



# TROOP TRACKS



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## NEWS FROM THE TROOP COMMITTEE

The Board has been discussing numerous important things over the last few meetings. Here is the most important information affecting you immediately.

1. **Please update your car information and insurance information with Roberta Burt ASAP.** This is especially important if you usually drive for campouts and activities. This information is needed for the troop to complete and submit Tour Permits to the Council for our activities. If these Permits are not completed accurately, we may not be covered by the BSA insurance if an accident occurred. Please do this now!!
2. **The Committee approved a \$5.00 Transportation fee for campouts that will be paid to the Treasurer with Campout money. This money will be given to drivers for the campout to help with gas costs; they will receive \$5.00 from each Scout /Scouter other than their own family members.**
3. We are preparing for the re-charter which will be in February. Everyone is asked to please check the attendance roster for their current phone numbers and rank. If you have moved within the last year, please verify that Mrs. Schoonover has your current address. Please make payments to Mrs. Spencer by December COH for recharter. The cost will be:

**Recharter fee: \$10.00/yr**

**Boys Life fee: \$12.00/yr**

**Troop Dues: \$36.00 /yr**

**OA recharter fee: \$8.00 per youth, \$10.00 per adult**

**Total w/ Boys Life = \$58.00, Total without Boys Life = \$46.00**

**And OA added to this total if applicable.**

The Committee is still working on updating the Bylaws, this is planned to be completed prior to February for Crossovers and recharter. Please see a committee member if you have suggestions or concerns about changes in the Bylaws.

4. There have been changes in the General Usage Policy of the church. If you need to use the Church Building for any Scout activities you need to speak with our Charter Representative Bob Lindberg at least 2 weeks in advance and complete a Facility Request form.
5. Grubmasters are to bring receipts to the Treasurer after purchasing food. Please be sure you are planning enough food for the campout for all who will be eating with you. We don't want hungry Scouts on Campouts.

## WINTER CAMP

Winter Camp will be at Alto Frio Baptist Encampment, near Leakey, Tx this year. We will leave on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December and return on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Burt has already started signing up Scouts for the numerous Merit Badges being offered. If you are interested in attending, please see Mrs. Burt ASAP about your schedule and see Mrs. Spencer ASAP about payment.

## ATTENTION HOLIDAY MEETING SCHEDULE

There will be no meetings on November 21<sup>st</sup>, December 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>, and none on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006.

## GET INVOLVED

**THE BEST WAY TO SEE YOUR SON ADVANCE IN SCOUTING IS TO BE INVOLVED.** We have several troop positions that need to be filled by willing adults who are able to commit to being actively involved:

**Adult Troop Quartermaster-** This person or people (2 could share this position) needs a vehicle capable of towing the Troop Trailer to campouts and activities. You need to be able to attend most campouts and activities. This person works with the Scout Quartermasters and assists the Scouts in organizing, transporting, and caring for the Troop equipment.

**Adult Chaplain-** This person works directly with a group of boys and needs to be able to attend most campouts. This person would assist the Scouts who are Troop Chaplains to organize and plan a worship service on Sunday mornings at the campouts and any other such tasks.

**Training Coordinator-** This person would attend training at the Council level and bring the training back to the Troop for Adult leaders on things such as: Health and Safety, Youth Protection, etc.

**Activities Chairman -** This person would work with Roberta Burt on planning activities of the Scouts choosing, making reservations, obtaining information on the venue and costs, paying deposits, setting deadlines for money to be paid to the treasurer, signing up Scouts for activities, merit badges, etc. Eventually this person would take over this position from Mrs. Burt.

**Fundraising Coordinator-** This person would work on Troop fundraisers like popcorn, and other sales we have done in the past to make money for the troop to do special trips.

**Den Chief Liaison-** This person would work with those Scouts trained or interested in training to be Den chiefs. This person would help connect Den Chiefs with Dens and follow-up and assist the boys as needed.

And of course we always can use more people interested in working at the **SBC Center** to cover our booths there. This is a consistent source of income for our troop and we really need to support it!!

