



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.

FALL CAMPOREE

Who was that masked troop that took the place by storm?? Of course, it was Troop 228!!! Our awesome group of boys won not one but TWO trophies at the Camporee in Boerne on September 17-19th. Our number one team beat them all at Volleyball- we were unaware of the stupendous talent in our troop! (Maybe we will have to practice that volleyball a little- hum? We'll do it again next year!). We also seem to have hidden talent for tug of war!!! We took the first place trophy for both of these. Way to go guys!!

OCTOBER CAMPOUT

The October campout date was changed to the last weekend in October. We will be going to Bandera Wilderness State Park. Mr. Jaeb will be helping our Scouts work on the Orienteering merit badge. Please see the revised October calendar. We are looking forward to Capture the Flag at Bastrop State Park in November.

POPCORN

Want to help pay for Scout equipment and campouts?? Sell Popcorn!!! The Popcorn Chairman for this year is Monica Holmes. She has order forms and show and sell signups several times each week. To reach Monica call 681-0097 or look for her at the Troop meetings. You can also start taking orders. The orders need to be in by the end of October. Checks should be made out to Troop 228. The orders will be available for you to pick up about mid- November.

WINTER CAMP 2004

Winter Camp has been scheduled for the weekend before Christmas leaving on Friday and returning on Tuesday. Winter camp will be at Kerrville Schriener City Park.

We need merit badge counselors and volunteers to assist with activities. See Cindy Sudds to apply. 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. Information on signing up for Winter Camp and the costs will be forthcoming.

OA UPDATE

The OA Fall Fellowship will be on 10/15-10/17/04 at Bear Creek. The cost is \$8.00 for most, and \$23.00 if testing for Brotherhood. If you are interested in joining the Indian Heritage group, you need to come to the meetings on Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. at the NW Hills Church of Christ near 1604/Braun intersection. The OA elections for our troop will be on November 15, 2004.

ASM and TROOP COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The next ASM meeting will be Sunday October 10, 2004 at 5:30 p.m. and the Committee meeting will be held the same day at 6:30 p.m. A sub committee has been formed to update our troop bylaws. The Bylaw Committee members are: Mr. Burt, Mr. Pena, Mrs. Cornell Schoonover, and Mrs. Garza. We would like to receive any suggestions you may have for amendments or updates to the bylaws, by October 15, 2004.

Our Committee voted for our Troop to provide several types of service to our Charter Organization – NW Hills United Methodist Church. Scouts and Scouters from our troop will help the Church unload pumpkins for it's Pumpkin Patch on Saturday 9/26/04. We will also help with Angel Tree to buy gifts for children whose parents are incarcerated, assist with the Breakfast with Santa, and assist in providing Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to families that the church has identified to sponsor.

PATROL LEADER COUNCIL

Your leaders have been working to make things better for all Scouts. It was decided that we will purchase 10x10 dining flys for the patrols to use at campouts. They also decided to buy a volleyball set so that our troop can play volleyball on campouts starting in 2005. The PLC also decided to move all troop campouts to the last week of every month starting in January of 2005. Another issue that was brought up at the last PLC meeting is whether "unnatural hairstyles" may pose a safety hazard and whether it is consistent with an appropriate Scout image. This is still being researched by the Troop Committee. If you have any opinions about this, feel free to talk to the Committee members.

The plan for October Troop Meetings was also discussed and planned. The October Program Patrol will be the Anacondas, and the Service Patrol will be the Dragons. On October 4th, the focus will be on updating and verifying merit badge records. The Troop Meeting on October 11th and 18th will focus on planning for the October campout. Bring your compasses to both of these meetings- Mr. Jaeb will do compass training in preparation for the campout.

CEDAR BADGE 2004

Cedar Badge is a leadership course for Scouts. It is one week long, usually in early June. Any interested Scouts need to write a letter stating why you want to attend Cedar Badge and submit this letter to Mr. Burt by early December. A lot of the older Scouts have already gone, so talk to them about it if you have questions.

TROOP 228 EAGLES

Our Eagle crop continues. We have four Scouts, Nathan Jaeb, Jacob Sudds, Damien La Kemper, and Joshua Cornell, in the final stages of writing up their reports. Alex Gomez held his work day for his project on Saturday, September 25th. He created 301 personal hygiene kits for the SAMM Shelter and delivered them. Michael McArdle is working on a toy box for Saint PJ's and Charlie Peterson worked on his Eagle Project on October 2nd. His project was to build a shed at his church. Michael Greene is working on his proposal. Please pay attention if you need service hours and plan on participating in these Eagle projects. Charlie Peterson and Michael McArdle are actively working on their projects so please sign up to help them complete their projects soon!! One day it will hopefully be your turn!!

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.

PLC MEMBERS FOR TROOP 228

Senior Patrol Leader	- Eddie Alvarez
Assistant SPL	- Jerrid Stottlemire
Assistant SPL	- Josh Cornell
Troop Scribes	-Joseph Stottlemire and John Marek
Troop Historian	-Philip Bankey
Troop Librarian	-Nick Marek
Troop Quartermasters	-Joseph Cuellar and CJ Barron
OA Representative	-JC Abinsay and Jacob Sudds
Troop Chaplain Aide	-Chris Abinsay
Troop Bugler	-Jorge Alvarez

Patrol Leaders are as follows:

Dragons – Philip Ward PL, Skylar Coy APL
Scorpions – Jonathon Barton PL, Dayton Corbier APL
Bisons- Matthew Steele PL, Conner McCaffety APL
Knighthawks – Damion La Kemper PL, Charlie Peterson APL
Anaconda – Michael Vera PL.

October 2004

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				October 1 Powder Horn II	2 Powder Horn II
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4 7p Troop Mtg/ Class A Inspection	5	6	7 Roundtable	8	9
					10 5:30 ASM/ 6:30 Comm. Mtg
11 7p Troop Mtg	12	13	14	15 OA Fall Fellowship Bear Creek	16 OA Fall Fellowship Bear Creek
			Eagle Board		17 OA Fall Fellowship Bear Creek
18 7p Troop Mtg/ Board of Reviews	19	20	21	22 Outdoor Leader Skills	23 Outdoor Leader Skills
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25 7p Troop Mtg	26 PLC	27	28	29 Troop Campout Bandera Wilderne	30 Troop Campout Bandera Wilderne
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8 7p Troop Mtg	9	10	11	12 Wood Badge I	13 Wood Badge I
15 7p Troop Mtg/OA Elections	16	17	18	19 Campout Bastrop SP	20 Campout Bastrop SP
22 7p Troop Mtg/Board of Reviews	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26	27
29 7p Troop Mtg	30 PLC				

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