

April 8, 2009



# The Adventurer...

"Troop of the Southwest BSA Troop 157"

Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

## Order of the Arrow on our minds!

The OA Chief spoke! Our very own Graham Rapier with the help of Mrs. Tidwell conducted our annual OA Elections. We have some excellent candidates for the scouting honor roll! He also told us about some upcoming OA events; April 9th OA Chapter meeting, The big one is coming up April 17th OA Conclave at Camp Sid Richardson, close to the metro-plex.

(S R 2-3 North Conclave). Check out this website for more information: [www.sr2-3n.org](http://www.sr2-3n.org)

Please make note of our upcoming meeting this next Monday, We are having our mid-term Court of Honor. It will be held in the Sanctuary of Oakwood Methodist Church. This is the time for those who have earned merit badges and rank advancement since November to be recognized and we want everyone to be there in full uniform at the same time, 8pm and invite all of your family, parents, siblings, grandparents, family, friends, etc. Refreshments will be served, and recent movies will be shown! We will be having this event in the sanctuary of Oakwood Methodist (just west across the street from Bayless cafeteria). We want everyone to be in attendance. Please wear your full uniform, we want you to look sharp and look like a boy scout!

We need all out parents to be present. We want you to see what all goes on in Troop 157 and the fun the boys have had on these recent trips. In addition to seeing the photos from the campouts, we will discuss our Summer Camp. A lot of work goes into this camp and now is the time to begin the preparations. We need all our parents to be a part of this most

memorable time in your sons' life. We are asking parents to sign-up to be merit badge counselors. We will only offer what he have instructors to teach.

Let's get started planning for our high adventure backpacking trip to the Pecos Wilderness coming up June 18th thru the 21st. This is a trip for scouts who are at least 1st class rank and 14 years old. Sign-ups will start this Monday and we will be having special presentations from some of our very own backpacking experts that you will want to see! We might even have Mountain Hide-way come in and bring some of their best equipment for us to see and learn about.

2010 National Jamboree in Virginia at Fort A. P. Hill, 100 year Anniversary! If you are interested in going contact Mr. Liner ASAP to reserve a spot!

If you would like the newsletter via email, let Mr. Steve Slay know: [snslay@swbell.net](mailto:snslay@swbell.net)

*Talk to your friends and invite them to Scouts. It is a great time to recruit. If you know a Cub Pack, visit with the Webelos leader, we can go and show a video at one of their meetings. We need to promote scouting and Troop 157. We give a great prize for recruiting. Scouting is more fun with your friends.*

## Dates to Remember

April 13th, 2009, 8pm until 9:30pm Mid-Term Troop Court of Honor. Next door (west) in the sanctuary of Oakwood Methodist, full uniform, movies too! Invite your family.

April 9th, 2009, OA Chapter meeting, 7pm LDS Church 3211 58th, for all arrowmen run by your very own chief, Graham Rapier, If you are in OA, let's plan on being there to support the Chief.

April 17-19, 2009, OA Conclave, at

Camp Sid Richardson, near Bridgeport, only \$35. Great experience for arrowmen.

April 20th, 2009, regular meeting, in full uniform merit badges, rank advancement and completion of partials! Refreshments: Mr. Tidwell, Mr. Gibbs

May 9th 2009 Scout Show!

May 15-17, 2009 Spring OA Ordeal Sweathawg Camp Post, come prepare post for summer camp and fun doing it! Get your brotherhood, or be in a ceremony, or lead others along the trail of their ordeal! Cheerful Service!

June 18th to 21st, 2009 High Adventure Backpacking trip to Pecos Wilderness! This will be challenging, are you up for it! When signups begin, it will fill fast!

July 12th to July 18th, 2009, Summer Camp at wonderful, cool Ardmore, Ok!

August 1-6, 2009 NOAC, National Order of the Arrow Conference, at Indiana University, awesome shows, meet fellow arrowmen from around the country!

We meet every Monday night at 8pm until 9:30pm at Bayless Elementary, 2115 58th in the cafeteria.

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