

# The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

April 23, 2015

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## Council Camporee

**April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.** We will meet in the west parking lot of Oakwood UMC at **5:00pm on Friday.** We are going to eat supper in Post at Holly's and then go on in and set up camp. **Saturday we will wear our Class B t-shirts** and activities will include climbing, shooting sports, archery, team building exercises and a hamburger supper provided by the camp staff. **We will change into our Class A uniform for supper and the closing campfire.** We will return to Lubbock following the evening campfire. **We anticipate our arrival in Lubbock to be between 9:00 and 9:30pm.** Parents, we will call you when we leave Post and you will pick your son up at the Troop Warehouse located at **47<sup>th</sup> and MLK.** Here is a sample equipment list of what to bring: **EQUIPMENT LIST**

- Duffle Bag
- Sleeping bag
- pillow
- Ground pad
- Tarp or ground cloth (5 X 7)
- Rain gear or poncho
- Toiletries / hair brush / comb / personal items
- Toothbrush / toothpaste
- Soap / shampoo
- Sunscreen / lip balm
- Wash cloth / bath towel
- Shower shoes
- Drink bottle / Nalgene

- Mess kit (plate, cup, bowl, fork, spoon, ziplock or mesh bag)
- Scout Book
- Full Scout Uniform
- Class B Troop t-shirt
- Change of clothes for \_\_\_ days
- Shirts
- Pants
- Shorts
- Socks / undies
- Jacket / coat
- Hat or cap
- Shoes
- Camera
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Spending money for snacks, souvenirs,
- Medicines / medical conditions – (Medicines must be turned into the Scoutmaster)
- Small back pack / school backpack
- Scout Spirit
- camp chair? Maybe more for the adults

## Autism Walk.

**The Autism Walk is Sunday, April 26.**

This is a great event that our Troop helps with. **WEAR YOUR CLASS B t-shirt.** We will help set up the event on Sunday morning. **We need some of our Venture Crew Scouts and Adults to help set up at 10:00am.** 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 and Scouters 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. Wear a hat and put on sunscreen. Scouts will receive **Participation Points as well as Service Hours, both which are needed for Rank Advancement.**

**Monday, April 27, 2015 we will have Scout Meeting!!!**

**Monday, April 27, 2015 our Troop will conduct our Order of the Arrow (OA) elections.** Please be in attendance on Monday for the election. Monday will also be the last meeting before the Court of Honor to hold Boards of Review, etc.

**Troop Tube Videos.**

We will show the videos at the Spring COH where they will be judged by all in attendance. 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](mailto: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 have received 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 June 5-7, 2015** at Camp Post. Brothers, make plans now to attend the fun and

fellowship. Those who serve are worthy to be in the Brotherhood!!!!

## **The National Youth Leadership Training**

**June 14-20, 2015** and will be held at our own Camp Post. NYLT is an exciting, action packed program designed to provide Scouts with leadership skills and experience they can use in the troops and other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must be, what he must know, and what he must do. These skills come alive during the week as the scout goes on a quest for the meaning of leadership. Refer to this link for more information and the application:

<http://nylt.kintera.org/>. 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

### **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)

**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.

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

### **Pearls of Wisdom**

**“The boy is not governed by *don't*, but is led by *do*.”**

*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

**April 24-25, 2015.** Council Camporee Campout.

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

**April 27, 2015. 8:00-9:30pm Regular Scout Meeting. Oakwood UMC Gym** OA elections

**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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