



Boy Scout Troop 226





WINTER 2017

Committee Corner - The only constant in life is change

The Boy Scouts of America continues to evolve, some of the changes will affect us immediately, and some will take some time to filter down to the Troop.

On the more immediate side of things, membership fees from the National program are increasing as of our next recharter in March. The new fee is \$33 annually in addition to the annual insurance fee.

On the more long term side, the Boy Scouts are opening the program to girls, starting first with the Cub Scout program, and later with the Boy Scout program. We have few details on this major change in the program, but do note that older girls are already eligible to join BSA Venturing crews and BSA Explorer posts. As information how this policy change affects our troop becomes available, we will share it with you.

Lastly, we are making a small policy change to our Troop operating model to account for the driving miles our adult leaders provide to sustain our vibrant outdoor program. ~Andrew Richter

Scoutmaster Minute

Since I'm the new Scoutmaster, let me start by giving you a little history of my Scouting background. I, like many others started in Cub Scouts (back when there were only Wolf, Bear, and Lion ranks and WEBELOS was an Award and not a rank). After earning my WEBELOS award, I went on to join the Boy Scouts where I earned my Eagle in 1973 at the age of 16 (yeah, do the math, I'm that old). Fast forward about 35 years and my youngest son decided he wanted to see what Scouting was about after getting a flyer at school. We went to the recruiting event where he earned his Bobcat and decided to join. Little did I know that at the time I was going to be involved as much as I have been over the last eight years. It all started in his Tiger Den when they needed a couple of parents to help out. I said I would and before I knew it, I became the Assistant Den Leader. I was an Assistant Den Leader all the way thru my son's Cub Scout career and during the Bear and Webelos years was Rudy's assistant. When my son decided to bridge and go into Boy Scouts, I was asked to become an Assistant Scoutmaster and be the Eagle Advisor and later the ASM of Troop Operations. As Rudy's term was coming to an end, I was asked if I would consider becoming the Scoutmaster. After much inter-reflection and prayer, I decided I would. I enjoy teaching the boys new skills and watching them mature into fine young men. I really like camping as long as it's warm, not much for winter camping as I had a really bad experience on one as a Scout, let's just say a hospital visit was involved for me. So much for my history, and I look forward to being the Scoutmaster for the next few years.

~Lyle Grisso

Program Areas



Outdoor Chair

Here are the upcoming camping events. We have a lot of awesome events that you won't want to miss so please be sure to sign up on Troopwebhost! ~Jim Halsema

- Jan 19-20: Eisenhower State Park. Birthplace tour
- Feb 16-17: Lake Murray State Park, OK. Explore Trucker Tower and hiking
- Mar 10-13: Lake of the Ozarks State Park, MO. Caving
- April 6-7: Camporee, TBD.
- May 11-12: Dinosaur Valley State Park. Dinosaur museum and hiking.
- June 10-17: Sea Base High Adventure
- June 17-23: Quivera Scout Ranch, KS

Service Chair

2017 was another very successful year in our service efforts. Some of the information is still coming in however right now 807 hours were contributed to helping others in the community. The best part of this is that the two heavy hitters for the year were Corey and Luke's Eagle Projects which were planned and let by the Scouts themselves. These projects really emphasize the purpose and demonstrate the results of our program. Outside of Eagle projects our next best effort was the February Scouting for Food where 501 non-perishable items were collected to contribute to those in need.

Looking ahead, the next events that will take place are this year's Scouting for Food on February 3rd and 10th as well as Scout Sunday on February 11th. The more participants we have in Scouting for Food the more good we will be able to do so please make every effort to assist with one of both dates, particularly that 10th when we collect the items. There are also two or three Eagle Projects underway or about to get started. It's going to be an awesome 2018!

Thanks! ~Rudy Kamman



skills learned from the Troop 226 Glaf Ettiquet course

Amish Paradise?

Christmas joke:

What do you call a person who is afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic!

Meeting Information

Monday Nights - 7:00 PM

First United Methodist Church, 4901 Paige Road, The Colony TX

you know it all that counts. ~John Wooden

We're on the Web!

http://troop226.com/

Aquatic School -

Established in 1954. Aguatic School is the Longhorn Council's oldest week-long leadership program for Scouts ages 13-17. This unique, challenging, and rewarding course has been the training ground for over six decades of Longhorn Council instructors & leaders. July 8-14th, 2018 Worth Ranch - Palo Pinto, **Texas** APPLY ONLINE

at http://www.aquaticschool.org/staffa pplication

Training Chair

~Natalie Stephenson

NYLT - Twin Arrows: TA-208 Course

December 26-31, 2017 Scoutmaster: Mr. Kyle Deal

TA208@twinarrowslhc.org Location: Camp Tahuaya

NYLT - Twin Arrows: TA-209 Course

March 11-16, 2018

Scoutmaster: Mr. Mark Lampe

TA209@twinarrowslhc.org

Location: Sid Richardson

Recruiting Merit Badge Counselors

January 13, 2018 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Location: Joy Fellowship Church,

