

The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

December 4, 2014

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Upcoming Events

Here are great opportunities for Scouts to earn their Participation Points and Service Hours for their Rank Advancement.

December 6, 2014.

This Saturday morning, **Scouting For Food pick-up day.** Meet in the Bahama Buck's & Mr. Gatti's parking lot on 50th Street east of Slide at 8:45 am. We will assign the routes and begin picking up food at 9:00am. We need lots of parents and Scouts to help drive the routes and shorten the time it takes to pick up the food. Remember – Participation Points and Service Hours.

December 8, 2014.

Monday night, meet at the **South Plains Food Bank (4612 Locust Ave.) at 6:30pm to help sort food.** We will work from 6:30-8:00pm. This is a fun event and a great way to give back to the community. Once again, parents are welcome to help and are needed. Scouts may be picked up at the Food Bank at 8:00pm. Bring a jacket because it is sometimes cool in the areas we work. It makes sense for parents to bring their Scouts and stay and help and save the trip back and forth across town. Come serve with us and get to know the other folks

who make up the Troop. Remember – Participation Points and Service Hours.

Re-Charter Update

It is time once again to re-charter our troop with BSA. **This requires us to register each Scout and adult Scouter in the troop before December 15.** Please Re-charter ASAP. **Also, it would be a great help if you would let us know yours plans not to re-charter.**

You should have received your personal data form via an email. We need you to check for accuracy and also complete anything that is blank. Please either email the changes and additions or send the form with changes electronically to troop157@suddenlink.net or bring the form to a Monday night meeting.

The re-charter fee will be \$40 for each Scout and \$20 for each Scouter. You can either pay by going to the troop website, <http://troop157.com> and click on "Make a Payment" to pay with PayPal or you can pay by check, cash, or credit card at a Monday night meeting. If you have a hardship and are unable to pay please discuss with Mr. Payne.

Every adult scouter needs to be current in Youth Protection Training (YPT). The training is good for 2 years. You can see on your form under Training when you

took it previously. Part of the complexity of re-chartering is making sure our records match the council office records. We have tried to make sure our records are up to date but if you have taken YPT training recently and it is not reflected please contact me. You can take the YPT training online at your convenience by going to <http://www.myscouting.org>. Please email a copy of the certificate to troop157@suddenlink.net or bring 2 copies to a Monday night meeting (one for the troop records and one for the council records).

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.
Todd Davis
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Leadership Skills

Monday night, December 16, we will continue the **new** and **exciting** “**Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops**” program. This is a new BSA program and we are excited to be able to offer it to our older Scouts in the troop. This program will be for Scouts who have obtained the ranks of First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. It is to train our scouts in **Leadership ideas and practices.** We have a number of young or first time leaders and we are a young troop and this training will be most helpful for our scouts and the future of our troop. If you are a scout who falls in the rank range or who have new leadership positions, **please make every effort to attend these Monday night meeting sessions.** Patrol advisors and other Scouters are encouraged to sit in on these classes so they will know the program as well. Remember, that now the patrols are set and everyone is assigned to a patrol, we

will begin our attendance and dues collection competition. Scouts, your dues are 25 cents per week. The Patrol bag will be handed to the patrol scribe or patrol leader and while y’all are in patrol corners, check off for dues and attendance. Turn your patrol bag back in to the Troop Scribe so Josh can record your attendance.

Patrol Leaders, it would be good for you to print off the newsletter and bring it to Scouts with you. It is a great resource to remind you and your patrol during patrol corners of upcoming events and announcements.

Younger Scouts will continue their work on rank advancement progress towards Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. We will offer Pre-boards and Boards of Review for these scouts as well. Some of these Scouts need some camping to finish up their rank.

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.

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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.

Pearls of Wisdom
“The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond.” *Baden-Powell*

Helpful Links

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Dates to Remember

December 6, 2014 8:45am Scouting For Food, Food Pickup. Participation Points & Service Hours. Need parents to help drive.

December 8, 2014 6:30pm. Meet at the South Plains Food Bank where we will sort food, etc. Participation Points & Service Hours. Need parents to help.

December 15, 2014 8:30pm Last regular Scout Meeting for the year. We will have the last Training Session and continue to work on Rank requirements.

December 19, 2014 LISD is out. No Scouts until 2015.

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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