



The Adventurer...

"Troop of the Southwest BSA Troop 157"

Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

Recognition Executed!

The Troop held another excellent mid-term "Mini" Court of Honor this past Monday night in the sanctuary of Oakwood Methodist Church, just across from Bayless. A great venue and many thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Gosdin (Zach Coke's grandparents) for arranging the place! Thanks you also goes out to Mrs. Liner for providing the refreshments. It was a good looking group of scouts, Scouters, parents, siblings, and friends who not only believe in scouting but support Troop 157 with their participation!

Speaking of support, thanks to Travis Rubelee, from the scout office, who came and spoke to the troop about FOS (Friends of Scouting) and shared with us that it takes about \$120 per scout to cover the cost of scouting for an entire year. If you are still holding your pledge card, take some time to consider the value scouting has on not only your family but our entire community and nation. Troop 157 has produced hundreds of well prepared citizens that make a difference wherever they are!

Call to all Venture scouts of Troop 157, we need you to be there this coming Monday night at our regular meeting as we begin with rank advancement of our current scouts who are in desperate need of your mentoring just as those before you gave to you! We will also begin merit badges for the rest of the troop. There will be a special class set up for Scouts who have a lot of partial MB's to be able to work on completing them. Scouters, dads, we need you to show up and be ready to teach! As you know, the strength of Troop 157 lies in its Scouters, volunteers, and scouts who not

only enjoy the fellowship but believe in scouting and what it stands for. If you were there this past Monday night and witnessed the recognition the boys received for their efforts in earning rank advancement and merit badges, you understand how vital it is to be there for the boys! Mr. Payne said that for him scouting is a ministry and that is a very powerful statement, indeed!

Parents, we need you to be thinking about our upcoming (87 days away) 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 consider being a part of this years summer camp!

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!

2010 National Jamboree in Virginia at Fort A. P. Hill, 100 year Anniversary! Contact Mr. Liner

If you would like the newsletter via email, let Mr. Steve Slay know: 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 17-19, 2009, OA Conclave, at Camp Sid Richardson, near Bridgeport, only \$35. Great experience for arrowmen.

April 20th, 2009, 8pm until 9:30pm regular meeting, in full uniform merit badges, rank advancement and completion of partials! Refreshments: Mr. Tidwell, Mr. Gibbs

April 27th, 2009, 8pm until 9:30pm Regular meeting, in full uniform, merit Badges, rank advancement. Refreshments: Mr. Rapier, Mr. Frullo

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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