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Happy Birthday Troop 226!

It is our wish that this newsletter provides you the parent as well as your Scout, the information you need to answer any and all questions, be up to date on Troop happenings and help you better plan your personal calendar with your Scout's Troop life.

With more information provided to you we hope to reach our goal of being a better Troop, with the most parent participation and Scout success that any Boy Scout Troop can offer.

Thank you for being a part of Troop 226. This year as you may know, is our 35th year in scouting. Here's to another successful 35 years! Without parents like you we could not provide a successful Boy Scout program. With that, we thank you. **Happy 35th Birthday Troop 226!**

The Scoutmaster Minute

Troop 226 recently elected a new Scoutmaster to fill Mr. Jesse's role as he stepped down to ASM. Here are a few words from them both.

First, I would like to point out some Good Turns our scouts and adults have recently participated in. In February, many of our scouts braved the cold and hiked the rugged neighborhoods of The Colony, on a quest for food donations, and collected over 500 items for the food bank of First United Methodist Church, our Charter organization. In February and March, we participated in three Service Projects: the morning and afternoon FUMC services for Scout Sunday, FUMC Spring Clean Up and most recently, the City of The Colony's Eggstravaganza Easter egg hunt.

Last month we were joined by new Scouts from Packs 226 and 281. Let us welcome these Scouts and their families in

joining our Troop family.

Last month we had several scouts participate in a Merit Badge College held in Flower Mound. Currently we have several scouts participating in the Personal Management merit badge being taught by Mrs. Suzanne Mattison, and her husband, Mr. Kevin. This is an on-going 13 week, Eagle required merit badge that will help our boys learn to manage their personal finances one day.

Spring Break Campout at Cooper Lake State Park was our annual Troop 226 Family Campout. The weekend was filled with hiking, fishing and a Dutch oven dessert contest that resulted in a 2 way tie. The tie breaking winner was Casey T., with a Tres Leches cake with Key Lime icing and Pineapple ring decorations. Congratulations Casey T! While at our family campout we took a field trip to the Southwest Dairy Center &

Museum in Sulphur Springs, TX.

Lastly, I am looking forward to moving into the role of Scoutmaster and working with a great group of adult leaders while we lead, learn and guide our boys as they develop becoming more confident, skilled and better prepared for life.

Yours in Scouting,
Chris Wright
Scoutmaster, Troop 226

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the adults that went to our annual Troop 226 Spring Break Family Campout. Without their help and contributions for its' tremendous success, it would not have happened for our boys. I especially would like to thank Mr. Ron for his excellent Grubmaster skills and organization. We ate very well, so sign him up for a paid position!
Jesse Ortiz
Asst. Scoutmaster, Troop 226

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Committee Chair Corner



ANNUAL RECHARTER!

Every year BSA goes through a membership renewal process. Last year at this time we only had 5 Scouts, so it was absolutely wonderful this recharter to have a lot more paperwork to fill out. We will close this year with 32 Youth members!

That growth is, more than anything, a testament to the Scouts inviting guests to our activities and making them feel welcome and at home. As long as we maintain that approach things will look bright moving forward. Of course there are always a few Scouts we lose as part of this renewal process, some expected and some not,

but that is the nature of life.

We have a lot of great kids in the Troop and I really appreciate all the PLC, Committee members and Scoutmasters who pitch in to help plan, organize and execute our Scouting program.

Rudy Kamman
Committee Chair, Troop 226

Our Webmaster's Spin



A few words from our new Webmaster, Mr. Joe Macy...

We have a new Troop Website!
www.troop226.com

There is a lot of useful stuff on the site, including an all new Google Calendar. Look to the website for more information about upcoming events, forms, newsletters, pictures, articles from the Troop Historian and so much more!

A lot of time and thought was put into the new site and is still evolving. If there is something you would like to see, or you spot a problem, please let me know.

Some other cool features: You can click the gear in the upper right corner to adjust text size and the color to suit you and the site has a special format when viewing on mobile

devices, which you can switch back and forth if you'd like.

