



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.

Cedar Badge 2004

Troop 228 sent three Scouts to Cedar Badge this summer. Cedar Badge is a leadership training program for Scouts who have already achieved First Class. Any interested Scouts need to write a letter stating why you want to attend Cedar Badge and submit this letter to Mr. Burt ASAP. A lot of the older Scouts have already gone, so talk to them about it if you have questions.

Canoe Trip

A group of 228 Scouts and Scouters traveled to Northern Tier Canoe Base in Minnesota from July 13th to the 26th. They had lots of fun and quiet time enjoying the beauty and majestic surroundings. There were gorgeous tall trees, and lots of lakes. Don Lewis twisted his knee early in the trip, so he managed to get out of carrying the canoe or big bags. Philip Bankey caught a Pike and placed it in a secure cove, and then Josh Cornell caught a bass and placed it in there also. The Pike had already been there over 2 hours, but the bass was the first escape artist who found a way out. Brad and Mr. Wettig, Josh Cornell, Nick Marek, Michael, Jacob, and Andy Green, Don Lewis, Charlie and Charlie Peterson, Eddie Alvarez, Mark and Phillip Bankey, Will and Jacob Sudds, Cesar and Chris Abinsay, Nik Irizarry, and Robert Stevens were all part of the group. They hit the water on Friday morning for the grand tour of the boundary lakes for eight days. Eddie Alvarez fell off a tree limb at Eddie Falls. He also rolled his sleeping bag into the lake another time. Wonder if he was ever dry during the trip?? Mrs. Sudds and Ben went out on their own nearby Canoe Base. Mrs. Sudds caught 2 ½ pound small mouth bass, and over 40 fish. They saw eagles, deer, and a wolf. The crews traveled between 65-85 miles in their 8 days on the lakes. Pretty impressive!!

Attention, Attention!!

We asked and you answered. Troop 228 has been served many years by several dedicated volunteers. Our current Treasurer: Heidi Harvey, Advancements Chairperson: Pat Vera, and Secretary: Suzanne Murray, will train and assist our new volunteers. We are happy to welcome Chrissy Lobisser as our new Treasurer, Liz Wise as our new Advancements Chairperson, and Ileana Garza is our new Secretary. A huge thank you To all the soon out-going staff.

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 one of the positions above. We also need more adults to attend campouts, to start replacing those who have paid their dues and then some. Remember – it only takes an hour or so a week!!!

August Fishing Trip

Our Third Annual Deep Sea Fishing Expedition was the 6th-8th of August. We were almost able to load the whole boat with scouts. The water was very calm this year, so no one got sea sick. There was a big fish fry Sunday the 9th. It was a great time according to those who went and lots of fish were landed!

The September **Court of Honor** is scheduled for the last Monday of the month 9/27/04. Please plan to attend. All of our Summer Camp awards and many other summer activities will be discussed.

Winter Camp 2004

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.** We have several questions that the troop leadership would like your input on. 1) We are trying to decide if winter camp would work better for most people from 11/19-11/22 (the weekend before Thanksgiving) or from 12/17-12/20 (the weekend before Christmas). 2) We are thinking of going to the Kerrville Schriener City Park or some other place close to SA but with camping facilities. We are open to suggestions. 3) Last- do you think the winter camp should be just for our Troop or should we invite other troops. Other troops help add merit badge counselors and defray the costs. But more people, requires a larger facility and makes it a little higher key. Please think about these issues and talk with the troop leaders, Assistant Scout Masters, or committee members.

Alaska

Jerrid Stottlemire joined a group of Scouts and Scouters from our District that traveled to Alaska in July. They flew into Anchorage with temperatures in the 90's- almost like home. Then they drove to Palmer where they boarded a train to Fairbanks. Here they toured gold mines. Then they traveled to the Denali National Park. They

hiked throughout the area, which includes Mt. McKinley. They then traveled throughout many smaller towns doing such activities as white water rafting, salmon and halibut fishing, camping on sandbars and beaches, and a jade factory. Their trip lasted 17 nights from July 10th-July 27th.

Popcorn

The Popcorn Chairman for this year is Monica Holmes. She will have order forms and show and sell signups which can start on the 11th of September. To reach Monica call 681-0097 or look for her at the Troop meetings.

Troop 228 Eagles

We are hatching a record crop of new Eagles this year. We have two scouts, Nathan Jaeb and Jacob Sudds, in the final stages of writing up their reports. Jacob collected over 1600 books, coloring books, and other prizes equal to \$5000.00 for St. PJ's ministry. Joshua Cornell spent two weekends in August with his volunteers developing a new soccer field for River City Christian School. He is ready to start his final write up now also. Other scouts have their projects approved and are in various stages of working the project: Alex Gomez, and Michael McArdle. Charlie Peterson will soon start working on his Eagle Project which to build a shed at his church – so listen for his announcements. Michael Greene is working on his proposal. Please pay attention if you need service hours and plan on participating in these Eagle projects. Alex Gomez and Michael McArdle are actively working on their projects so please sign up to help them complete their projects soon!! One day it will be your turn we hope.

Troop Elections

Troop elections were held the last Monday in August. The new Senior Patrol Leader for Troop 228 is Eddie Alvarez, his 1st Assistant SPL is Jerrod Stottlemire, and his other Assistant SPL is Josh Cornell. The Troop Historian is Philip Bankey- give any good pictures or other troop memorabilia to him. The Troop Librarian who will track of Merit Badge books for the troop is Nick Marek. The Troop Quartermasters who will help organize the scouts at campouts are Joseph Cuellar, and CJ Barron. The Troop Scribes who will gather troop information for the newsletter and other resources are Joseph Stottlemire and John Marek. The OA Representative who will keep the troop informed on OA functions is JC Abinsay. The Troop Chaplain Aide is Chris Abinsay, and the Bugler is Jorge Alvarez. The Patrol Leaders are as follows: Dragons – Philip Ward, Scorpions – Jonathon Barton, Knighthawks – Damian La Kemper, and The Bison /Cobras - Connor McCafferty and Matt Steele. The Anaconda PL will be decided by next meeting. The new group of leaders will be required to attend the TOW or Troop Orientation Workshop on ~~Sunday~~ ^{Sat}, September 12, 2004. It will be at the NW Hills UMC- listen at the meeting for times. Congratulations to the new leaders!!

Jacob Sudds

8A/8p.

September 2004

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7p Troop Mtg / Board of Review				Outdoor Leader Skills Training	Youth Prot./Health& Safety McGin
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7p Troop Mtg/COH	PLC				

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7p Troop Mtg/ Class A Inspection			Roundtable		
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7p Troop Mtg				OA Fall Fellowship Bear Creek	OA Fall Fellowship Bear Creek
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7p Troop Mtg/ Board of Reviews				Troop Campout Bandera Wilderne	Troop Campout Bandera Wilderne
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