

The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

April 9, 2015

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Kids Fish

This Saturday, April 18, 2015. Let's participate with the "**KIDS FISH PROGRAM**". This is a family and city wide event. Free fishing, food and fun. www.kidfishlubbock.com. Scouts and Scouters will be in full uniform. Scouts and their family will get to fish and have fun. The event will be at Maxey Park and fishing begins at 7:00am and goes until 1pm. **This will be a fun event for our troop and family members to participate in.** Scouts who attend will receive Participation Points. **Look for Mr. Payne and check your name on the sign-in sheet for Participation Point Credits.**

Sign-ups have begun 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. **Cost is \$20 per person.** 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 Sunday, **April 26.** We help out with the **Autism Walk.** This is a great event for our troop to help with. We will help set up the event on Sunday morning. Scouts will help run the various booths and events during the walk and then we will help take down after the

event is over. The Autism Walk will be held at the John Walker Soccer Complex on the Tech campus. The event runs from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Scouts will need to be there a little early, probably at 1:00pm to receive their instructions, etc. Scouters and family members are needed and welcome to be a part of this neat service project. Scouts will receive **Participation Points as well as Service Hours, both which are needed for Rank Advancement.**

Troop Tube Videos.

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. Mr. Voland has agreed to compile the Troop Tube videos for us. **Please email to him your Troop Tube Video so he can edit and compile it with the other patrol videos.** Mr. Voland's email address is: scott@thevolandgroup.com.

Upcoming Events

Court of Honor

Our Spring Court of Honor is scheduled for May 4. Scouts will be recognized for

their recent achievements. We will watch the Troop Tube Videos as well as share with you information about Summer Camp. Individual History reports will be available for you to take home and use to help make your Summer Camp Class selections.

Summer Camp preparations have begun. Adults, your commitment to attend Summer Camp is needed. You should receive an email from the troop containing an attachment in which you can download an Adult Summer Camp Application in PDF form where you can type in your data and then print it off and bring it to Scout Meeting.

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

Eagle Scout Resources

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

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

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

“See things from the boy’s point of view.”

Baden-Powell

Helpful Links

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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 18, 2015. OA Conclave

April 18, 2015. 7:00am-1:00pm. 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.

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 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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*Building Future Leaders Today!
Be the Best You Can Be!*

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