## **CAMPOUTS**

The September campout was cancelled due to possible storms from Hurricane Rita. Instead of camping we had our Troop Orientation Workshop on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> at the church. Our new Troop leaders were trained as to their new duties and how they are to work and communicate with the adult leaders. On Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, a group of Scouts and Scouters attended a Sports Day at Raymond Russell Park. They played games and activities to complete their Sports Merit Badges. The following people attended: Chris Abinsay, Mr. Burt, Mr. and Mrs. Crum, Mr. Cuellar, Joseph Cuellar, Dan Gillette, Mr. and Mrs. Sudds, Jacob Sudds, Mr. Laws, Jared Laws, Justin Lobisser, Anthony Sahedy, Paul Sather, Mr. Schoonover, Joshua Schoonover, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Vera, Michael Vera, Mr. Ward, Phillip Ward, and Matt Willmann.

The October Campout was on the 21<sup>st</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> at Garner State Park. The major focus of the trip was on Saturday night when the group visited the Devil's Sinkhole to watch the bats head out for their nightly feeding. The group watched for over 45 minutes and finally had to head back to camp, but the bats were still coming out. No mosquito problem out there!!

The Troop is currently preparing for the trip to the Lexington in November, when they will head to Corpus early on Saturday morning the 12<sup>th</sup> and return Sunday. Winter Camp will be at Alto Frio Baptist Encampment near Leakey from December 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **SUMMER CAMP**

Summer Camp 2006 will be at Buffalo Trails in west Texas. We will be going the second week of June, leaving the 11<sup>th</sup> and returning on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information and payment deadlines.

## **OA UPDATE**

Jacob Sudds, Eddie Alvarez, and Joseph Cuellar attended the OA Fall Fellowship. They taught Native American Dancing lessons, drumming and regalia making, assisted with the Brotherhood and Vigil callouts, and danced for the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Sudds also attended the Fellowship which was at Bear Creek. Charlie Peterson made Vigil.

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. We will need lots of help for crossover teams in February.

## **ASM and TROOP COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The next ASM meeting will be Sunday November 13, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. and the Committee meeting will be held the same day at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Burt has assigned ASM's to work with each patrol to try to ensure there is progress towards ranks and merit badges ongoing. The assigned ASM's are as follows:

**Beavers - Bob Lindberg**  
**Scorpions - Cesar Abinsay**  
**Dragons - Joe Crum**  
**Bisons - Darren Corbiere**  
**Anacondas - Les Laws**  
**NightHawks - Will Sudds.**

**For new parents - if you have concerns about your son's advancement or completion of merit badges the best person to speak to would be the ASM. Please occasionally ask to see your son's tracking sheet for Rank Advancement and Merit Badges. If you need to check on where they are currently you can speak with Liz Wise, Advancement Chair. Cindy Sudds is in charge of Merit Badges Counselors.**

**Keeping copies of the tracking sheet, the sign-off pages in the back of the Scout Book, and the cards the Scout receives for new ranks and merit badges is very important in case you ever have to prove they completed something.**

**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 were held on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Your new PLC is as follows:  
 SPL - Joseph Cuellar  
 ASPL - Jacob Sudds  
 ASPL - Chris Abinsay  
 QuarterMaster - Brad Wettig and CJ Barron  
 Chaplain's Aide - Matthew Steele  
 Historian - Paul Sather  
 Scribe - Philip Ward  
 OA Rep - Eddie Alvarez  
 Librarian - Nick Marek

<u>Anaconda's</u>	<u>Bison's</u>	<u>Dragons</u>
PL - Mike Vera	PL - <i>matth steele</i>	PL - Skylar Coy
		APL - Philip Ward
<u>Scorpions</u>	<u>Beavers</u>	<u>Knighthawks</u>
PL - John Marek	PL - Matthew Willmann	PL - Nick Marek
APL - Dayton Corbiere	APL - Jerrid Laws	APL - Eddie Alvarez

