

# The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

February 6, 2015

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

Patrol Leaders, “Troop Tube” has begun! Prepare the scripts and actions for your Troop Tube Videos on Scout Skills. Here is who is doing what: Jelly Bellies-Compass, Fighting Percussion-Knots, Wombats-Knife & Ax, Bloody Wolves-First Aid, Roadrunners-Tents, Venture-Lashings and CPR. Bring you Scout Handbook and be Be Prepared to put together a great video. We want all patrol members to have “face time” in the video. Plan and script out your video step by step. Pay attention to details. Think about camera angles, props, materials, vocals. Put your best effort into the project. We will show the videos at the Spring COH where they will be judged by all in attendance. Patrol Advisors are needed to help the patrols. Help will be need in editing the videos as well. Use the EDGE Method!!!

**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. We will hand out Pancake Festival for all our troop members to sell at Monday’s meeting.

## **Sell Pancake Festival Tickets!!!!**

**Ski Trip to Santa Fe**  
We are looking at the **February 13-15 weekend for our outdoor event**. There seems to be enough interest in putting together a **Ski Trip to Santa Fe, New Mexico**. We will leave Friday at 5pm and travel to Santa Fe. We will stay at the Lamplighter Inn. Saturday morning we will get up early and eat a continental breakfast at the motel and travel to the ski mountain. We will rent our equipment on the mountain. Here are some of the details. The cost for a Scout skier is \$156. This includes skis, boot rental and lift ticket. The cost for a Scout snowboarder is \$163. This includes snowboard, boot rental and lift ticket. Snowboarders will need a credit card to place a \$350 deposit on their equipment. The cost for a Scout who has never been skiing before is \$164. This includes skis and boot rental, two group beginner lessons and beginner lift ticket. These costs all include ski helmet rental and Saturday supper. Scouts will be required to wear a helmet to ski or board. You may bring your own helmet and your cost will be reduced by \$9. **Do not rent your**

**equipment in Lubbock.** Scouts having their own equipment, (including a helmet), your cost will be \$121. Adult prices are \$109 for a non-skiing adult and \$204 for adults who rent and ski. We will return on Sunday and be back to Lubbock around 3pm. As is our tradition, parents will be called when we are approximately one hour out of Lubbock. **Sign-up at Monday night's meeting.** This is a fun trip and a really good chance to learn to ski. Santa Fe has a good beginner ski program. Scouts, skiing, fun, fellowship. What more could you ask for? Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!!!

We also discussed **camping**, inviting Webelos to join us. Please contact Mr. Payne if you would be interested in a weekend campout to the Martinez's Ranch this weekend.

We **RE-SCHEDULED** our **campout** scheduled for the weekend of, **February 28-March 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. Meet Saturday morning, 2/28/15, at 7:00am, at Oakwood UMC west parking lot. Return Sunday by 1:00pm at the Troop warehouse at 47<sup>th</sup> and MLK.

Scouts need camping nights. Put the **OUTING** back into **Scouting**. Here is a short list of what to bring. Be sure to check the weather as it might be cold!@#? **Be sure and pack for warmth and layers.**

**Suggested Equipment List:**

- \_trip spending money
- \_duffle bag or pack for gear
- \_sleeping bag /sleeping pad/pillow
- \_Possibly put a sleeping bag inside a 2<sup>nd</sup>

sleeping bag for warmth & or Blankets.

- \_toiletries: soap, toothpaste/brush
- \_flashlight with extra batteries
- \_wash cloth/lip balm/ sunscreen
- \_water bottle/nalgene/canteen
- \_mess kit: bowl, cup, spoon, fork
- \_backpack/ daypack for hike
- \_good rain gear/poncho/pack cover
- \_pocket knife (tote and chit, req.)
- \_personal first aid kit
- \_hiking boots & camp shoes
- \_hiking pants or zip offs
- \_long sleeve shirt / long pants
- \_socks/hat/bandanna
- \_warm gloves/toboggan/ long johns, sweats/ fleece/thermal pants/long sleeve thermal shirt/warm sleep clothes/ sleep socks/ toboggan hat to sleep in
- \_warm coat / parka/ layers/ wind breaker
- \_underwear & warm sleeping clothes
- \_t shirts, moisture wicking if possible
- \_camera / bath towel
- \_trail snacks/paper/pencil
- \_personal medicines (give to Mr. Bentley)
- \_scout book / scout spirit!
- \_ground cloth = 6' by 8' tarp
- See the web-site for more on equipment lists.

Mess kit, if you want to eat!!

Please note: Troop provides a tent to camp in and all food! The weather forecast indicates a good chance for some rain or a wintery mix. Please pack and dress accordingly. It could be cold and wet or snowy. *There is not bad weather, just unprepared Scouts, a Scout is Prepared.* Lows = 25's, Highs = 35's This is the perfect campout for Scouts to get the outdoor requirements finished. Our older Scouts will provide the leadership and lead the younger scouts in

their advancements. Don't forget Participation Points and Camping nights for OA, Finish Partials.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Eagle Scout Resources**

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927_fillable.pdf)

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728\\_WB\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_fillable.pdf)

**Scout Sunday is February 8, 2015.**

**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 are planning a great trip to the coast and an overnight adventure on the Lexington aircraft carrier. 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](http://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

**“O God, help me to win, but in thy wisdom if thou willest me not to win, then O God, make me a good loser.” *Baden-Powell***

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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

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

**February 13-15, 2015.** Ski Trip to Santa Fe and a possible campout 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  
**February 28-March 1, 2015,** Campout at the Double  
Fork Ranch. Meet at 7:00am. Return Sunday in time  
for Supper Bowl. Cost is \$25.

**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 47<sup>th</sup> & 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 or 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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