

The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

January 23, 2015

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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, outdoor skills and other scout stuff plus the fun of being in the outdoors at a beautiful ranch. Cost is \$25. Sign up on January 26. Meet Saturday morning, 1/31/15, at 7:00am, at Oakwood UMC west parking lot. Return Sunday by 1:00pm at the Troop warehouse at 47th and MLK.

Patrol Leaders, let's begin preparing the scripts and actions for your You Tube Videos on Scout Skills. We will make those assignments on Monday. Bring your Scout Handbook and be Be Prepared to put together a great video.

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.

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.

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

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

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 Scoutmaster teaches boys to play the game by doing so himself.” *Baden-Powell*

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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

January 26, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Chapman / Rebber

January 31-February 1, 2015, Campout at the Double Fork Ranch. Meet at 7:00am. Return Sunday in time for Supper Bowl. Cost is \$25.

February 2, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Hand out Pancake Festival Tickets to sell. Refreshments: Mullins / Bentley

February 2, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Life to Eagle meeting with parents and Scouts.

February 8, 2015. Scout Sunday. Details to follow.

February 9, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Day / Davis

February 13-15, 2015. Possible campout (or something) weekend.

February 16, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Banta / Vela

February 21, 2015, 3:30-9:00pm Lions Club Pancake Festival. Civic Center. Enter through south east corner doors. THIS IS A MUST FOR ALL OUR SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS!!!

February 23, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Carrillo / Garza

February 27-28, 2015. OA Spring Fellowship at Post

March 2, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Morgan / Pyle

March 7, 2015. Merit Badge College.

March 9, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Benton / Ragain

March 14-18, 2015. Spring Break Trip.

March 16, 2015, No Scouts. Spring Break.

March 23, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Maples / Zamora

March 30, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Blann / Blann

April 6, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Cribbs / Meeks

April 10-12, 2015. Outdoor Leaders Training.

April 13, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Shipton / Walter

April 18, 2015. OA Conclave

April 20, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Refreshments: Campbell / Trook

April 24-26, 2015. Council Camporee Campout.

April 26, 2015. Autism Walk. Service Project???

April 27, 2015. No Scouts ?????

May 4, 2015. Spring Court of Honor. Oakwood UMC Sanctuary.

May 11, 2015, 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym. Begin Summer Camp Sign-ups and fill out Merit Badge choice sheets.

Refreshments:

April 28, 2015, 6:00-7:30pm Summer Camp Physicals offered by the troop. Details to follow.

May 25, 2015. Memorial Day. No Scouts.

June 7-10, 2015 National Youth Leader Training @ Camp Post.

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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