



The Adventurer...

"Troop of the Southwest BSA Troop 157"

Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

100% Attendance! That is the plan, we want everyone to be at Summer Camp 2009!

If you have ever attended an Troop 157 summer camp at cool Lake Murray, you know how fun it is and how important it is to continue on the road to Eagle! Summer Camp signups have begun. We need a \$50 deposit but definitely let us know you will be there! So lets get signed up. You should receive the blue Merit Badge Choice Sheet in the mail this week along with the SC bulletin #1. It is time to decide merit badge and rank advancement choices. We can help you decide. "Choose Wisely." Dads, Scouters, moms it is not to late to decide what you will teach! It will help tremendously to get that turned in ASAP! The staff application is due and Jr. Staff apps are ready. **We also need scholarships!** Gather 3 scholarships and take half off the SC price, gather 5 scholarships and you get to go for free! Ask the business community for their support! Scouting is highly respected by everyone! Parents, summer camp is 60 days away. A lot of work goes into this camp and we need all our parents to be a part of this most memorable time in your sons' life. Look for email concerning the new camp physical policy. We are contacting Doctors who can help give physicals to the whole troop. Tentative date is **June 28**. Stay tuned for details

The Chief, Graham Rapier told the troop about the success of the Ordeal weekend just past! Thanks to all who participated and the ceremony team! The Honor Society of Scouting is doing well! Taylor Stubbs-Ordeal;

Mason Payne-Brotherhood; Michael Payne-Nimat; Mason Payne, Saul Rodriguez & Graham Rapier-Ceremonies. Thanks also to Mrs. Marx for all her help. Next OA Event: Fall Ordeal, August 14-16th, plan on getting your ordeal, brotherhood, be in ceremonies, serve and enjoy the fellowship and service!

We have had a fast start for sign-ups for the Pecos Wilderness high adventure backpacking trip with 15 people already signed up! Dates- 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! **June 7 is shakedown meeting for all going on the trip.**

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

Thank you to **Cadet Grant Durham** who spoke to the troop about his experiences at **West-Point!** The boys loved it, so did the dads!

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

Don't forget, next week is Memorial Day, so we do not have scouts! Enjoy the time with your family!

It was great to see **Mr. Buckner** at Scouts standing in fine shape!!! You, Sir, are an inspiration to us all!

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 25th, 2009, No Scouts, Memorial Day holiday!

June 1st, 2009 8pm Irregular scout meeting, continue and finish rank advancement, MB and have some fun outside, no uniform!

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!

June 22nd, 2009, 6:30pm Pool Party at the Liners house, Parents meeting at 7:30pm. 7110 76th.

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!

August 14-16th, OA Fall Ordeal

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

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