



Troop 226 News

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Did you have a great Summer Troop 226?

We are back from Summer Camp! Most of us are back from our vacations. We saw a lot, did a lot and most of us have many stories to tell! Mr. Rudy at our recent lock-in showed us his huge adventure he took at Philmont Scout Ranch in which he trained for months to go to. He motivated many of us to want to attend by his slide show. Others it gave ideas on where to go on a High Adventure Camp one day. It was good to hear the boys give input on so many neat places they would like to weekend camp, Summer Camp and Winter Camp in the future.

As for my family, we went to Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort in Orlando, FL. It is the only Disney Resort that is not a traditional hotel. They have RV and Tent camping as well as Cabins, which is where we stayed. We rode horses, they offered fishing, archery and many things that a Boy Scout would like to do. We took water ferries to Disney World and took golf carts or busses to other places. We found out that many Boy Scout Troops from all over the world come to camp here. We saw so many animals, most right from our cabin if not all along the trails and roads. We had a great summer and on behalf of Troop 226, we hope you had a great summer too!

The Scoutmaster Minute

In June, the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) camped at Sycamore Bend Park where we held a Junior Leadership Training session. The PLC prepared for the annual planner of next year's activities and determined which activity planning and Merit Badge opportunities will be offered.

The Patrols are also working toward the National Honor Patrol Award which is given to Patrols who make an extra effort to have the best Patrol possible. The award is a special patch worn next to their Patrol patch and is earned by meeting certain requirements in a three month period such as; two Patrol meetings a month, two Patrol service projects, one Patrol outdoor activity and advancing two member in rank.

The Scoutmasters have recently identified and assigned Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) positions and their duties in the

overall Troop organization. The chart is as follows:

The Scoutmaster guides the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) as he leads the Troop and in particular, the Patrol Leaders in running the Patrols.

First Assistant/Troop Operations, Jeff Thompson, who mentors and provides guidance to the Assistant Patrol Leader (ASPL) as he works with his leadership team to include the Troop OA representative, Librarian, Scribe, Chaplain's Aide, Quartermaster and Historian.

Trail to First Class, Joe Macy, who oversees and maintains a rolling Trail to First Class (TFC) program, mentoring the Troop Instructors in helping Scouts obtain the rank of First Class within 12-18 months.

Trail to Eagle, Jon Jacobs and Mike Taylor, who coordinate and maintain a rolling Trail to

Eagle (TTE) Merit Badge instruction program, providing guidance and direction to Scouts who are First Class rank or above, helping them on their trail to Eagle rank.

Merit Badges, Jesse Ortiz, who works with the Scoutmasters and Committee in coordinating the Troop Merit Badge and outdoor program needs.

Youth Training, Marvin Williams, who develops and maintains the Troop Leadership Training (TLT) program, provides training for every youth leadership role by conducting TLT for newly elected and appointed Troop leaders.

We currently have two positions still open: ASM, New Scout and ASM, Patrols Mentors. Any registered adult who is interested may inquire.

Chris Wright, Scoutmaster

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Committee Chair Corner



The more things change...

For the one person who may not be aware; I was fortunate enough to participate in a Philmont 75th Anniversary trek this June. The experience was spectacular and I cannot even begin to describe it (though I tried very hard with my slide show at the August Planner). Many among my family and friends have asked what was different between this trek and my last 24 years earlier, the 50th

Anniversary. The Truth is that even though both the World and I have changed, Philmont itself is virtually the same in every way. The adventure is still a group of capable young men, hitting the trail with packs on and a map in hand, tackling mountains and other challenges over the course of 10 days in Scouting Paradise!

Having the opportunity to attend Philmont along with Summer Camp at Hale Scout

Reservation and Webelos Resident Camp at James Ray, truly allowed me to witness the change and growth each of these Scouting opportunities offered and it is thoroughly amazing to see it all happening in our Troop on a daily basis. I so look forward to seeing what the Scouts chose to do in 2014 to continue along the journey!

Rudy Kamman
Committee Chair

Our Webmaster's Spin



I have a little Website quiz for the Scouts. All Scouts who can correctly answer all these questions correctly at the next Troop meeting will win a prize! Answers must be written down and handed to me. All answers can be found on the Troop Website or Troopkit.

1. What is the Troop email address for our Service Coordinator?
2. What is the date of the next Court of Honor?
3. Where can you find a Blue Card to fill out and print? (Be Specific)
4. Who are the first three First Aid Merit Badge Counselors for the Troop? (Hint Troopkit)
5. What does money from our Recycled Aluminum Cans go towards?
6. How many pictures of Lake Murray State Park Campout are there?
7. Who earned their Eagle Scout rank on May 21st, 2009?

