



TROOP TRACKS



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Information is needed to continue the newsletter. If you attend any of our numerous Scout related functions- please give a few sentences summarizing the event, especially any funny or unusual events, to Tina Cornell Schoonover. You will often see me out front with my computer, or bugging people for information. You can also call me at 520-2859 or my cell 601-4200. Also you can email me information at kidstina27@hotmail.com.

Summer Camp

25 scouts and 10 adult Scouters went to Summer Camp at Camp Cherokee 2004. We had lots of 1st year campers. Our scouts completed 49 merit badges and also 28 partials. The Merit badges included: Archery, Canoeing, Climbing, Horsemanship, Indian Lore, Mammal Study, Rifle Shooting, Rowing, Shotgun Shooting, Swimming, Wilderness Survival were the merit badges done. Michael Green and Joseph Stottlemire completed the COPE course and Michael Greene, Michael McArdle, and Eddie Alvarez completed the Lifeguard certification. There was some interesting wildlife to see there, including swimming with the alligators. We won 1st place for best campsite and 1st place for our Theme of the week, which was Christmas in June. Eddie Alvarez, Chase Bennett, and Jacob Greene were honor campers for our troop. Heat and humidity took its toll the first couple of days, but there were no major injuries for which our camp nurse Mrs. Vera was grateful. The tall piney woods and soft pine needle floor made for very beautiful scenery. The adults got to do archery, rifle and shotgun shooting at camp. Mr. Burt was the star shot gunner- getting 5/5 clay pigeons.

Splashtown

On Saturday July 31st, we will be a Troop Fun Day at Splashtown. Our troop is paying the fee for every Troop 228 registered, active Scout and Scouter. For siblings and family members who would like to attend the cost will be \$15.50 for a meal and the entry fee. Please sign-up and money is due by the Monday prior to the trip.

Cedar Badge 2004

Troop 228 sent three Scouts to Cedar Badge this summer from June 6-12th at McGimsey Scout Park. Eddie Alvarez, Josh Cornell, and Jacob Greene completed Cedar Badge.

- They had a great time and learned a lot, especially how to tread water with summer monsoons practically every day they were there.

Canoe Trip

Brad and Mr. Wettig, Josh Cornell, Nick Marek, Michael, Jacob, and Andy Green, Don Lewis, Charlie and Charlie Peterson, Eddie Alvarez, Mark and Phillip Bankey, Will and Jacob Sudds, Cesar and Chris Abinsay, Nik Irizarry, and Robert Stevens left the 13th of July to head to Northern Tier Canoe Base. They will hit the water on Friday morning for the grand tour of the boundary lakes for eight days. We can't wait to hear all the stories!

Attention, Attention!!

Troop 228 needs you. We are looking for a few good men and women to take up the torch and take positions of responsibility for our troop. We are looking for a new Scoutmaster, Activities Chairperson, Treasurer, Advancements Chairperson, and Secretary. We give on the job training; you can train next to the person you will replace. The most effective way to keep your son active in scouts and advancing is to be actively involved in the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee member, or one of the positions above. We also need more adults to attend campouts, to start replacing those who have paid their dues and then some. Remember – it only takes an hour a week!!!

Family Picnic

Our June family get together was a great picnic with burgers, beans, salad, watermelon, cookies, and all the important stuff. We had a great swimming party at McGimsey pool, with a rousing game of watermelon water-football. Mr. Alvarez proved to be a slippery guy able to score touchdowns without being caught. Michael Greene tried to spike one with his head, but had no permanent damage.

August Fishing Trip

Our Third Annual Deep Sea Fishing Expedition is planned for 6th-8th of August. We are trying to load the whole boat with scouts. A firm count is needed by the 3rd of August. The total cost for those going out on the boat is approximately \$81/boy or adult. This amount will include the boat trip, meal on the boat, the meal after the trip, fish filleting, Friday night dinner, 2 breakfasts, and the fish fry. The cost for those not going on the boat is \$15.00. Eat lunch before leaving and bring a sack dinner Friday, we won't be cooking when we get there. A big fish fry is planned for Sunday the 9th. All money is due 8/2/04.

The June **Court of Honor** is cancelled. The next one will be in September on the last Monday of the month 9/27/04.

Winter Camp 2004

We need merit badge counselors and volunteers to assist with activities. Many of those who were registered as Merit Badge Counselors in the past have dropped out of the Council computers. We will verify who is listed with the Council office and ask the rest

to reapply so that we have adequate counselors. The most important merit badges are the Eagle required ones, and then any others you feel qualified for. If not sure, talk to one of the leaders. We have several questions that the troop leadership would like your input on. 1) We are trying to decide if Winter camp would work better for most people from 11/19-11/22 (the weekend before Thanksgiving) or from 12/17-12/20 (the weekend before Christmas). 2) We are thinking of going to the Kerrville Schriener City Park or some other place close to SA but with camping facilities. We are open to suggestions. 3) Last- do you think the winter camp should be just for our Troop or should we invite other troops. Other troops help add merit badge counselors and defray the costs. But more people, requires a larger facility and makes it a little higher key. Please think about these issues and talk with the troop leaders, Assistant Scout Masters, or committee members.

Annual Planning Meeting will be two of our meetings in August. Please think about what you would like to do for the next calendar year and come with suggestions. The planning sessions will be August 16th and 23rd.

SBC

Jessica Simpson will be on the 16th of July, George Lopez on the 24th, August 2nd WWE Raw Wrestling, and August 5th Gloria Estafan. Please sign up to work if able. Call Don Lewis at 326-7440 to sign up.

Popcorn

We need a popcorn Chairman for this year. If you are interested, please plan to attend the August Roundtable, and let Mr. or Mrs. Burt know.

Troop 228 Eagles

We are hatching a record crop of new Eagles this year. We have two scouts, Nathan Jaeb and Jacob Sudds, in the final stages of writing up their reports. Several scouts have their projects approved and are in various stages of working the project: Joshua Cornell, Alex Gomez, and Michael McArdle. Michael Greene and Charlie Peterson are working on their proposals. Please pay attention if you need service hours and plan on participating in these Eagle projects.

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	6:45 PLC				Splashtown-Troop event
7p Troop Meeting/ Northern Tier group returns					

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9 7p Troop Mtg	10	11	12 Eagle Board	13	14
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16 7p Troop Mtg/ Annual Planning	17	18	19	20	21 Canoe Challenge Paseo Del Rio
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30 7p Troop Elections	31 6:45 PLC meeting				

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7p Troop Mtg/COH	PLC				