

# THE ADVENTURER

## Troop 157 Newsletter

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### Building Future Leaders Today!

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Regular Scout Meetings  
Monday  
7:30 p.m.

#### Dates to Remember

October 23, Intro to Youth Leader Training and BSA Swim Test  
October 24, Troop 157 Chili Cook-off  
October 28 - 30, Campout - Three Rivers Observatory  
November 11 - 13, Campout Palo Duro Canyon  
December 3, Scouting for Food Flyers  
December 10, Scouting for Food Pickup  
December 12, Food Bank Service & Pizza Party  
January 9, Troop 157 Eagle Court Lubbock Memorial Civic Center

## INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR TROOPS



### Troop 157 ILST Training

- For scouts in our troop ranked 1st Class or above who have not yet attended a Nation Youth Leadership Training course and who aspire to leadership positions such as Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.
- Training will be held Sunday October 23, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Hancock's home, 4702 - 21st Street
- Currently, the following scouts have notified the Troop of their intention to attend:  
Ethan Maples, Nolan Maples, Jack Osborne, Ryan Runquist, Cameron Davis, Jackson Bentley, Martin Cannon, John Henry Davis.
- Its, not too late to sign up! Please contact Mr. Bentley, 806-632-0742 or [jake.bentley@suddenlink.net](mailto:jake.bentley@suddenlink.net) to confirm you attendance before Friday October 21st.

## BSA Swim Test

Sunday, October 23 at 1:00 the Troop will offer the BSA Swim Test. Passing the BSA Swim test is a 1st Class Rank Advancement requirement (Old Rules - 9B and New Rules - 6B)

The following scouts need to pass the BSA Swim Test for rank Advancement

**Isaiah Betancourt, Jon Plummer, Joseph Booe, Adam Aboohamidi, Noah Aboohamidi, Isaiah Escabedo, Zachary San Roman, Andrew Spallholz.**

The Swim Test will be given at the Hancock's, 4702-21st Street.  
The pool is heated to 85° F so no worries there.

Contact Mr. Bentley before Saturday evening, 806-632-0742, if you plan to attend.



# CHILI

COOK OFF

Annual Troop 157 Chili Cook-off

Monday October 24 - 7:30

Patrols will be judge on:

Best Chili

Best overall theme

Individual Best costume

We especially want all families to attend!



## STAR PARTY CAMPOUT OCTOBER 28 - 30

The Three Rivers Foundation Comanche Springs Astronomy Campus (CSAC) is located at the heart of Big Ranch Country in north central Texas. Home to telescopes, observatories and indoor and outdoor classroom space, CSAC serves visitors from across Texas, the U.S. and from around the globe.

As the name Three Rivers implies, our 700 acre campus is located in an area that enjoys a rich history as a Comanche bison hunting ground. A spring located just south of the main portion of campus dates back as far as recorded and spoken history in the area. Our campus enjoys a rich biodiversity and healthy ecosystem common in short-grass prairies. Resident species include the Texas Horned Lizard, deer, coyotes, jackrabbits and cotton tails, over 50 types of birds as well as a host of insect and plant species that are native to Texas. CSAC also hosts an Ornate Box Turtle habitat where students, teachers and the general public can get an up close look at these unique animals. Migrating species seen on campus include Monarch butterflies, hummingbirds, Mississippi kites and Sandhill cranes.

Troop will depart church at 530 p.m. October 28. Eat a snack before we leave - dinner will be served but it will be late. We will return to warehouse about 3:00 p.m.

Please sign up at troop meeting or by contacting Mr. Bentley ASAP. Cost is \$40.

# Palo Duro Mountain Biking Campout

## November 11-13



### **This is one of the Classic Troop 157 campouts!**

We will depart from church Friday November 11 at 5:30 p.m. Eat a snack before you leave - dinner will be served but it will be late.

We will return Sunday afternoon around 3:00 to the Troop warehouse.

**Cost is \$35**

Activities will focus around mountain biking. Palo Duro has trails that will excite all skill levels from novice to expert. Also, you don't have to have a "mountain bike" to go and have fun on this trip. Any of today's sports bikes will be sufficient. There are also opportunities to borrow mountain bikes from others in the troop or from friends. You can even rent them if you wish.

***Safety first - each scout and scouter must wear a helmet when biking!***

Please sign up as soon as possible at the troop meeting or with Mr. Bentley. There are several requirements we must meet to camp at the state park - one, we must have a list of ALL vehicles with make/model/year and tag - two, we must have a full roster of all who are part of our group. Meeting these requirements takes some time to do the paperwork so the sooner we get everyone signed up, the better off we are.

The weather should be perfect cool crisp days for biking and chilly nights to sit around the fire and drink hot chocolate and eat s'mores.