Joe Macy
Webmaster

Summer Camp Coordinator

Hello Parents and Scouts,

July 14-20, 2013, Troop 226 attended Summer Camp at Hale Scout Reservation in Talihina, OK. We had a great time at camp and the Scouts earned a lot of Merit Badges. They accomplished exactly what they set out to do.

While at camp, the Scouts participated in such things as Horsemanship, Snow Sports, Swimming, Art, First Aid, Nature, Photography, Cinematography and more.

Several earned free time Merit Badges. The Scouts also put together a team that took part in a Whiffleball Tournament. Two of our Scouts participated in a 1 mile swim.

The temperature was actually very nice for Summer Camp. The humidity is what made the weather appear to be extremely hot. Even though the heat and humidity was so high and made the Scouts sweat like they never have before, all endured and stayed well hydrated.

Over the course of the week the Scouts and Adults walked and hiked through woods and up and down trails. I am convinced that everyone averaged walking at least 10 miles, mostly uphill!

As the Summer Camp Coordinator, I want to thank the other adult leaders as well as the Scouts for their help in organizing this event. Everyone stepped up and did their part in making this a very successful Summer Camp.

Jeff Thompson
ASM

Senior Patrol Leader

We had a ton of fun in July. Our Troop rummage sale was a huge success. We had plenty of sales and raised quite a bit of money. Members of our Troop also volunteered to help at the July 4th, 5K Liberty by the Lake run.

Summer Camp was a blast for Troop 226. Hale Scout Reservation was an amazing Scout camp with great food and staffers. Every member of our Troop worked very hard to complete their Merit Badges and some even completed all of

them. The Troop also freely intermingled with other Troops throughout the camp. The Scouts moved quickly and efficiently when setting up and cleaning. Also, thank you to Mr. Macy for an outstanding job at making cracker barrel all week. Our Troop did a great job at Summer Camp!

The PLC planned some great events for August. We held a lock-in at FUMC on August 3rd. The PLC annual planning meeting was held the same

night. The August Campout theme is "Pioneering Fun". The Scouts will make camp gadgets like monkey bridges. We had 5 people participate in a BOR on the 13th and our Court of Honor is on the 27th. If anyone checked out Merit Badge books, please return to Mr. Wright to put back in the Troop Library.

Elmer Yang
Senior Patrol Leader



Advancement

Scouts, you are doing fantastic at advancements and participation this summer. So many of you are really getting things done and requirements marked off; not only that, but I can see a big difference in how you are camping! You can really tell that what you are accomplishing from the requirements is actually working in your application of what you have learned! There are still a few Scouts however that have not filled out the Blue Book recently. If you have not been able to attend but have requirements that you have not yet transferred to the Blue Book, please get that done as soon as you can.

Court of Honor will be really AWESOME for all the things that you have done through the campouts and Merit Badges! The Merit Badges from Summer Camp will have us really busy at August' COH. I was looking through the Merit Badges for Summer Camp and it looks like Hale Scout Reservation got us through almost everything we took. Very few partial earned Merit Badges and TONS of completions. Great job SCOUTS!

We had 3 Scouts pass July's Board of Review: Tenderfoot, Joseph M. and Zachary W., and Second Class, Casey T. We had 5 Scouts pass August' Board of Review: Tenderfoot, Eldon P., Arinze and Tim B., Second Class, Zachary L. and Aiden C. Congratulations to all of you!

Shawn Rowe, Advancements

Scout Service Projects

In July, our Troop served the City of The Colony at the annual Liberty by the Lake 5K and 10K races. The Scouts showed up the evening of the 3rd to help get the race tent and tables ready and sort the race shirts. They were each given their own "Event Staff" shirt and were asked to report the next day to help. Bright and early the next morning, they showed up to hand out water to the thirsty runners who were quite appreciative on their hot runs. We had 12 Scouts come out that day! Thanks to all who volunteered! Stewart Creek Park was a mess the next day after the Liberty by the Lake celebration and seven of our Scouts offered their services to help pick up the mess.

THANK YOU to all who gave up their time during this holiday to serve your community!

Geraldine Leondike, Service Project Coordinator

Adult Training

Youth Protection Training is Mandatory for ALL adult volunteers. For those who have not taken it yet, it is offered at the following site: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx> Create an account, once registered, click on the "E-Learning" to start the YPT training, however once taken, please email me, training@troop226.com, and I can assign you a member ID.

