



Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

**Mid-Term Court of Honor**

Our Troop **Mid-Term Court of Honor will be Monday, May 7, 2012** in the Oakwood UMC Sanctuary. We will begin at our regular meeting time of **8:00pm**. Scouts, you are to wear your full Class A Uniform. Come looking sharp. Class A Uniform includes your red Troop neckerchief and Merit Badge Sash if you have one.

Scouts will be recognized for their achievement and advancements. There will be a special presentation to the 2011 Class of Eagle Scouts. Scouts who were presented their Eagle at the January Court of Honor need to be at this COH for this special presentation.

Parents and family members are invited to be apart of this celebration. We will have refreshments and a time to get to know one another.

Summer Camp plans are being made. You should have received a Summer Camp brochure in the mail. We will have time to talk to you about the great scout event called Summer Camp!!!

**Camporee Update**

Congratulations to all our Scouts who participated in the Camporee. They represented our troop well, had fun and ate like kings. Camporee is a great way to reinforce Scout Skills through competition and it is a fun way to learn. We still need to have a lot of fun in this area.

Thank yous go out to the Scouters who made this trip possible. Special thanks to Wes Wicker for his service in the camp kitchen and Royce Mullins for help in food procurement. Scout trips do not put themselves together, it takes devoted Scouters who volunteer their time and of their selves. Scouters, thank you again for stepping up to

the plate and going camping.

**Guadalupe Mt Backpacking Trip**

The Guadalupe Guy's made it all the way to the highest point in Texas and back again. Congratulations to the Scouts and Scouters and thanks to the Scouters who made this trip possible.

**Philmont Trekkers**

Philmont Trekkers will have an equipment information session on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at 3:00pm. We will meet at 3104-23rd Street in Tech Terrace Park. It is OK to bring your backpack and gear if you would like. We will discuss troop gear as well as personal gear along with trek details. We can talk about the Philmont Physical and getting in shape as well. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this get together

**Summer Camp Planning**

Summer Camp is right around the corner. We still need all our adults to let us know what merit badges they would like to teach at Summer Camp. We will only offer classes that we have instructors for. This is very important as the "Blue Choice Sheet" for the scouts will be created from the list of classes we have instructors for. Call Mr. Payne if you have questions concerning this process. Summer Camp is the singularly most important thing we do as a Troop. **The success of our camp depends on adult volunteers to lead classes and teach merit badges.**

**Advancement Update**

Go to the Troop web site ([www.troop157.com](http://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.

**Recruiting Update**

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**.

**"What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail"**  
-Dr. Robert Schuller

**Dates to Remember**

**May 7, 2012** 8:00pm. **Mid-Term Court of Honor** and Friends of Scouting presentation. OUMC.

**May 13, 2012** Sunday. **Scouts & Scouters, Hint Hint This is Mother's Day.**

**May 14, 2012** 8:00pm Regular Meeting.

**May 21, 2012** 8:00pm Regular Meeting

**May 28, 2012** 8:00pm No Scouts. Memorial Day Weekend.

**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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