



The Adventurer...

"Troop of the Southwest"  "BSA Troop 157"

Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

Yes, We Hit the Trail

And yes, it was windy!

But it was awesome!

The crew that went up to the peak did great and enjoyed a spectacular view! They went to bed early, though!! The group that hiked the McKittrick Trail had fun and got to see some pretty country! The Grotto was amazing! This hike is highly recommended if you have never done it! This campout is a favorite of many a Troop 157 scout and scouter, so mark your calendar for next year, it will no doubt be on the schedule! Can't wait to see the pics! **J T Thrash was sporting a shiny cap and Paul Scioli was old school in his jeans and boots!**

Just a few words about OA elections that were held this past Monday night; the candidates represent a very good group of boy scouts who have readied themselves for the "Honor Society of Scouting". Good luck to each one of them. A big thank you again to the "Chief" **Graham Rapier and Saul Rodriguez**, who ran the election, Thanks guys for your cheerful service!

Mr. Voland shared with the troop about our newly updated Troop157.com website and encouraged everyone to "start blogging".

Andrew Voland's Eagle project finished up this past Sunday with the Autism Walk and had a good turnout of Troop 157 scouts and Scouters! **The Volands** say Thanks!

Summer Camp Update:

Only 75 days until Summer Camp in lovely and cool Ardmore, The pricing has just been announced!! \$180 per scout, 2nd scout in a family goes for \$160, adult Scouters who drive, \$170 with a gas credit if needed! Wow! It is a bargain for sure! Scoutmaster Brad made it very clear; we want everyone to be there, scouts and

Scouters, "No one left behind"! 100% participation, Our Summer Camp Scholarship Program has been initiated: Parents, if you have questions, get with Mr. Payne! 789 9155.

We need merit badge counselors! Dads, Scouters, college guys, Troop 157 alums, you know you want to go to summer camp, come on, join us! July 11th to 17th in lovely, cool Lake Murray!!! **Adults, please email Kevin Pauwels to let him know what you want to teach!**

troop157@att.net We will have sign-up sheets at the Court of Honor this Monday night. We will only offer classes which we have adults to teach. We need U!

Mid-Term Court of Honor

We will have our mid-term Court of Honor this Monday night at Oakwood Baptist Church Sanctuary starting at 7:30pm. Scouts, this is a full uniform affair, includes neckerchief and badge sash. Invite you entire family for a night of awards and fun.

"**Skill Wheel**" rounds will continue for the next 2 Mondays. We have 5 areas which will be fun and educational: Knots, First Aid, GPS, Nature, and Semaphore! Venture Scouts are leading the classes and adults are helping. **Speaking of Service!** Yes, everyone needs service hours! Well here you go, we have 2 Eagle Scout Service Projects going on this coming weekend!

Nick Zias

Saturday, May 1st, 2pm and Sunday May, 2nd 1pm at St. Andrews Greek Orthodox Church 6001 81st, to redo the parking lot spaces, call **Nick** to let him know you will be there! 445-3044.

Connor Needham

Saturday May 1st 9am until 2pm at Mae Simmons Park (1 mile east of MLK Blvd on Canyon Lake Drive). He is building a mountain bike staging area! Call **Connor** at 789-1821 to let him

know you will be there! Remember guys, if you are in Troop 157, that means you need service hours because you are working toward your Eagle and one day you will need help on your project! So, let help these guys and give them a call!

Dates to Remember

May 3rd, 2010 7:30pm until 9pm, Oakwood Baptist Church Sanctuary (just across the street from Bayless Cafeteria) Mid term Court of Honor! Parents and Scouts please come! Refreshments will be provided!

May 5th, 2010 6:30pm at Frazier Alumni Pavilion, sw corner of Jones AT & T Stadium, Troop 157 has been asked to serve! We need scouts to participate; **Service Hours**, you can stay for the dinner free! Be in full uniform! Of Course!

May 8, 2010, Saturday 1pm at the Byron Martin Advance Tech Center, 34th, Q. Archery merit badge scouts who need to make a bow string, to complete the badge Mr. Wicker 224-6557

May 10th, 2010, 8:00pm until 9:30pm, regular meeting, in full uniform, at Bayless, skill session and game! Refreshments: Mr. Scioli, Mr. Merriott

May 15th, 16th, 2010, Spring Ordeal, **QA** event at Camp Post, if you were tapped out and need your ordeal sign up!

May 17th, 2010, 8:00pm until 9:30pm, regular meeting, at Bayless, in full uniform, skill session, game, refreshments: Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Tidwell

July 11th through 17th, 2010, Summer Camp, Cool and lovely Lake Murray. Just outside of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

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