Joe Macy
Webmaster, Troop 226

Assistant Scoutmaster Information (ASM)

Hello Parents and Scouts,

By now you have been getting several emails from www.troopkit.com. Some of you wonder what Troop Kit is. Troop Kit provides an easier way to handle the day-to-day tasks of running a Scout Troop. Our focus as our Troop grows is to move the responsibility from adults to Scouts, where it should be. It keeps Scouts, parents and leaders informed of upcoming meeting, events and dues.

Our main goal with this tool is

to bring back the Scout Lead aspect to Troop 226. A few points will give you an idea on what Troop Kit can do for our Troop:

- *Moves responsibility from adults to Scouts, where it should be.
- *Keeps Scouts, parents and leaders informed.
- *Improves communication and minimizes paperwork.
- *Eases the Patrol Leaders job, but maintains his leadership.
- *Makes it extremely easy for parents to register scouts for events.

*Allows you to control which features are used or ignored in your unit.

If you have any questions or concerns about the safety of Troop Kit you can visit the website here,
www.troopkit.com/features.php

Marvin Williams
Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 226

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

A few words from our newly elected Senior Patrol Leader...

My name is Elmer Yang, and I welcome and congratulate all of our new PLC members. I am the current SPL of Troop 226 and have previously served as Librarian and Master of Ceremonies, in which I still am. I have been in scouting for 1 year. I am very excited to be working

with the boys in our Troop because they are very fun to work with. As an older member of the Troop, I have worked with the senior members, with the new scouts and know that they are an efficient and super fun bunch to hang out and work with. Over the next 6 months, I hope to get to know all of them a lot better and have a great time with them.

Once again, I congratulate the new PLC members and hope to have a great 6 months with them. I encourage you to work hard and do your best.

Elmer Yang
Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 226



Advancement

Scouts please do not forget to transfer your accomplishments to the Blue Book at every meeting. We want to make sure that you are doing this as it happens so we can track how well we are doing at our Trail to First Class. Once you are ready, make sure you sign up for a Scoutmaster Conference.

Congratulations to our new Tenderfoot Rank Scouts! Casey T., Drexler R. and Zachery L.

Our next Board of Review is scheduled for April 16, 2013.

Chris Dougherty
Advancement, Troop 226

Scout Service Projects

Great job Boys! The FUMC clean-up went well! The church was thankful that you all came out and did such a fantastic job. Your hours were logged and will be reflected on the Troop's database and will apply towards your next Rank Advancement as well as the Troop's Journey to Excellence status for next year.

We also had a really great time at The Colony Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt. You should be proud! You served the Community, the children and did your part for the environment by picking up the trash around the fields after.

Check your emails often for future service projects. You may log in to Troop Kit at any time to sign up for service.

Geraldine Leondike
Service Project Coordinator, Troop 226

Adult Training

Every Scout deserves a trained leader! Scoutmasters, Committee, New Parents...

As we have been growing rapidly as a Troop, we need to ensure that all of our volunteers are trained. We have gone through many websites and have included on the New Troop Website many training opportunities that are available. We will continue to search for as many as possible at a nearby location. Please look on the new website, www.troop226.com, if you are needing IOLS, Face to Face YPT, or position specific training such as, Scoutmaster Specific, Committee Specific and so on.

We are searching other districts and councils so that we can hopefully find training dates more suitable to your schedule. Training should be done at your earliest convenience possible.

Geraldine Leondike
Adult Training Coordinator, Troop 226

Fundraising



Fundraising is busy making money for your Scout and our Troop!

First, Kroger Camp card sales are happening right now through May 5, 2013. Please sign your Scout up for a Kroger sale time via my VolunteerSpot email. Please pay attention to the store you signed up for as we will be selling in both The Colony and Little Elm.

Camp Cards are a fabulous way for your Scout to make money for his personal Scout Account. The money made can be used for camps, uniforms, dues, etc.

