The top unit had 1,433 items and while that put us at a distant second place they had 50 volunteers against our 13. It's quite impressive to collect 1/2 the amount of items with 1/4 the amount of people...good job all!!!



As I always emphasize, our chartered organization FUMC does so much for us it's always nice to rise to the occasion whenever they ask anything in return. I cannot stress enough how appreciative the church is of our presence at Scout Sunday and efforts during their annual Spring cleanup. These events are special because they really let the congregation know their support of our Troop is developing Youth who are going to be put others before themselves in life rather than just sleep in on a weekend, true Servant Leaders. Thanks to all who attended.

Looking ahead the next few months are fairly light on regularly scheduled Service opportunities. The Colony Eggstavanza is this Thursday and we still need several more Scouts to assist with this event. The annual Relay for Life flag ceremony is not currently on the city schedule however I'm on the lookout for that. However I'm optimistic this seemingly light schedule will be a wonderful opportunity for several more of our Life Scouts to get their Eagle Projects knocked out, hopefully 3 more in the next 3 months can be achieved again. Get it! ☺

HIGH ADVENTURE ~Rudy Kamman

FLORIDA SEA BASE – JUNE 10 to JUNE 16, 2018

As soon as school gets out for the summer, 6 Scouts and 2 “one hour per week?” Adults are heading to the historic and beautiful Florida Keys for this year’s High Adventure Outing!

1400 miles away from Dallas, the participants will spend 7 days and 6 nights participating in the Coral Reef Sailing program. Aside from the sailing the crew will have the opportunity to snorkel at reefs and shipwrecks, fish, navigate the seas, study astronomy and possibly even get hoisted up the mast like the sail itself wearing a rig and harness.



PHILMONT – JUNE 21 to JULY 3, 2019



There's no place like HOmE (Heaven on Earth)!
Here's to thee, Scouting Paradise...
IWGBTP (I Want Go Back To Philmont)

If you do not yet understand these terms, you haven't been to Philmont. But fear not, for those who will by the time we depart be 14 years+ or who are 13 and have complete the 8th grade the Troop is going back in 2019!

Cost is expected to be no more than \$1100, which is lot, but that covers everything except your own personal gear for a 14-day journey to one of the most awesome places on Earth. Much gear can be borrowed as well.

Limited openings are still available, inquire within!!!

