



The Adventurer...

"Troop of the Southwest BSA Troop 157"

Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

Wow! What a Great Court of Honor!

Congratulations to our 3 Eagle Scouts; Jonathan Beck, Keith Scioli, and Evan Thompson!

You guys are awesome! Also congratulations to all of the scouts of Troop 157 for all of your hard work in earning all of those merit badges and rank advancements. Congratulations also to **Mr. Kevin Pauwels and Mr. Dick Gosdin** for your outstanding service to the boys and the troop and stay warm in those new jackets!

Now the thank yous! **Mr. Payne, Donna and Mark Tidwell, Kevin Pauwels, Scott Cherry, the Liners, the Sciolis, and the Thompsons** for all of your hard work producing one of the most moving courts of honor our troop has ever seen!

Thanks also to the support of the **Lions Club**, financial and leadership! A big thank you to all of the families of Troop 157 who gave to **Family Promise** by bringing a gift and donations to the banquet! Our new tradition is a great success and we hope to continue it next year!

Lets talk about next year! It is time for the "**Eagle Challenge**" to all of those Life and a Star scouts to plan your work and work your plan so we can see you on that stage next year!

Speaking of next year, remember our adult planning meeting will be **January 4th, 2010 at 7pm at Bayless in the cafeteria.**

Bring your calendars, your important dates and your ideas for campouts, spring break trip, ski trip, and Monday night activities. Everyone that wants to be a part (big or small) in supporting the boys of Troop 157 and keeping the scouting dream alive needs to be there! Dads, Moms, uncles, aunts, Granddads, you get the idea! We have room for more boys to benefit from this wonder-

ful scouting program that you saw in full view last Saturday night!

Lets continue to bring the best scouting program we possibly can and we want you to help do that!

Oh, about last Monday night, it was great! We signed about a million Christmas cards for the troops and then went over to CiCis and ate about a million pieces of pizza! Well not exactly, but almost! We managed to give service and have fun! Way to go everybody! That was a great idea Mr. Payne, let do that again next year!

Speaking of Service, lets put a bow on Scouting for Food! We had a great crowd on hand to help pick up food Saturday morning for the U Can Share Food Drive! It was a huge success and you even earned service hours! Thanks to **Mr. Gosdin and Eagle Scout Zach Coke** who served coffee and hot chocolate to all of the volunteers! Cheerful Service!!!

Philmont Update! There are spots available for the trek coming up June 15-27th, 2010. If you want to go, let Mr. Rapiere know.

2010 National Jamboree in Virginia at Fort A. P. Hill, 100 year Anniversary! Contact Mr. Liner to reserve a spot, ASAP! There are 2 spots available! July 23rd to August 4th, 2010!

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

Woodbadge for Adults is near!

1st weekend is April 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2nd weekend April 30th, May 1st, and May 2nd.

The course draws on leadership skills developed by the Boys Scouts of America. As a participant in this course, you will learn and develop leadership skills that will enhance your ability to "Deliver the Promise" of scouting to the scouts of Troop 157! Con-

tact the council office for more information or check with Chuck Smith. This is a great course and all our scouters, both men and women, are encouraged to take this course.

Re-Charter. If you have not sent in your **re-charter forms**, please do so as soon as you can. If you have misplaced your forms, let us know.

Dates to Remember

December 21st, 2009 No meeting, enjoy the Holidays!

December 28th, 2009 No meeting, enjoy the Holidays with your family!

January 4th, 2010, 7pm at Bayless, adult planning meeting, not a scout meeting! We need all adults that want to support the troop with their ideas, their service and their participation to be there!

January 11th, 2010, 8pm regular meeting at Bayless, in full uniform, ready to start the new year reaching new heights in your scouting career and to have fun doing it!

February 6th, 2010, 100th Anniversary Kick-off Banquet at the Overton Hotel, Lubbock, Tx Key Note Speaker is Astronaut Jim Lovell. Make plan to attend!

July 11th through 17th, 2010, Summer Camp, Cool and lovely Lake Murray. Just outside of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

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