

The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

April 30, 2014

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Thank you to all who served at the Autism Walk.

May 2-3, 2014

This weekend, we are planning a **SPECIAL CAMPING EVENT** for the Scouts who are working to get their **Scout Rank** and their **Tenderfoot Rank** Advancement. We will meet **Friday, May 2**, at the Hancock's home (4702-21st Street) at 6:00pm and go into Saturday. **Scouters (New Dads) we need your help as well for this camping outing.** We need some dads to camp with the scouts and provided the needed two deep leadership. Saturday morning, the Scouts will work on their rank advancement and the Scouters will work on learning how to lead and teach these same scout skills. Mr. Payne will lead this "asst. scoutmaster outdoor leadership skills" class. This is a great way for our new dads to get a feel for Scouting and learn Scout Skills along with the boys. This event is tailored for those Scouts that would like to obtain the Rank of Tenderfoot before the summer. The Troop will furnish tents, food, and cooking equipment. **Both Scouts and scouters, please Email Mr. Payne ASAP if you plan on attending this fun and educational event.**

Brad.payne@sbcglobal.net. We will answer your questions. Here is a short list of what to bring. Be sure to check the

weather as it might be cool. **Be sure and pack for warmth and layers. Lows at night, 48-50 degrees. Highs around 77-80. "Be Prepared"**

Equipment:

- Duffle bag or Backpack to pack in
- sleeping bag / pillow
- Ground pad/ foam pad
- Ground cloth (6X8 tarp)
- Personal items/ toiletries/ lip balm/ toilet paper/toothpaste/ Soap/towel/ wash cloth/ sunscreen
- Medicines (Labeled and in a zip lock bag to be turned in to the Scoutmaster)
- Ball cap/ hat
- Flashlight/ Headlamp
- Good Rain Gear
- Light jacket
- Sleep clothes/sleep socks
- Canteen/nalgene/water bottle
- underwear/extras/ socks
- Camp shoes/ shower shoes
- Long Pants/ Long sleeve shirt
- Hiking boots/ tennis shoes
- Gloves/knit cap
- **Scout spirit/Scout Book**
- See the web-site for more on equipment lists.

We will all wear our Class B T-shirts on Saturday.

Order of the Arrow Elections

Order of the Arrow (OA) elections will be held **on May 5** during meeting time. **It is extremely important that we have a GREAT turnout of Scouts for this meeting.**

The Spring Court of Honor will be May 12, 2014 at 8pm at Oakwood United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary. Parents will want to come to the Court of Honor and celebrate in the achievements of the Scouts. We will be using this meeting as our **Summer Camp kick-off event**. We would like to have all of our parents to attend and hear about the fun and excitement of Troop 157's Sumer Camp. We want you to be informed and your participation is always needed and appreciated.

Summer Camp Class Schedules

Summer Camp planning continues. It is the desire of the troop to meet with scouts, council them on Summer Camp Classes and have **them fill out their Summer Camp Class Schedules (blue sheets)** during the **May 19th meeting**.

We still need adults to go to camp and teach classes. It is important that we have our adults commit to go to camp and help teach classes. We will only offer the classes that we have instructors for. Troop 157 is accustomed to offering a large diversity of classes. Without our adults help, we may have to scale back the classes offered. Please make the commitment to go to camp and be a part of the scouting lives of the boys. Please contact Mr. Ragain at meetings and let him know you are going and what classes

you are able to teach. Jr. Staffers are needed as well. Tell Mr. Ragain which camp you would like to work with and let him know if you can help with rank advancement classes.

Plan now to attend Troop 157 Summer Camp.

This is a fantastic camp and every Scout needs to attend. We will need all of our Adults as well to teach and lead classes.

Save the date, July 13-19, 2014 in cool, comfortable Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Summer Camp Planning has begun. Scouters (Adults) are signing up at Monday meetings to teach classes at camp. All Scouters are needed as we begin preparations and plans for Summer Camp.

WE NEED ALL OF OUR ADULTS HELP!!!

Please sign-up now, don't wait till later. We will only offer classes that we have instructors for. This is the most important thing we do as a troop and for the Scouts.

Philmont!!! June 11-25, 2014.

The "Crew" needs to be working together, making plans, and working on

conditioning. Stay tuned for upcoming meeting to review equipment, gear and medical information.

Pearls of Wisdom

“We must change boys from a ‘what can I get’ to a ‘what can I give’ attitude.”

Baden-Powell

Helpful Links

Here are some helpful links from the Troop 157 homepage. Adding information like this to the newsletter was an idea that came out of the Parent orientation meeting.

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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

May 2-3, 2014 6:00pm. Tenderfoot Rank Advancement overnight campout at the Hancock's. 4702-21st Street.

May 5, 2014 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting. OA Elections. OUMC. Refreshments: ????

May 12, 2014 8:00-9:30pm. Spring Court of Honor.

May 18, 2014 Carpenter's Kitchen service project. Contact Mr. Sparks if you would like to help him serve at the Carpenter's Kitchen.

June 11-25, 2014 Trek to Philmont. Scouting Paradise. Cimmaron, New Mexico.

July 13-19, 2014 Troop 157 Sumer Camp in Cool, Comfortable Ardmore. Oklahoma.

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