

TROOP TRACKS

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TROOP 228 IS CHARTERED TO THE NORTHWEST HILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WINTERCAMP AND EAGLE WORKSHOP

Soon Troop 228 and several other Troops will be putting on our annual WinterCamp.

Why should you go to Winter camp? Because going to Winter Camp and Summer Camp is the best way to earn Eagle required merit badges and unusual badges that require special equipment or situations - like archery, rifle, shotgun, wilderness survival.

The Eagle required Merit Badges are: First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Environmental Science, Camping, Family Life, Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving, Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling. Many of these badges require work over a longer period of time than can be accomplished during camp. For example,

**TODAY IS THE
LAST DAY TO PAY
FOR YOUR
POPCORN. IF
YOU NEED TO
PAY, PLEASE SEE
TINA LOPEZ ON
NOVEMBER 26,
2002.**

TROOP 228 TAKES MOODY GARDENS

Troop 228 just got back from visiting Moody Gardens in Galveston, Texas over the weekend of November 13-17. The Troop was able to stay inside the pyramids and get night time tours of them. There is a rainforest pyramid, a space pyramid, IMAX theatre, and some really cool rides. No one got lost this time, and it was a great time!

TWO NEW EAGLES WILL SOON BE LANDING!!

Christian Ortiz met the Keystone District Eagle Board on September 12, 2002.

Towne Besel met the Board on November 14, 2002.

They were both successful and each will be planning their Eagle Court of Honor soon. They have worked hard and Troop 228 is proud of both of them!

Congratulations to Christian, Towne, and their parents.

REMINDER

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

WinterCamp continued- both Personal Fitness and Personal Management require some work to be done over a 90 day period.

Some of the other merit badges have prerequisites that you should do before camp. You need to speak with the counselor and see if there are any parts of the badge you need to start working on now. This will help you get the most accomplished at Winter Camp possible. Always try to go to both Winter and Summer Camps and try to do some Eagle Required Badges as well as some fun or unusual ones. This way you will continue to progress in rank and prepare for your Eagle requirements and still have lots of fun also. If you haven't signed up for Winter Camp yet, it may still be possible. See Mrs. Burt or Mrs. Harvey for details.

SCOUT FUN

SPL Casey Lopez and Mr. Wettig are working with the older boys to set up some high adventure fun- like scuba, sailing, canoeing, horseback riding, hiking, talk to these guys and join in the fun!! First Class and above.

FALL CAMPOREE

Troop 228 took a small group of Scouts, Scouters, and Webelos to the Fall Camporee at Camp Bullis October 11-13th. Our Troop did an obstacle course, which was a real hit. All the boys had a great time!

POPCORN SALES

Thanks to Mrs. Tina Lopez for all her hard work coordinating the Popcorn Sales for Troop 228. Several Scouts sold Popcorn, which will help the Troop, the District, and each Scouts ISA.

PAMPERED CHEF

Suzanne Murray helped to coordinate the Pampered Chef sales - another fund raiser for Troop 228. The orders have gone in and the products will be delivered shortly after Thanksgiving so that they will be here in time for Christmas. Great Job!!

SBC CENTER AND UTSA

These two fund raisers are a great way to add to your families ISA - and not to pay out of pocket for Scout activities. See Don Lewis or Mrs. Gill for details.

KRISPY KREME DONUTS

Troop 228 also sold the kool new Krispy Kreme Donuts cards as a fund raiser this fall. Luke Weatherby was the biggest seller for this, and he received a tee shirt. Several Scouts won special cups in a drawing for all those who sold donuts. We have had a busy fund raising fall, those ISA's should be looking good!

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.

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