IOLS training is being offered Friday 09/20, 6PM until 9PM, 09/21/2013 at Camp Holland in Weatherford. Contact Andy Stokes, sekotsydn@gmail.com or (682) 225-4904 to register. Another IOLS is being offered on 10/25 at 6PM until 12PM, 10/27/2013, at Camp James Ray and 04/13/2014 at Camp Wisdom. Go to: <http://www.ntrail.org/> for more information.

SM Specific Training can still be taken online. Please email me at: training@troop226.com if you have any questions.

Atim Appio-Riley, Adult Training Coordinator

Fundraising



Our Troop held a HUGE Rummage sale in late June. We made over \$1200.00 for our Troop. Way to go Troop 226! I would like to thank everyone who came out at 3AM that morning to help out, the people that stayed all day, the folks that helped clean up, and a special thanks to Stacy Hale and her family for spending countless hours, day and night, helping me price the merchandise.

Do you know what time it is? It is POPCORN TIME! BSA's largest fundraiser of the year is the sale

of popcorn. Most units earn their entire year's operating money just by selling popcorn. As you well know, Troop 226 needs to make some much needed money and that can be easily done by selling popcorn. Please log on to our Troop website for details about how our popcorn sale will go this year and the incentives that your Scout could stand to earn and win. Please watch for an email on Friday, August 16, regarding a location and time to pick up your Scout's popcorn. Sales start August 17.

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.

Cindy Thompson,
Fundraising

The Great Outdoors



Who wants to be a Pioneer? Sign up now for the August campout at Hills and Hollows in Denton, TX. This month's event is scheduled for August 23-25, 2013. One last blast of outdoor fun before school starts!

Watch Troopkit for emails and check the calendar for September's outing, to be posted soon.

Karen Herring
Outdoor Chair

Treasurer

Hello everyone,

I hope each of you is having a great summer! I cannot believe school is just around the corner. Here's a heads up as to funds that were and are due in the month of August.

\$12.00 per person (Scouts and Scouters alike) was due at our August 13th Troop meeting for our August campout at Hills and Hollows, Denton, TX.

Also along with the summer come vacations and the like so there are a few Scouts that need to pay their July Troop dues.

Troop Financial Snapshot: The Troop began the month of July with \$567.48 in the General Fund.

Rebecca Dougherty, Treasurer

Something you might find
very fun:
[http://www.scoutlander.com
/publicsite/unitcustom.aspx?
UID=2074&CUSTOMID=6321](http://www.scoutlander.com/publicsite/unitcustom.aspx?UID=2074&CUSTOMID=6321)

Equipment

The new trailer and all the equipment is starting to come together nicely. I appreciate the hard work of all who got our new trailer "Scout Ready". We still have more plans to enhance the trailer, but we have come a long way in a short period of time. I also appreciate all those involved in keeping me posted on the Troop's supply needs.

We have our last summer campout in August, which will be a great time for all. I am in the process of replacing some worn out kitchen equipment as well as updating supplies that are requested for our Scouts camping success.

Chris Story, Equipment

Chaplain

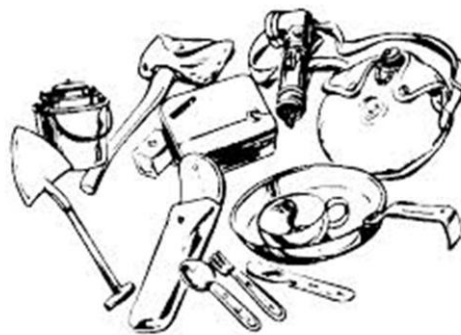
"Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it". Proverbs 22:6

Our Troop is dedicated to developing our Scouts into good, strong men according to the Boy Scout Way; part of that development includes a Spiritual foundation. As the Troop 226 Chaplain, I am committed to guiding the Chaplain's Aide in his duties to the Troop and assisting the Scouts in meeting religious requirements for their individual religious knots. In addition, I am a resource for all of our Troop 226 families. We all endure times of hardship, challenge and loss and it is fitting for Troop 226 families to turn to one another for support. *"For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow.*

But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up"! Ecclesiastes 6:3

You are encouraged to reach out to our Troop for support. I am committed to standing in prayer for our Troop 226 family and I am honored to serve in this capacity.

Becky Story, Chaplain



"Be Prepared"

Troop 226 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.
Troop Guide: Sam J.
OA Representative: Dalton N.

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

July and August Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our fellow Troop 226 friends and family!

Atim Appio-Riley 07/01
Geraldine Leondike 07/02
Mike Taylor 07/13

Sam J. 07/21
Joseph M. 08/05
Jeff Thompson 08/07



Over 35 years in Scouting!