



May 13, 2009

The Adventurer...

"Troop of the Southwest BSA Troop 157"

Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

Is Scouting Relevant?

A recent local radio show person was heard asking that question of a scout executive!@#???

The simple, quick answer—

Yes, More than ever!!

If you are attending a scout meeting on a regular basis, you can confirm the answer and go into great detail!

If you have ever attended an Troop 157 summer camp at cool Lake Murray, you would also agree that scouting is relevant and FUN!!!

So lets get signed up and and decide on our merit badge choices and dads, scouters, moms decide what you will teach! It will help tremendously to get that turned in soon! The staff application is due.

Parents, we need you to be thinking about our upcoming (67 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 us know you are going and scouters we need to know what you are going to teach! Our goal is 100% scout attendance! Let Scoutmaster Brad know you will be there. If you have questions, call him or visit with him at the next meeting.

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! Look for email concerning the new camp physical policy.

The Chief, Graham Rapier re-

minded all O A scouts of the fast approaching Ordeal coming up this weekend at Camp Post! Call the scout office at 747 2631 to sign up so you can go Friday night! Cost is: Ordeal candidate=\$35, Brotherhood=\$25, Member=\$15.

We have had a fast start to the sign up list for the Pecos Wilderness high adventure backpacking trip with 15 people already signed up! It is only \$75 and we are leaving June 18th thru the 21st. This is a trip for scouts who are at least 1st class rank and 14 years old. The cost is only \$75.00 and it is going to be a great trip!

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

Thank you to Mr. Cherry for his superb Scoutmaster Minute! The rank of Eagle Scout stays with you your entire life!

Reminder from Jonathan Beck, he needs your slightly used backpacks for his Eagle project!

Don't forget our special guest at next weeks Monday meeting, Grant Durham, cadet from WestPoint will be sharing with us!

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

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, special guest-Grant Durham a West Point Cadet! rank advancement and merit badges. Scouts, your homework assignment is to work on your partial merit badges and let's get them finished and done with., 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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