

The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

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These classes have been a lot of fun and thanks to the Scouters for leading the classes and to the Scouts for their attendance and attention.

The Special Spring Break Trip was wonderful!!! This trip is a lot of fun!!! There were many "firsts" and many successes. Thanks to the Scouters who went and made the trip possible.

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Upcoming Events

Our next campout will be April 4-6, 2014. We will go to Caprock Canyons State Park. This is a **"shakedown" backpacking trip for those who are going to Philmont this summer.** **Scouts and Scouters who are going to Philmont NEED to go on this trip.** If you are thinking of going to Philmont this year, you should go on this trip.

If you are one of the older scouts, you should go on this trip for the fun and challenge. You can do the backpacking portion or the camping portion of the trip.

For our younger and newest Scouts, you should go camping with us to

work on hiking and other outdoor requirements. Details to follow, but here are some trip ideas. (1) If we leave Friday night, we will eat supper in Plainview and go on to Caprock Canyons SP and set up camp. The backpackers will begin their trip from base camp on Saturday morning. The rest of the troop will stay in camp and make their plans for a 5 mile hike, rank advancement, park tours, etc. We will return Sunday after we eat lunch in the park. Approximately a 2pm return to Lubbock. (2) If we travel on Saturday, we will leave Lubbock early Saturday morning and arrive at the park and prepare for the day's activities. (3) There is the possibility that if you can't go down on Friday, a group will travel down on Saturday morning.

Approximate cost for the trip is \$40.00 per person. This does not include supper on Friday. Sign-ups begin tonight at Scouts.

This is a great chance to get camping nights, participation points, have fun, do rank advancement, and is a must for those going to Philmont. We need Scouters to sign-up and go as well. We will need adults on the camping side as well as the adults backpacking.

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Another Service Project Opportunity!!!
The Willie McCool Memorial Half
Marathon, 5K and 10K run will be on
Saturday, April 5.

Some of you may know, Willie McCool was an Eagle Scout and Coronado graduate. This is the 2nd year for the event and it would be great to have our Boy Scout Troop help with the run because Scouting was a big part of Willie's life. The run will be held at the Silent Wings Museum.

I know that this is the same weekend as our camping trip to Caprock Canyons State Park. I think that not everyone in the troop will go camping. So if you are not camping, we could use your help in setting up flags and doing course work early Saturday morning. We will need a couple of Adults and a crew of 6 or more Scouts. Last year, 4 people handled the flags. The flags are on a trailer. If you have a truck with a hitch, it can be hooked up and one person can drive and the others can walk alongside the truck and put the flags on the poles already in the ground. Those helping will receive participation points and service hours. It would be nice if our troop could work this into the schedule. It should not take more than an hour or so on Saturday morning.

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.

Our Troop is the only group which is asked to help with this event. This is the 4th year we have helped with the Autism walk and this speaks highly to the amount of participation and the high level of

leadership and service that our Scouts provide.

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Exciting News!!!

Troop 157 has a Trek for Philmont in June 2014. Trek dates are **June 11-25, 2014.** We still have 2 spots available. 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!

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.

Summer Camp Planning has begun. Scouters (Adults) are signing up at Monday meetings to teach classes at camp. All Scouters are needed as we begin preparations and plans for Summer Camp.

WE NEED ALL OF OUR ADULTS HELP!!!

Please sign-up now, don't wait till later. We will only offer classes that we have instructors for. This is the most important thing we do as a troop and for the Scouts.

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.

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.

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.

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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Pearls of Wisdom

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” *Baden-Powell*

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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.

_____ 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting. OUMC. Refreshments: Blann / Blann

_____ Backpacking campout trip to Caprock Canyons.

_____ Willie McCool Marathon. Silent Wings Museum.

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_____ 8:00-9:30pm. Regular Scout meeting. OUMC. Refreshments: Benton / Campbell
_____ No Scouts

_____ Autism Walk.

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_____ 8:00-9:30pm. Spring Court of Honor.

_____ Trek to Philmont. Scouting Paradise. Cimmaron, New Mexico.

_____ Troop 157 Sumer Camp in Cool, Comfortable Ardmore. Oklahoma.

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