

The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

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Welcome back to Scouts. Hope everyone had a good holiday and are ready to get back into the swing of things.

Congratulations to Josh Blann and Jeffrey New for being the TOP TWO POPCORN SELLERS in the entire South Plains Council.

Josh was the number one seller and Jeffery came in second. Way to go guys!!! We are proud of you. Thanks again to Popcorn Kernal Mrs. New for providing the program and leadership for our popcorn program.

Scouts will not meet this coming Monday due to the MLK school holiday. Our next scout meeting will be January 26, 2015.

We Wear Full Uniforms to Scout Meetings!
Look Classy, Be Classy.

Upcoming Events

Here is a brief listing of things we talked about at the planning meeting and have planned for the semester.

Our program for the semester and Monday meeting will be for the Scouts to plan and prepare to produce a video describing a Scout Skill. Each Patrol will work on producing a "You Tube" type of video. We will need help from our Patrol Advisors and others to help with this project.

We have our 1st campout scheduled for **January 31-February 1, 2015**. We will camp at the Double Fork Ranch. Activities include hiking, advancement, plants and animals, astronomy and other scout stuff plus the fun of being in the outdoors at a beautiful ranch. Cost is \$25. Sign up on January 26.

Mr. Payne will conduct a **Life to Eagle meeting** on **February 2, 2015**. This is a very important meeting that both Scouts and their Parents need to attend. Mr. Payne will tell you about the process of the Eagle Scout Service Project and the Eagle Application. This meeting is for Scouts who are Life working toward Eagle. If a Scout is close to earning Life and plans on beginning work on the Eagle Project, you should come to this meeting

as well. You will find it helpful to print off and bring with you the Eagle Scout Service Project workbook and the Eagle Scout Application. These can be found on the South Plains Council Website or the NESA website.

Scout Sunday is February 8, 2015

We are looking at the **February 13-15 weekend for our outdoor event**. We discussed **camping**, inviting Webelos to join us and even possibly a ski trip to Santa Fe.

The Lions Club Pancake Festival is February 21, 2015.

This is our Troop's BIG SERVICE PROJECT. Scout participation in this project is mandatory. We work the last shift of the day. We will need ALL our Scouts, Scouters and parents to help us. Be at the Civic Center at 3:30pm and we will work until 9:00pm.
For our OA members, the OA Spring Fellowship is February 27-28 weekend.

Merit Badge College is March 7, 2015

Our Annual Spring Break Trip is March 14-18, 2015. We discussed various destinations. Stay tuned for details on this adventurous and fun trip.

Outdoor Leaders Training is scheduled for April 10-12, 2015. This is for our Scouters and is designed to train up our adults to teach and lead our scouts.

We will conduct **Order of Arrow elections on April 20, 2015.** Scouts need to be First Class and have 15 nights of camping (only 5 can be from Summer Camp) to be included on the ballot.

The Council Camporee will be April 24-26, 2015. We discussed participating in the competition.

Save the date for **April 26.** We help out with the **Autism Walk** and this could be the afternoon of the event.

We might not meet on April 27 as this is a LISD snow day make-up / holiday day.

Our Spring Court of Honor is scheduled for May 4.

We will begin our Summer Camp registration in May. We will fill out the **"Blue Sheets" on May 11.** Scouters will meet with the Scouts and help them sign-up for Summer Camp and review their class selections. **We need ALL our adults to go to Summer Camp!!!**

We are planning to conduct the **Summer Camp Physical exams night on May 18, 2015.** This date will be confirmed.
OA Ordeal Weekend is May 29, 30, June 1, 2015.

The National Youth Leadership Training event is in June and will be held at our own Camp Post. We will want our Scouts and Adults to attend this great event.

Advancement Update

Scouts and Scouters, here is the information on how you can check a Scouts advancement records. Go to the Troop web site (www.troop157.com) and locate the link in the top left section of the home page or you can go to: <http://www.troopmasterweb.com/troop157>.

You will need a User ID and a Password to get into the system. The User ID is the

scout's last name first initial (Joe Smith would be SmithJ). The Password will be the scout's six digit birthday (01/01/2000 would be 010100). Once you are in the system you will be able to change the password. This tool will let you pull up the most up to date scout records. All scouts should be responsible for keeping track of their own rank advancement progress and parents should encourage them to check

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Scouters. The troop needs your help. **BSA National is requiring us to have Weather Training.** Log into your My Scouting account and take the Severe Weather Training online video class. It does not take long and is really easy. It is like the Youth Protection Online Class. After you complete the Severe Weather Class, Print off two copies of the certificate showing that you completed the course. We will hold one certificate at the troop level and provide the council office with the other. We cannot get our tour permits without having our Scouters Weather Trained. Thank you for your understanding.

Pearls of Wisdom
“The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond.” *Baden-Powell*

Helpful Links

Here are some helpful links from the Troop 157 homepage.

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Your Troop needs your commitment and full participation if we want to maintain the level of activities we have become accustomed to. Come and be a part of your son's lives and make a difference in the lives of these boys.

Dates to Remember

July 9, 2015, 6:00pm Load out party @ the Troop Warehouse 47th & MLK.

July 11, 2015 6:57am Early group leaves for Camp

July 12-18, 2015, 6:57am The troop leaves for Summer Camp in cool, comfortable Ardmore, OK.

July 18, 2015 Return to LBB. **Meet at troop warehouse to unload.** We will call when we are an hour out of Lubbock. Approx. 5:30pm

SAVE THE DATE!!!
JULY 12-18, 2015
TROOP 157 SUMMER CAMP

LAKE MURRAY STATE PARK
ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

Please mark this date on your calendar and make plans now to attend the best Summer Camp in these here parts!!! We want ALL our Scouts to attend and we need all our Scouters to come and help teach classes. Make your plans around Summer Camp and enjoy a week with us and your son/sons in "cool comfortable Ardmore, Oklahoma."

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