**ADVANCEMENTS**

Daniel Gillete was recently awarded the Scout rank at our September Court of Honor. Robbie Lindberg, Joseph Montemayor, Joshua Schoonover, and Matthew

Willmann just completed Tenderfoot. Chase Bennett received his 2<sup>nd</sup> Class rank, and Jonathon Barton, Michael Crum, and Jeffrey Gaddy reached their Star rank. Chris Abinsay, JC Abinsay, and Joseph Stottlemeyre have attained the rank of Life. Alex Gomez received his Bronze Eagle Palm and Charlie Peterson received his Gold Eagle palm. 116 Merit Badges were earned and received by our Scouts at the September Court of Honor. Those who completed Merit Badges were: Chris Abinsay, JC Abinsay, Eddie Alvarez, Jorge Alvarez, Roger Ayala, Philip Bankey, CJ Barron, Jonathon Barton, Chase Bennett, Santos Castillo, Dayton Corbiere, Skylar Coy, Michael Crum, Joseph Cuellar, Jeffrey Gaddy, Cy Galindo, Nicholas Gallardo, Joshua Garza, Jacob Greene, Michael Greene, Dustin Laws, Jared Laws, Robbie Lindberg, Justin Lobisser, John Marek, Zachary Meredith, Joseph Montemayor, Matthew Muller, Brandon Ocampo, Charles Ocampo, Paul Sather, Joshua Schoonover, Mathew Steele, Joseph Stottlemeyre, Jerrid Stottlemeyre, Jacob Sudds, Mike Vera, Phillip Ward, and Matthew Willmann.  
**Congratulations to ALL!!**

### **TROOP 228 EAGLES**

Jacob Sudds had his Eagle Court of Honor in October!! It was led by his OA brothers, Nick Marek, Eddie Alvarez, and Joseph Cuellar. It was a wonderful ceremony and Congratulations on all your hard work Jacob!!

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.**

## **NEW VENTURE PATROL**

Troop 228 hopes to have our new Venture Patrol up and running within the next month or so. The Venture Patrol will be part of the Troop and the focus will be to do more High Adventure activities for the older Scouts at campouts and also to help train the younger Scouts. To join the Venture Patrol a scout must be 14 years old, a Life Scout, and be interviewed by Mr. Sudds. Mr. and Mrs. Sudds will be the patrol advisors. It will be a privilege to be part of the Venture Patrol and we hope this will make Scouts continue to be exciting to the older Scouts.

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	November 1		2 7:00pm Roundtable	3	4
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7 7:00pm Troop Mtg / Class A Inspection	8	9	10 7:00pm Eagle Board	11 8:00am Wood badge II	12 7:00am Lexington Overnighter leave early
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14 7:00pm Troop Mtg	15	16	17	18 6:00pm Campout	19 9:00am Campout
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21 7:00pm Troop Mtg / BOR	22	23	24	25	26
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12 7:00pm Troop Mtg/ Christmas COH	13	14	15	16 5:00pm Winter Camp	17 8:30am Winter Camp
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19 8:30am Winter Camp 7:00pm Troop Mtg / BOR	20 8:30am Winter Camp	21	22	23	24
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2 7:00pm No Troop Mtg	3	4	5 7:00pm Roundtable	6	7
9 7:00pm Troop Mtg- Inspection <i>OA ELECTIONS</i>	10	11	12 7:00pm Eagle Board	13	14
16 7:00pm Troop Mtg	17	18	19	20 6:00pm Freeze-o-ree	21 8:00am Freeze-o-ree
23 7:00pm Troop Mtg BOR	24	25	26	27	28 8:00am
30 7:00pm Troop Mtg	31				29 9:00am

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		February 1	2	3	4
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					9:00am Scout Sunday
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7:00pm Troop Mtg					9:00am New Leader Essentials and BS Leader Training
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7:00pm Troop Mtg BOR					9:00am Den Chief Training, Youth Protection, Health, and Safety
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27	28				
7:00pm Troop Mtg					