



Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

Change of Plans !!!

LISD is using **Monday, April 9**, as the Snow Day make-up day. **WE WILL HAVE SCOUTS THIS NIGHT**. I know this is a change, but you will be here for School anyway, so come on to Scouts for some fun and important events in the life of our Troop.

Camporee Update

The Camporee is April 27-29, 2012 at Camp Post. We will be competing against other troops. Troop 157 is preparing to win the Camporee by brushing up on our scout skills. **Compass**; Scarborough, Robison, Cherry, Simpson; **Knots**; Slay, Slay, Blake, Pope; **Lashings**; Mullins, Beck, **First Aid**; Rapier, Weaver, Rodriguez. **Remember, camping nights for OA election, participation points for rank advancement and just the fun of camping and being outdoors and participating in challenging competition.** Sign-ups continue. Cost for the Camporee is \$20. Venture Scouts, the Troop could use your leadership and experience at the Camporee if you are not going on the Guadalupe Trip.

Guadalupe Mt Backpacking Trip

The Venture Crew Scouts and Philmont Trek guys are preparing to go Backpacking in the Guadalupe Mountains. The dates are April 27-29, 2012. Sign-ups continue. This is a great high adventure trip for our older scouts and a good shake-down for the Philmont Trekkers. **Important Note: this next Monday, all scouts and adults wanting to go to Guadalupe should be present for a demonstration on packing a backpack and equipment selection.** Mr. Vance will explain some details about equipment and show them how to pack their pack. Mr. Vance will bring a pack ready to go to use as a demonstration. It will be a good time to try

on a loaded pack to know what it will feel like. This will be a very important meeting for the Guadalupe guys. We will meet when skill wheel begin. Copies of the gear list and meal plan will be available for those going on the trip. **Remember, Be Prepared.** Having the right stuff on a back-packing trip is very important. It not only affects your health, safety and enjoyment but that of your fellow trekkers as well.

The **OA Election** for our Troop is scheduled for **April 16, 2012**. We need a good turn-out of Scouts to vote for our "honored campers".

The **Autism Walk** is April 22, 2012. This is a Troop 157 service project event. **All Scouts & Scouters are needed to help with this project.** Save this date, details to follow. This is a fun event and the coordinators of the Autism Walk really appreciate the level of service the Scouts and Scouters of Troop 157 bring to the event.

Advancement Update

Scouts and Scouters, here is the information on how you can check a Scouts advancement records. Go to the Troop web site www.troop157.com) and locate the link in the top left section of the home page or you can go to <http://www.troopmasterweb.com/troop157>. You will need a **User ID** and a **Password** to get into the system. The **User ID** is the scout's last name first initial (Joe Smith would be SmithJ). The **Password** will be the scout's six digit birthday (01/01/2000 would be 010100). Once you are in the system you will be able to change the password. This tool will let you pull up the most up to date scout records. All scouts should be responsible for keeping track of their own rank advancement progress and parents should encourage them to check TroopMaster frequently.

Recruiting Update

It is great having our newest Scouts join us. Scouting is fun, but is even more fun with your friends. Parents, help share the good news of the difference scouting makes in the lives of the boys. Now is the time to bring boys to the troop, sell the boys on the fun and the parents on the values of scouting. Free Movie Tickets!!!

Scouts, don't forget your dues for Monday night meetings. Dues are only 25¢ per week. **Be responsible** and take ownership in **your troop**.

"Live so that your friends can defend you but never have to"
-Arnold H. Glasgow

Dates to Remember

- April 9, 2012 8:00pm. Regular Meeting. Since LISD is using this as the Snow Day make-up, **we will have Scouts as well.**
- April 16, 2012 8:00pm. Regular Meeting. OA Elections tonight. Be there!!! Refreshments: Hancock / New
- April 20-22, 2012 OA Conclave
- April 22, 2012 Autism Walk. This is a Troop Service Project.
- April 23, 2012 8:00pm. Regular Meeting. Refreshments: Payne / Wilkes
- April 27-29, 2012 Camporee at Post
- April 27-29, 2012 Backpacking Trip to Guadalupe Mtns.
- April 30, 2012 8:00pm. Regular Meeting. Refreshments: Scarborough / Turner
- July 15-21, 2012 6:57am. The troop leaves for **Summer Camp** in cool, comfortable Ardmore, OK. **July 21, 2012 Return to LBB. Meet at troop warehouse to unload.** We will call when we are an hour out of Lubbock.

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