

The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

April 2, 2014

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

Upcoming Events

Our campout is April 4-6, 2014. We will go to Caprock Canyons State Park.

We leave Friday night. Meet at Oakwood UMC west parking lot at 4:45pm with a 5pm departure. **Wear your Class B t-shirt to travel in.** We will eat supper in Plainview, so bring money \$\$\$ for a hamburger on the road, and then we go on to Caprock Canyons SP and set up camp. After breakfast Saturday morning, we will make our plans for a 5 mile hike. **You will need your small backpack or school book backpack.**

We will be eating lunch on the trail **so you will need the backpack to carry your food, water and essential items.**

We will hike back to camp for rank advancement, park tours, hopefully we will be able to see the buffalo, etc. We will return Sunday after we eat lunch in the park. Approximately a 2pm return to Lubbock. Parents will be called when we are approximately 45 minutes from Lubbock. Parents, pick your scouts at the Troop warehouse located at 47th and MLK.

Cost for the trip is \$40.00 per person. This does not include supper on the road in Plainview on Friday.

This is a great chance to get

camping nights, participation points, have fun, do rank advancement, and get a taste for backpacking. This trip is a lot of fun and a great way to get camping nights. OA elections are coming up; don't get caught short on camping nights.

Here is a short list of what to bring. Summer Camp T-shirts are great for trips like these. There is a chance of rain in the forecast, bring your raingear. Be sure to check the weather as it might be cool, wet! **Be sure and pack for warmth and layers. Lows at night, 45-50 degrees. Highs around 70-80. Chance of Rain!**

"Be Prepared"

Equipment:

- Backpack or school book backpack or day pack
- sleeping bag / pillow
- Ground pad/ foam pad
- Ground cloth (6X8 tarp)
- Cup/bowl/spoon/fork
- Personal items/ toiletries/ lip balm/ toilet paper/toothpaste/ Soap/towel/ wash cloth/ sunscreen
- Medicines (Labeled and in a zip lock bag to be turned in to the Scoutmaster)
- Ball cap/ hat
- Flashlight/ Headlamp
- Good Rain Gear
- Warm coat + light jacket

- Sleep clothes/sleep socks
- Canteen/nalgene/water bottle
- underwear/extras/ socks
- Camp shoes/ shower shoes
- **Class B uniform for Friday travel**
- Clothes for travel/ day trips
- Long Pants/ Long sleeve shirt
- Shorts/past Summer Camp shirts / short sleeve shirts
- Backpack/duffle bag/pillow
- Hiking boots/ tennis shoes
- Gloves/knit cap
- Scout spirit/scout book
- Spending Money
- Electronics may be OK to use in the car, but not in camp. Electronic games will be left in the vehicles.
- See the web-site for more on equipment lists.

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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. Scouting was a big part of Willie's life. This is the 2nd year for the event and Troop 157 will help with the run. The run will be held at the Silent Wings Museum. **Meet at 6:15am at the Silent Wings Museum in full uniform.** We will set out American flags along the road and other things that need to be done. We should be finished by 7:30am.

If you are not camping, we could use your help in setting up flags and doing course work early Saturday morning. Those helping will receive participation points and service hours.

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 crew has made their choices for their trek. 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. **Stay tuned for upcoming meeting to review equipment, gear and medical information.** 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 Summer

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

“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

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

April 6, 2014 6:15am Willie McCool Marathon. Silent Wings Museum.

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: Osborne

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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