



# The Adventurer...

"Troop of the Southwest BSA Troop 157"

Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

## Were Scouting Now!

The older scouts are taking care of business helping the younger scouts earn their rank advancement! This is a great way for our older scouts to show their leadership skills. Scouters and Dads are helping those scouts who are trying to finish their incomplete merit badges and start new ones. Just a word about those guys; THANKS, because without Dads and Scouters, we could not achieve the level of success that our beloved Troop 157 is known for! These outstanding volunteers not only enjoy the fellowship but believe in scouting and what it stands for.

## IMPORTANT DATE, MAKE A NOTE!

Parents, we need you to be thinking about our upcoming (81 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! We will have our Summer Camp Planning meeting this Sunday, May 3rd, at 2pm at Coldwell Banker, 4924 S. Loop 289. Bring your ideas and your love for scouting as we set out to plan yet another superior summer camp experience for the scouts of Troop 157. We need everyone to be there and we need you to be ready to have fun and support your sons and all of the boys who are counting on another fun and rewarding summer camp at Lake Murray!

Summer Camp signups have begun. You have received in the mail information on Summer Camp 2009 and we need you to sign up for summer camp as soon

as possible. Dads and scouters, we need you to tell us what you want 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!

Our very own Clark Smith, who is a member of the Texas Tech OPC (Outdoor Pursuits Center) and a Troop 157 Eagle Scout, and soon to be Civil Engineering graduate, Texas Tech, Class of 2009 and about to be commissioned 2nd Lt, United States Air Force, whew! That's a lot, oh well just call him "super hero".

Anyway, Clark will be putting on a demonstration of how to pack a backpack for a high adventure trip! You will not want to miss this!

Thank you Mr. Frullo for your excellent Scoutmaster Minute!

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](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

May 4th, 2009. 8pm until 9:30pm, regular meeting, in full uniform, at Bayless, rank advancement, merit badges and packing a backpack demonstration !

May 9th 2009 Scout Show!

May 11th, 2009, 8pm until 9:30pm, regular meeting, in full uniform, at Bayless, rank advancement and merit badges, a spirited game, refreshments: Mr. Cherry and Mr. Thompson

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!

May 18th, 2009, 8pm until 9:30pm, regular meeting, in full uniform, at Bayless, rank advancement and merit badges, refreshments: Mr. Ballinger and Mr. Irwin

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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