

The Adventurer

Troop 157 Newsletter

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Summer Camp Sign-ups

Sign up for Summer Camp beginning on May 19. Scouters will meet with scouts, council them on Summer Camp Classes and have **them fill out their Summer Camp Class Schedules (blue sheets) during the May 19th meeting.**

Cost for summer camp is discounted and set at \$225.00 per person. Speaking of Summer Camp cost and finances, Mr. Payne will hold a meeting on Monday, **May 19 at 7:30pm** at Oakwood UMC gym, to discuss Summer Camp and our “send a kid to camp” scholarship program. This program is vital to our summer camp and it is important that our adults are informed. Mr. Payne will go over other important summer camp information and answer questions. **Parents, please attend this important informational meeting.**

The Troop will set up a date and time for BSA Summer Camp Physicals. Stay tuned for the date and time in June.

Participation Points and Service Hours.

May 18 is the date to help Mr. Sparks serve at the Carpenters Kitchen. Contact Mr. Sparks at 806-535-7450 to sign-up. Wear your Class B T-Shirt.

As a reminder, we will not meet on May 26, Memorial Day. We will begin our Summer schedule, Monday, June 2, 2014. We will play some softball on the Bayless Elementary Playground. Summer Meeting time is 7:00pm and we will be finished at 8:30.

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.

Congratulations to Mr. Wes Wicker in his graduation from Texas Tech University. We are proud of your hard work and accomplishment. Hollar for Wes if you will be at the graduation ceremony on Saturday morning at 9am. Way to go Wes!!!

Save the date, July 13-19, 2014 in cool, comfortable Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Plan now to attend Troop 157 Summer Camp.

This is a fantastic camp and every Scout needs to attend. It is important that we have our adults commit to go to camp and help teach classes. Please make the commitment to go to camp and be a part of the scouting lives of the boys. Please contact Mr. Payne at meetings and let him know you are going and what classes you are able to teach. Jr. Staffers are needed as well. Tell Mr. Payne which camp you would like to work with and let him know if you can help with rank advancement classes. Mr. Payne wants to meet with each of the sub-camp directors and staff to review the camps program, materials needed and staff responsibilities. **The troop will again provide an opportunity for all our Scouts and Scouters to receive a camp physical using the official BSA Physical Form. Stay tuned for the date and details.**

Philmont!!! June 11-25, 2014. We are just a month away from Scouting Paradise. 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.**

Pearls of Wisdom

“The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others.”

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

May 18, 2014 Carpenter's Kitchen service project.

Contact Mr. Sparks if you would like to help him serve at the Carpenter's Kitchen.

May 19, 2014 8:00-9:30pm Regular meeting OUMC.

Fill out merit badge choice sheets for Summer Camp.

May 26, 2014 No School No Scouts. Memorial Day.

June 2, 2014 7:00-8:30pm 1st Summer Meeting.

Meet on the Bayless Elementary School for softball. Bring your mitt, bat and water bottle.

June 11-25, 2014 Trek to Philmont. Scouting Paradise. Cimmaron, New Mexico.

June 28, 2014 8:30am till noon. Archery bowstring and arrow making requirement class. We will meet at Oakwood.

July 13-19, 2014 Troop 157 Sumer Camp in Cool, Comfortable Ardmore. Oklahoma.

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Be the Best You Can Be!*

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