

TROOP TRACKS

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TROOP 228 IS CHARTERED TO THE NORTHWEST HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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New Patrol Leader Council

On September 3, 2002, Troop 228 held its' semi-annual Troop Elections. The new SPL is Casey Lopez. The new ASPL's are Michael Burt, Michael Greene, and Nick Marek. The new Scribes are Kevin Eikman and Joseph Stottlemire. The Historian is Michael Vera, and Quartermasters are Joshua Cornell, Eddie Alvarez, and Towne Besel. The O/A Rep is Charlie Peterson. The Chaplain's Aides are Jacob Greene and Jerrod Stottlemire. The Bugler is Jacob Sudds. The Patrol Leader for the Anacondas is Michael Vera, and APL is Chris Abinsay. The Cobras Patrol Leader is Jorge Alvarez and James Lloyd. The Coyotes Patrol Leader is Joshua Lopez and APL is Joshua Cornell. The Owls Patrol Leader is Dustin Laws and APL is Nicolas Gallardo. The Patrol Leader of the

JULY COURT OF HONOR

Our summer Court of Honor was held on July 30th, 2002. Beautiful new mother's ribbons, made by Janaye Bruton, were given to all of the mothers attending. Numerous new ranks were awarded, as well as many merit badges earned this spring and summer. Two outstanding young men, Michael McArdle and Alex Gomez, were named as Honor Campers for Summer Camp 2002. These boys stepped in to fill the leadership positions left void while the ASPL's were all on special programs at summer camp - Cavalcade and Mountain Man. They were of invaluable assistance to Mrs. Burt at Base Camp.

PLC Continued----

Wolverines is Matthew Muller and the APL is Ryan Campbell. Congratulations to everyone on their new positions.

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR FOR ADAN PENA

Benito Adan Pena held his Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday August 10, 2002. Adan built a beautiful prayer garden in the wooded area on the north side of Northwest Hills UMC as his Eagle Project. Adan has served as SPL of the troop among many other leadership positions.

Adan is heading to college very soon. Congratulations to Troop 228's newest Eagle Scout!!

REMINDER

Scouts paying dues monthly should get the money to Mrs. Harvey by the first Tuesday each month.

CAPTURE THE FLAG AT BEAR CREEK

The September campout was a trip to Bear Creek on September 20-22. The boys formed teams and played multiple games of Capture the Flag and Volleyball. They got lots of exercise and had a great time!

GOOSE ISLAND STATE PARK AND DEEP SEA FISHING

Troop 228 went to Goose Island near Rockport Texas for our last summer campout. The scouts were all able to work on the fishing merit badge. Many Scouts and Scouters went Deep Sea Fishing on the "Wharf Cat". The biggest "fish story" was Eddie Alvarez, Jr. catching the Big One - a shark! Remember a scout is BRAVE!! Thanks to Mrs. Sudds for helping the Scouts with the merit badge and thanks to all who helped plan this fun adventure.

MERIT BADGE MAKE-UP

There was a make-up day on Saturday, July 27th, for all incomplete Merit Badges from all previous Summer Camps and Winter Camps and any other outstanding Merit Badges. Lots of progress was made toward completed merit badges. Thanks to all the adult leaders who made this possible. Way to go Troop 228!

POPCORN SALES

YES -it is the Boy Scout version of those tasty cookies---- it is fall and time to sell POPCORN! This is a great way for the boys to add to their accounts and help pay for all of the upcoming fun activities. Scouts can sell popcorn door to door, at their parent's work, at church, or any other safe location that has been approved by the manager. Please see Mrs. Tina Lopez or Mrs. Luann Kirk for your popcorn order forms and for any questions. Have fun, BE SAFE, and SELL!!!

PATROL OF THE MONTH

You are being watched!!

We will announce the Patrol of the Month the following month. The winner will be chosen by the following criteria:

- Attendance
- Uniform Inspection
- Wearing Uniform of the Day
- Scout Spirit
- Use of the Patrol Method

If you have questions, please speak to Mr. Gill or Mr. Burt.

CANOE BASE 2004

If you enjoy canoeing and scenery, talk to Mr. Burt, Mr. Greene, Mr. Besel or any of the other canoers about this.

NOTICE

Anyone who has unfinished Merit Badge Counselor Applications please turn them into Mr. Gomez ASAP. "Pretty Please!!"

SWIMMING PARTY

The annual Troop swimming party was held at the Silver Creek Pool on August 13, 2002. There were great slides and football with a greased watermelon was a blast. There was a lot of fun and food. The boys loved swimming until 10:00 p.m. Thanks to the organizers of this great event!

DEN CHIEFS

Leadership is necessary for making rank in Scouts. An easy way for you to meet this requirement is to act as a Den Chief for a Cub Scout Den. The Den Chief is supposed to assist the Adult leaders with openings and activities to keep the Cubs busy and achieving the tasks needed to make rank as a Cub. You can find many ways to use your talents as a Den Chief. The Council will be holding Den Chief training soon. If you are interested talk to Michael Greene and others who have been a Den Chief. It may be right for you!

ORDER OF THE ARROW

By James Burt, Scoutmaster
The Order of the Arrow (OA), is Scouting's National Honor Society. It is an organization within the Boy Scouts of America almost as old as Scouting itself. Started in 1915 as a summer camp program, it has grown to be a national organization with almost every council across the United States having an OA lodge.

Members are chosen by their fellow scouts in an annual Order of the Arrow unit election. Youth are elected by secret ballot by the youth of the unit after approval of the leader. To be eligible for OA, a scout must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America, hold the rank of First Class (as a minimum), and have at least 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period immediately prior to the elect. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America.

The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. This year, Troop 228 will hold OA Elections on November 12, 2002. An OA team from the Keystone District will be at the troop meeting to run the election. Each scout may vote for any or all of those nominated by the Scoutmaster that they believe to be worthy. When you select a candidate, select those who, in your opinion, have set the best examples of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. Select only those you believe will continue in unselfish service to the troop. When the voting is finished, the District OA team counts the number of ballots turned in and enters that number on the election report. Every ballot will be counted. All or any number of the eligible candidates can be elected. There is no limit. Once the ballots have been counted and turned in the scouts elected to the OA will be "tapped out" at a district function such as Freeze-o-ree or Camporee. Make sure you attend this special night!!

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