

The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

April 6, 2015

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Hope everyone had a joyous Easter!!!

We had great Troop attendance and participation last week. It was great seeing all of the Venture Scouts present and participating. Keep up the good work and we will see ya tonight.

We will meet tonight. Hopefully, everyone had finished recording their Troop Tube Videos and all that is left will be the editing. 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.

Tonight we will begin sign-ups and preparations for the **Council Camporee**, which will be held on **April 24th and 25th**. This will be a fun event with shooting sports and other activities at Camp Post. It will be a good time for our new Scouts to get some campout requirements satisfied and older Scouts to get participation points and camp nights.

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

Eagle Scout Resources

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927_fillable.pdf

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_WB_fillable.pdf

ATTENTION. Troop 157 is in need of an adult who will take over the duties of Troop Webmaster. Contact Mr. Payne if interested. Thanks.

Upcoming Events

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.

April 18, 2015. Let's participate with the **"KIDFISH PROGRAM"**. This is a family and city wide event. Scouts and Scouters will be in full uniform. Scouts and family will get to fish and have fun. The event will be at Maxey Park and fishing begins at 7:00am. This will be a fun event for our troop and family members to participate in.

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.

Our Spring Court of Honor is scheduled for May 4.

Summer Camp preparations have begun. Adults, your commitment to attend Summer Camp is needed. Contact Mr. Phy on Monday and let him know you plan on helping with Summer Camp. We will prepare our course offerings from the adults who sign-up to go and teach classes. **We can only offer classes we have instructors for.** 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

"Loyalty is a feature in a boy's character that inspires boundless hope." *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

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 18, 2015. 7:00am-12:30pm. KidFish at Maxey Park. Fun Fishing for the entire troop and family!

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

April 24-25, 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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