



# The Adventurer...

"Troop of the Southwest BSA Troop 157"

Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

## Great Meeting Guys.

It is great to see so many Full Uniforms. The Patrol Competition will be tight. Remember, you get points for full uniform. The prize for the winning patrol is \$10 CASH for every boy in the patrol.

## Spring Break Trip 2011

Spring Break Trip was a Great Success. The live demonstration was tremendous. The flame thrower, the 50 cal. Browning and the Sherman Tank gave us an inside look to see what battle was like in the Pacific during WW2. We all left with a renewed understanding that our freedoms are not free, but were purchased at a great cost. Special thanks go out to Mr. Liner for opening his ranch up to the scouts. Thank You Mr. Liner.

## SAVE THE DATE!!

We Will Meet on Sunday, March 27, 2011, 2:00pm at **Oakwood United Methodist Church**. SUMMER CAMP PLANNING MEETING. All Scouters are needed to begin preparations and plans for Summer Camp. WE NEED ALL OF OUR ADULT'S HELP!!! Please attend this meeting. We will plan interpretive camps, camp directors, merit badges counselors, staff, etc.

## Camp-out to Abilene.

We have had to re-schedule the April Camp-out to Abilene. The date is April 8-9, 2011. This will be an over night camp-out. More details to come, but this is a great chance for Scouts to get outdoors and finish up rank advancement stuff which needs to be done on a camp-out. OA elections are coming up and this is a good way to get another camp night in.

## Troop Service Project

The troop will participate in the Autism Walk. The Walk will be held on April 17, 2011 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. This is a great way for Scouts to earn Participation Points as well as Service Hours. Regardless, it is a way for

us to give back to the community. Remember: "Do a Good Deed, Daily."

In advance of the Walk, the troop will conduct a couple of meetings centered around the Disability Awareness Merit Badge. These sessions will prepare us for the Walk and count to earning another Merit Badge. We would like Scouts and Scouters to commit to the Walk. Please go to the troop website and look for the icon to register to help with the Walk.

## Philmont 2012

It is not too soon to begin thinking about a 2012 Philmont trek. The Lottery Drawing will be held on April 16, 2011. There are 3 council treks to be awarded. There are many troops hoping to get a trek. To go to Philmont, a Scout must be at least 14 years old and 1st Class and in good health. The cost for this trip is around \$800. A trek consists of 12 people. Philmont will not refund portions of a trek. If you are interested in this trek, please contact Mr. Rapi-er. We need to have a good idea of serious trekkers before the April 16th meeting.

"Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever."

--Ghandi

## Dates to Remember

**March 27th, 2pm** Summer Camp planning & organizational meeting. We will meet at Oakwood United Methodist Church. We need all our adults to be a part of the planning for camp.

**March 28th, 8pm.** Scout Meeting at OUMC. Day 4 of rank advancement and new merit badge classes. Refreshments: Mr. Vance & Mr. Scioli

**March 31st, 7pm.** Council Volunteer & Eagle Recognition Banquet. Hillcrest CC

**April 4th, 8pm.** Scout Meeting at OUMC. Day 5 of rank advancement and new merit badge classes. Refreshments: Mr. Rebber & Mr. Hancock

**April 8-9th.** Campout to Abilene.

**April 11th.** Scout Meeting @ OUMC. Prepare for Autism Walk. The entire troop to participate in Disabilities Awareness MB. Refreshments: Mr. Thrash and Mr. Pope

**April 16.** Philmont Lottery Drawing.

**April 17th, 2-4pm.** Troop service project to help at the Autism Walk.

**April 18th.** Scout Meeting at OUMC. Day 6 of rank advancement and new merit badge classes. Refreshments: Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Payne

**April 25th.** Scout Meeting at OUMC. Day 7 of rank advancement and new merit badge classes. Refreshments: Mr. Bland and Mr. Bland

**April 30, 2011.** Webelos Woods @ Camp Post. Troop 157 will sponsor the Branding Event. We need scouts to help.

**May 2nd.** Mid-Term Court of Honor. Oakwood United Methodist Church.

**May 9.** Scout Meeting at OUMC. Refreshments: Mr. Thompson and Mr. Cherry

**May 13-15, 2011.** OA ordeal & council work day @ Camp Post.

**May 16.** Scout Meeting at OUMC. Refreshments: Mr. Rapi-er and Mr. Simpson.

**May 23.** Scout Meeting at OUMC. Refreshments: Mr. Needham and Mr. Headrick.

**June 2011.** End of the month??? Backpacking trip to Weimunche Wilderness in Colorado.

**July 4, 2011.** 4th of July Flag Sales.

**July 17-23, 2011** Summer Camp in cool, comfortable Ardmore, OK. Save the date

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