

# The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

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## **The 2014 Lion's Club Pancake Festival.**

**Thank You!!! To all the Scouts and Scouters who helped out at the Pancake Festival. It was a lot of FUN and many comments were received on how well the Scouts did.**

Scouts and Scouters were asked to help the Lions sell tickets to the Pancake Festival.

**Unsold Tickets and / or Money need to be turned in to Mr. Cherry at the next Monday night Scout meeting. Thanks !!!!**

## **Make plans now to attend the Troop 157 Spring Break Trip.**

**March 15 – 19, 2014.** We will camp at Mr. Liners Ranch. There are many things to do at the ranch including scoping out the exotic deer and animals. Plans are to tour the **Nimitz Museum** in Fredericksburg on Monday and on Tuesday get to do a **wild cave tour** in the Colorado Bend State Park. We will return to Lubbock on Wednesday. The cost for the trip is \$140.00 per person.

This is an all-inclusive price and includes all fees, fuel and food except for Wednesday lunch on the way home. Scouts may want some spending money for snacks and souvenirs. This is shaping up to be a really fun, exciting and a little different trip. Scouts and Scouters, sign up at Monday's meeting.

## **Exciting News!!!**

**Troop 157 has a Trek for Philmont in June 2014.** Trek dates are **June 11-25, 2014.** We have added two more Scouts to the trek. We still have available space. The troop has wanted this opportunity for some time now, and we have a trek secured. To go to Philmont, Scouts have to be 14 years old and have obtained the rank of First Class. Mr. Voland has agreed to be the Scouter coordinating the Philmont Trek. A Trek consists of 12 people, Scouts and Scouters. Slots are filled on a first come first serve basis. With the new council guidelines, we won't know if we can get a trek in 2015.

## **We need to fill up our Philmont Trek.**

**Please consider this opportunity to go to "Scouting's Paradise" and take in all that Philmont has to offer. Philmont is a "not to be missed" type of event and is a fun**

**and life changing adventure.** Time is running short; summer will be here before we know it. The “Crew” needs to be working together, making plans, and working on conditioning. Come on, get off the fence, and make the commitment to go to Philmont!

### **Merit Badge College**

If you are interested in attending **Merit Badge College**, contact the South Plains Council office and get registered for your classes. **Merit Badge College is Saturday, March 1, 2014.**

In our planning sessions, one of the things discussed was that **Scouts needs to be fun.** The Troop is offering Merit Badge classes that are not the same ol’ same ol’. In the line of Fun, we want to schedule other Monday night activities that pique the Scouts interest and are fun. Make Monday night Scouts a “not to be missed” event. We have scheduled **Merit Badge Classes continue and include: Home Repairs, Entrepreneurship, Woodworking, Computers, Pioneering, Railroading, Fingerprinting , Veterinary Medicine.**

**Our Troop needs certified Range Safety Officers (RSO) and Instructors for rifle and shotgun as well as archery.** Contact Michael Phy if you are interested in taking these classes. See following note from Anthony Wilson.

Hello Fellow Scouters,

I will be offering some heavily discounted NRA classes for BSA leaders in March and April. Boy Scout and Venture shooting

sports policies require an NRA Range Safety Officer and an NRA Certified Instructor for the discipline of the shooting activity (rifle, shotgun, muzzle loading rifle, muzzle loading shotgun, pistol- Venture only). Please contact me if you are interested or need more information about these training opportunities.

3/8: NRA Range Safety Officer (Lubbock) 3/9 plus 3/14-3/16: NRA Certified Rifle/Shotgun Instructor Development Workshop (Camp Post) 4/12-4/13: NRA Certified Pistol Instructor Development Workshop (Lubbock) 4/26: Muzzle Loading Rifle Instructor Development Workshop (TBA)

Thank you,  
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Troop 157 has another service project we work with.

**Our Troop serves at the Autism Walk.** We help set-up, take down and run the booths. **This year the Autism Walk will be April 27, 2014.** Serve and give back to the community and walk away feeling truly blessed.

***Scouts need Participation Points and Service Hours for their rank advancement.***

**Plan now to attend Troop 157 Summer Camp.** This is a fantastic camp and every Scout needs to attend. We will need all of our Adults as well to teach and lead classes.

**Save the date, July 13-19,**

## 2014 in cool, comfortable Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Speaking of Summer Camp, the Waterfront is a major part of our Sumer Camp. Mr. Vance and Mr. Gosdin have decided to step down as water front directors and motor boat drivers. Mr. Hook, and Mr. Wanjura are assuming the Water Front duties. Thank You Mr. Wanjura and Mr. Hook. (do I see a Captain Hook label in the future, I don't know???) Anyway, **the troop needs Motor Boat Drivers for Summer Camp.** We need adults who are willing to take their boat to Summer Camp and help with classes and free time activities on the lake. Please let Mr. Hook or Mr. Payne know if you can help us out.

### Pearls of Wisdom

**“We are not a club or a Sunday school class, but a school of the woods.” *Baden-Powell***

### Helpful Links

Here are some helpful links from the Troop 157 homepage. Adding information like this to the newsletter was an idea that came out of the Parent orientation meeting.

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***Your Troop needs your commitment and full participation if we want to maintain the level of activities we have become accustomed to. Come and be a part of your son's lives and make a difference in the lives of these boys.***

### Dates to Remember

**March 1, 2014** Merit Badge College.

**March 3, 2014** 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting. OUMC. . Refreshments: Ragain / Felty

**March 10, 2014** 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting. OUMC. . Refreshments: Rapier / Pratas

**March 15-19, 2014** Spring Break Trip to San Antonio area.

**March 17, 2014** No Scouts. Spring Break.

**March 24, 2014** 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting. OUMC. . Refreshments: ????

**March 31, 2014** 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting. OUMC. . Refreshments: Blann / Blann

**April 4-6, 2014** Backpacking campout trip to Caprock Canyons.

**April 7, 2014** 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting. OUMC. . Refreshments: Pratas / ????

**April 14, 2014** 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting. OUMC. . Refreshments: Benton / Campbell

**April 21, 2014** No Scouts

**April 27, 2014** Autism Walk.

**April 28, 2014** 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting.  
OUMC . Refreshments: ????

**May 5, 2014** 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting.  
OUMC . Refreshments: ????

**May 12, 2014** 8:00-9:30pm. Spring Court of Honor.

**June 11-25, 2014** Trek to Philmont. Scouting  
Paradise. Cimmaron, New Mexico.

**July 13-19, 2014** Troop 157 Sumer Camp in Cool,  
Comfortable Ardmore. Oklahoma.

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