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### **CAMPOUTS**

The April campout was at Guadalupe State Park to work on skills for the new Scouts and prepare for summer camp. In May, the Troop went to Enchanted Rock for rapelling and climbing merit badges. They saw deer and rabbits; and the local raccoons worked on their climbing merit badges by climbing the tent poles. The Beaver's made Dutch oven Pizza, which turned out fairly well according to the boys. Les Laws, Crissy Lobisser, Susan Spencer, Pat Vera, and Tom McDonald were the Scouters attending. Jorge Alvarez, Jacob Greene, Joseph Stottlemyre, Michael Vera, Justin Lobisser, Josh Schoonover, Eddie Alvarez, Jerrid Stottlemyre, Jonathon Barton, Matt Willmann, and Dayton Corbiere also attended the campout. Summer camp was our June campout, and the July activity was a merit badge make up class on a Saturday. In August the Troop went for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Deep Sea Fishing trip and the adventurous ones of us stayed at Goose "Mosquito" Island. It was a lot hotter this year, and the fishing overall wasn't as successful this year. Of course if you like calamari, it was good- we caught five sharks!! Maybe that's why the other fish stayed away!!

#### **SUMMER CAMP**

Summer Camp this year was the last week in June-July 2. The Scouters attending were John Barron, James Burt, Mike Cuellar, Cindy Sudds, Robert Lindberg, Les Laws, Crissy Lobisser, Susan Spencer, Will Sudds, Pat Vera, Larry Ward, and Liz Wise. The Scouts attending were: Chris and J.C. Abinsay, Eddie Alvarez, Roger Ayala, C.J. Barron, Jonathon Barton, Chase Bennett, Dayton Corbiere, Michael Crum, Joseph Cuellar, Jeffrey Gaddy, Cy Galindo, Joshua Garza, Jared Laws, Robbie Lindberg, Justin Lobisser, John Marek, Zachary Meredith, Joseph Montemayor, Matthew Muller, Brandon Ocampo, Scott Ocampo, Paul Sather, Joshua Schoonover, Matthew Steele, Joseph Stottlemyre, Jacob Sudds, Michael Vera, Phillip Ward, and Mathew Willmann. Summer camp was at Bear Creek this year – love that hill!!!

The older boys, were able to participate in many interesting activities: Cope, Climbing merit badge, Overnight Canoe Trip, Hunter Safety Course, Mountain Biking, Horsemanship, Shotgun/Skeet, and Lifeguard. We had scouts in Horsemanship, Shotgun, Climbing, and Mountain Bike.

For the newest boys there was a Ranger program that aimed at helping them attain 1<sup>st</sup> Class. They got the Fireman Chit and the Totin' Chip and worked on the swimming, and other merit badges. The merit badges recommended for our younger boys (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>

summer camp) were: Art, Athletics, Basketry, Cooking, Computers, First Aid, Fishing, Forestry, Leatherwork, Photography, Pottery, Reptile Studies, Soil and Water Conservation, Swimming, and Wood Carving. Merit Badges recommended, and available for older boys were: Archery, Archaeology, Astronomy, Camping, Canoeing, Communications, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife Management, Geology, Indian Lore, Mammal Study, Nature, Orienteering, Personal Fitness, Pioneering, Rifle, Rowing, Shotgun, Space Exploration, Weather, and Wilderness Survival.

We had a follow up merit badge workday in July to work on merit badge and rank advancement things not completed at summer camp. Robbie Lindberg, Justin Lobisser, Paul Sather, Joshua Schoonover, Matthew Steele, Matthew Willmann, Michael Crum, Dayton Corbiere, and Jonathon Barton attended. The Scouters attending to help the Scouts work on these tasks were: Robert Lindberg, Tina Cornell Schoonover, Susan Spencer, Crissy Lobisser, Darren Corbiere, Johnny Barron, Jim and Roberta Burt, Pat Vera, Cindi Sudds, Will Sudds, and Mike Cuellar.

#### **OA UPDATE**

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, several Troop 228 OA members participated in an OA Indian Heritage exhibition at Luna middle School for the 1<sup>st</sup> annual History Folklife Festival. Jacob Sudds, Eddie Alvarez, Nick Marek, Joseph Cuellar, and Paul Sather answered questions about Indian Regalia and danced throughout the day.

Three Troop 228 Scouts attended the OA section Conclave July 15-17, at Texas State University. Those attending were: Jacob Sudds, Eddie Alvarez, and Joseph Cuellar. The boys competed in Team and individual Native American Dance Competition. The boys took First Place in team dance, with help from the rest of the Indian Heritage Dance Team and Lodge Drum. Jacob Sudds took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Novice Traditional Dance, and Eddie Alvarez took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the same category. Great Work Guys!!

Any OA members are encouraged to attend the Indian Heritage group meetings on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. at the NW Hills Church of Christ near 1604/Braun intersection.

### **ASM and TROOP COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The next ASM meeting will be Sunday September 11, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. and the Committee meeting will be held the same day at 6:30 p.m.

# PATROL LEADER COUNCIL

Your PLC meetings are on the Tuesday after the last Troop meeting of the month. Please be there.

# TROOP ELECTIONS

Troop Elections will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup>. See the next edition for the results.

#### **ADVANCEMENTS**

Justin Lobisser was recently awarded First Class, CJ Barron just made Star, and Joseph Cuellar was recently awarded Life. Jacob Sudds received his Bronze Eagle Palm. Congratulations!!

#### **TROOP 228 EAGLES**

Congratulations to Michael Greene and Charlie Peterson on making Eagle!!! Listen for announcements at Troop meetings for upcoming Eagle projects you can participate in for service hours. One day it will hopefully be your turn!!

ATTENTION PARENTS: Do you hope your son will be an Eagle someday?? 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 some other position. We also need more adults to attend campouts, to start replacing those who have paid their dues and then some. Show your son that you feel Scouting is important by actively participating in the Troop. There are plenty of opportunities for mothers and fathers, and if you have no camping experience- we will be glad to ease you into it.

## **SBC CENTER**

A great way to earn money to help pay for your Scout's campouts, Scout related gear, and activities, is to work at the SBC Center for our Troop. We sell concessions there and make quite a bit of money. Don Lewis is the contact for this fund-raising. His number is 326-7440. See him at the Troop meetings to sign up and plan orientations.

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