



The Adventurer...

"Troop of the Southwest BSA Troop 157"

Scoutmaster, Brad Payne

T-Minus 13 days and counting! Our first meeting will be Monday, Sept. 14th, 8pm!

We had a fantastic planning meeting this past Monday night with a room full of excited scouters and parents who are committed along with Mr. Payne to help deliver the best scouting program in these parts! Our esteemed Scoutmaster Payne delivered our mission statement to get us started: *"to empower these young guys to be the best they can be!"*

Our first regular meeting will be Monday, September 14th, 8pm until 9:30pm at Bayless in full uniform. "Lets kick this pig" and get moving toward Eagle! We will start with finishing up our paperwork on the final touches on rank advancement and merit badges before we start new ones!

Service hour opportunity for scouts and scouters and parents are welcome, too at the **Cowboy Symposium Breakfast, Sunday, Sept. 13th, at 7:30am until 9am**, located in the park area just north of the Civic Center. After the breakfast there will be a non-denominational Cowboy devotional service. In exchange for the FREE MEAL, we would like help stacking up chairs after the devotional service! For information, contact Wes Wicker@ 806 224 6557 or visit www.cowboy.org

Ok, here is something very important that we talk about this time of year, **it is recruiting**, yeah, recruiting baby! Now is the best time of the year to do that because school is starting, and you are getting back with your buds from school, everybody is hanging out after school, in the neighborhood and looking for something fun to do! Scouting is fun! It is great, there is nothing

out there like it, especially if they join Troop 157. So here is the deal, we want you to invite them to our annual **Burger Burn at Wagner Park, Monday, September 28th at 7pm** on the corner of 26th and Elgin Ave. Just wear your class B t-shirts, no full uniforms and definitely invite a friend and they can get started and by the court of honor have rank and maybe even a merit badge! I know Mr. Vance will have some kind of a very cool gift for you if you recruit someone! We definitely want you to come and bring your parents and your siblings, too, we are going to feed everyone, everyone is welcome! We are talking about the Troop 157 family!

Ok, Big Order of the Arrow news **Graham Rapier** (from now on he will be referred to as "the Chief") wrote: First off, Fall Ordeal was a huge success! Congratulations to new members, **Connor Needham, Marcos Palacios, Saul Rodriguez and Mason Payne** both participated in ceremonies and did fantastic! Also, Congratulations are in order for our new 1st Vice Chief of Administration; Saul Rodriguez, the new Lodge Secretary is Mason Payne and our very own Graham Rapier is the newly elected **LODGE CHIEF!!!** Congratulations to all!

2010 National Jamboree in Virginia at Fort A. P. Hill, 100 year Anniversary! Contact Mr. Liner To reserve a spot! ASAP! There are 3 spots available! July 23rd to August 4th, 2010!

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

Dates to Remember

September 7th, 2009, Labor Day Holiday, no scouts, enjoy the fam!

September 13th, 2009 Free meal and service hours for scouts and scouters are welcome, too at the Cowboy Symposium Breakfast at 7:30am just north of the Civic Center, help us fold up chairs after the devotional service 9:30 to 11am.

September 14th, 2009 8pm until 9:30pm Regular meeting, at Bayless, in full uniform. Bring your scout books, your paperwork to finish up your partial merit badges and lets get moving toward Eagle. Recruit baby, recruit! Movie night! Too! Refreshments: Mr. Vance, Mr. Champion.

September 21st, 2009 8pm until 9:30pm at Bayless, in full uniform, working on partials and rank advancement, refreshments: Mr. Slay, Mr. Smith

September 25th thru 27th, Campout to Palo Duro Canyon, camping, cooking, hiking, rank advancement, a bike ride to Lighthouse and don't forget the movie night in camp! Sign ups start the 14th.

September 28th, 2009, 7pm at Wagner Park, corner of 26th and Elgin. Welcome Back Burger Burn family get-together and recruiting extravaganza! Wear your class B t-shirts, not your full uniform, Invite a friend!

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

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