Second...we are having a YARD SALE! Troop 226 will be having a yard sale on Saturday, April 27, 2013, in the FUMC parking lot. We are accepting all donations to sell in our sale, starting now. Should the item be heavy or bulky, contact me and I can arrange a pick up time at your location. Please, only donate useable, clean, good condition items such as clothing, furniture, small appliances, etc. Please do not donate non-working or broken items as they will not be helpful and there may not be an easy way to dispose of these items.

Third, we are continuing our aluminum can drive. Your aluminum can donations made it possible to purchase our new, gently used Troop Trailer. Bring all cans to each meeting and either myself or my husband, Jeff Thompson, ASM, can accept these. Please do not send in cans that are dirty or un-rinsed as they will be thrown away and not recycled. It is much easier to rinse a fresh can than it is to rinse dried on drink.

Let's Make some MONEY!

Cindy Thompson,
Fundraising Chair Troop 226



The Great Outdoors

Spend a day on the Brazos River at our April campout! The Troop is participating in the Longhorn Council's 2013 Spring Canoe Race, April 19-21, at Worth Ranch in Palo Pinto, TX.

Who can go? Any Boy Scout or adult who is a swimmer can enter the 6 mile race. Total cost for Scouts is \$40.50 per person. Total cost for adults is \$33.00 per person. This covers all meals and you get a T-shirt! Login to Troop Kit today and let us know you are going! Money is due for this event by April 9, 2013. All Scouts interested in attending must be at the April 9th Troop meeting as we are conducting required swim checks for the Canoe Race. Our meeting will be held at The Colony Aquatic Center on N. Colony Blvd.

Karen Herring
Outdoor Chair, Troop 226

Treasurer

Just a few notes from our Treasurer...

Welcome new members of Troop 226. Just a few notes so everyone is aware of how our Troop runs.

Dues are \$15.00, paid once per quarter. April dues were due April 2, 2013. If you have not paid these, please pay by the April 9th 2013 meeting. I am

located at the table in the Lobby at FUMC. I can accept payments and issue receipts at every meeting. Should you need a Scout Account balance, please email me to get this information. I will announce some time later this summer another order date for Troop Wear.

April campout fees are due April 9th 2013, and are \$40.50

per Scout and \$33.00 per adult. Summer Camp payments are due April 16, 2013, and are \$100.00 per Scout and \$75.00 per adult.

Rebecca Dougherty
Treasurer, Troop 226

Equipment

Congratulations boys as we celebrate acquiring a "Like New" much needed larger trailer! We have sold our old red trailer which served us well for many years. As we have grown to over 30 scouts we just did not have the room in "Old Red" to fit our gear anymore. We have been saving for a trailer for many years and hope that you enjoy and take care of your new trailer! Hopefully soon, we will be able to put our Troop numbers, Logo and website information on it as well.

We are also working on a new way of organizing our Troop gear so that we know exactly what is in our inventory and if things need repair and or serviced.

As we go through this process of getting things organized and structured we really need to make sure you all know any new procedures involved. Be looking for new procedures during an upcoming Troop meeting. Your Scoutmasters will help facilitate this transition.

Chris Story
Equipment Chair, Troop 226



"Be Prepared"

Troop 226 New Scout Leaders

March-Sept. 2013

Congratulations on being elected and or appointed to your new leadership position. For the next 6 months you will be responsible for planning and running most of the activities of the Troop.

The New Leaders are:

Senior Patrol Leader: Elmer Y.
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader: Jared P.
Quartermaster: Emilio O.
Scribe: Aiden C.
Librarian: Raymar T.
Historian: Casey T.
Chaplains Aide: Raley W.

Patrol Leaders:

Bloo Yeti Patrol Leader: Sam J.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Dalton D.

Thunderhawks Patrol Leader: Seth H.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Brendan A.

Sea Dawgs Patrol Leader: Zachary W.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Drexler R.

Fire Dragons Patrol Leader: Joseph M.
Asst. Patrol Leader: Tim B.

May you Lead with Success...

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We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.troop226.com

April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our fellow Troop 226 friends!

Drexler R. 04-29



Over 35 years in Scouting!