Collevville Register on-line

Chaplain Training - January 13

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Longhorn Council Hurst

Office

Register on-line

Troop Committee Training

January 20, 2018 9:00 am - noon

Location: Scouting U, Westlake

Campus

Register on-line

Merit Badge Counselor Training

January 13, 2018 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Location: Joy Fellowship Church,

Colleyville

Register on-line

CPR & Wilderness First Aid **Trainings**

January 20-21 February 10-11 March 17-18

Location: Fort Worth Register on-line

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February 16-18

Location: Camp Burnett,

Southlake

March 24-25

Location: Twisted Cedar Ranch,

Palo Pinto Register on-line

Fundamentals of Training (Train the Trainer)

8:00 am - noon

Location: Scouting U, Westlake

Campus

Register on-line

NRA Muzzle-Loading Instructor

Training - February 10-11 Location: Worth Ranch Register on-line

The Trainer's EDGE

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Location: Longhorn Council

Hurst Office Register on-line

BALOO

February 16-18 March 24-25 Location: Camp Burnett, Southlake Register on-line

Scoutmaster/ Asst Scoutmaster **Position Specific Training**

March 3

8:00 am - 1 pm

Location: Troop 120 Scout Hut,

Everman

Register on-line

YPT (in person) - March 3

11:00 am - noon

Location: Heritage Church of

Christ, Fort Worth Register on-line

Den Chief Training

March 3 - 9:00 am - noon Location: Heritage Church of Christ, Fort Worth Register on-line

Scout Areas





Historian Report – Camporee

Friday we got together at the church. Luke and the rest the rest of us said a prayer to get there safely. We all rushed to our cars and drove for hours! We finally got to camp and setup our tents on an island! Then we went to bed. We woke up ready to have fun and had breakfast. We took our flags and headed to our activities. First up was Medicine-Man, Alex was a good actor! Then we threw knives and tomahawks and practiced archery, and lumberjacking. Afterwards, we had dinner then went to campfire.

In the morning we had awards, then sang some songs and said a prayer before leaving. It wasn't what I was expecting on my campout, I was surprised!

~Andy Breneman





Eagle Project Updates



Thanks to everyone that helped with my Eagle Scout project. The project was completed in September and I couldn't have done it without your support and hard work. The project was targeted to provide an area for the dogs to play and keep cool in the summer and also make the area look better. I think that the project more than accomplished its goal and has been a BIG hit at the Shelter.

I have attached some photos from my project showing how the project turned out. The project consisted of building a cedar deck with a dog bone shaped pool made of heavy duty truck bed liner material and holds up to 85 gallons of water. It has a brass cap and drain for easy draining. It has provided an area for the dogs to play and keep cool in the summer and improved the appearance of the Shelter play area for the animals.

I am very thankful for the support and hard work in completing my Eagle Scout project which helped me achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. I officially became an Eagle Scout October 26th. A special shout out to Luke, Arinze, Zac, Alex A, Sawyer, Mr. Lyle, Mr. Khalid, Brian & Angie Karhu and my mom & dad for the many, many hours of grueling work provided during the work days.

Thanks, Corey







Delivery day

TCAS Facebook page w/comments



We pride ourselves on working with the communities youth to better educted about proper pet care, compassion and how to handle strays within our community. Over the last couple years we have been highly involved in partnering with the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations. They have done many improvement projects to help earn awards within their organizations. On Saturday Corey Stephenson presented a bone shaped doggie pool with custom built decking as his Eagle Scout Project. We are literally speechless! This project took so much time, dedication and detail from Corey and his fellow Scouts from Troup 226. The dogs love it and it looks amazing in our back play yard. Thank you young gentlemen (and dedicated dad's) for this amazing gift to our shelter.

*Below are all the scouts of Troop 226 and the dad's who participated in building the pool.

(Left to right)

Andrew & Isaac Richter, Corey & Adam Stephenson, Luke & Lyle Grisso, David Pyke, Brian Karhu, Rutus Richter.

(Not pictured)

Angil Karhu, Natalie Stephenson, Arinze Appio-Riley, Alex & Khalid Ahamad, Zac Wright and Sawyer Kannan



