

Troop 1993 News

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CamperAll

Austin Kanady – 1st Class Mustang Patrol

At the Camperall we had nine scouts: Jacob Uzee, Trevor Baggett, Dakotah Hayes, John Michael Bridges, Russell Clark, Dylan Deen, Quentin Whitfield, Garrett Cobb, and Austin Kanady we also three adult: Mr. Uzee, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Dean show up. The two packs that camped with the troop were Pack 1993 and the Lone Scout from Pack 118 who won the overall Camperall title. For our event we chose to do first-aid carries. The scouts in our troop ran the event with very minimal problems. The scouts

who taught it, if they hadn't mastered them before the camp-out, I'm pretty sure they have now. Thanks to Mr. Uzee for putting the event together.

Trevor and I had to leave to help build the Campfire for that night's Campfire ceremony. We had been sawing and cutting stuff for at least two hours when we finally got finished. As soon as we left where the fire was the bottom of the clouds dropped drenching everyone. The rain completely changed the schedule. We had a few kids go home because a tent got flooded.

The cooking was good all

weekend. For the duty roster we split up into two groups, one lead by Jacob Uzee and the other by Trevor. When it was raining the people cooking dinner had to heat up the charcoal and cook in the pouring rain under a walrus tarp used as a make-shift cover. Thanks to everyone who went especially Mr. Uzee who was the scoutmaster-in-charge and to his brother, Jacob Uzee, who was the Assistant-Scout-In-Charge who filled in for me when I had to leave camp to do something.

Backpacking Shake Down

Mark Giddens ASM Troop 1993

On Friday night after finding enough people to drive scouts up to the Grasslands (thank you Mr. Simmons) we made camp in the dark at the shore on Black Creek Lake. We were going to practice hiking with some weight in our backpacks so as to let new trekkers see what its like to backpack. After a quick backpack breakfast on Saturday we started out on a 5 mile trek from Black Creek Lake to Clear Lake. It was a sometimes wet trail but a nice one to say the least. We ate our trail lunch at Clear Lake, pumped water to fill up

our water bottles and were on our way back to Black Creek to pick up a car to pick up the ones who only wanted the 5 mile hike. HA HA. When I said we all have to go back to pick up the car there were a few frowns, but every one was able to make the next 5 miles. Way to go guys. We had freeze-dried dinners for supper and some space-cream. (Freeze-dried ice cream). Some liked it, some did not. After Vespers on Sunday we packed up and came home. I had a great time. Hope we have a good turn out for the Beavers Bend backpacking trip. Nov. 20-22nd. Sign up today! Need a scout in-charge who has not been in charge yet.

By Matt Miller –

We camped the first night and hiked in the morning. We saw amazing sites and it was fairly nice outside. We had tons of fun! We got a ton of mud on our shoes! We only stopped a couple times. Once we got to the lake, we refilled our water bottles. Mr. Giddens tricked most of us. We thought that only ten milers were going to hike back to the cars, but instead he made the five milers hike back too. We were sooo tired once we got back. We tried making a fire with no success until it got dark. In the morning, we packed up and cleaned up our campsite and left.



Slam DUNK! – Nuts for Pecan Festival

Becky Norman

The Dunk Tank at the Pecan Festival was a success. We made \$705.00 - \$300 for booth and tank rental = \$405.00 profit.

I think every one involved had a great time, yes even the ones who volunteered to be in the tank. It was not as muddy as last year and we had a

better location.

I would like to thank every one that helped in and out of the tank. If you took pictures, please send me a copy.

Corny Cash – Popcorn Take Orders

Any questions?

Contact Connie Greene

817-253-7599

cjogreene@yahoo.com



Popcorn sales are currently underway. Keep this in mind as you go:

* Have all checks made payable to:

Troop 1993, Tejas District / Longhorn Council

* Please print your name, address, cell/ phone number and e-mail address on EACH order form.

* Get a valid (can be reached) phone number from each customer that

you sell to! (i.e. not just "some lady at Mom's work")

* Please make a copy of each page of your order form(s) prior to turning in to Connie Greene.

* When turning in your order, please place order form(s) and all monies in a "sealed" envelope with your name, patrol name and amount of cash, checks and total on the

front. Don't forget to put your prize selection on the prize line.

* Remember to have fun, smile and thank everyone when taking their order!!!!!!

* Orders & money due: Monday Oct. 19, 2009

* Prize selection due: Monday Oct. 19, 2009

* Delivery Date: Nov. 12 - 14, 2009, location TBD

A friendly reminder - Troop Tents

Hugh Woelke

There is absolutely NO FOOD ALLOWED IN TROOP TENTS, EVER! No food of any kind is ever to be in a Troop tent. The only thing that you should have in a Troop tent is water. No sodas, no sports drinks, no bug juice. There are severe penalties for everyone sleeping in the tent if food is found in your tent. You will be asked to

immediately pack up the tent and return it to the trailer for the remainder of the campout. You will be allowed to use the ground cloth to make some sort of a shelter for yourself and your tent mates, but none of you will be using a Troop tent. Rain or shine, cold or hot, you will not be in a Troop tent.

No cots are to be used in Troop tents either. (Cots tear holes in the

floors of the tents).

If you have any suggestions or ideas about equipment, let me know. I'm more than happy to listen to ideas. We can talk about it over a cup of bug juice on the next campout!



A Scout Is... Courteous

Kurt Stevenson

<http://www.timesnews.net/>

Since the beginning of Scouting in 1910, several basic fundamentals have prevailed. These are known in Scouting as the Scout Law, the Scout Motto and the Scout Oath.

The Scout Law states that a Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

The World English Dictionary defines courtesy as something done out of politeness or consideration for another person.

Something as simple as opening the door for someone while shopping or at home or carrying a package for someone is a common act of courtesy.

The essential element of courtesy, as well as of affection, is respect. But only when respect is expressed, in words, by manner, or by act, -- with grace and cheerfulness -- does it become courtesy.

Grace is a charm or pleasantness, associated with something said or done when it is said or done with transparent sincerity and pleasure, -- not as a disagreeable duty.

Angie Goodwin, Activities Secretary at the Sequoyah Council office, says that when she thinks about a scout being courteous, " he is respectful of others time, he is prompt and reliable", comes to mind.

Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scouting movement, is quoted in the book Footsteps

of the Founder, as saying "A real man is courteous. That is he shows deference, human sympathy and unbreakable humor.

The Rules of Etiquette for Boy Scouts given in the manual, and in the Pamphlet called Cruising for Sea Scouts, are as follows:

Good Manners

The same thing that entered in to the training of these men, knights, pioneers, and Lincoln, then, must enter into the training of the boy scouts of to-day. Just as they respected women and served them, so the tenderfoot and the scout must be polite and kind to women, not merely to well-dressed women, but to poorly dressed women; not merely to young women, but to old women; to women wherever they may be found; -- wherever they may be. To these a scout must always be courteous and helpful.

When a scout is walking with a lady or a child, he should always walk on the outside of the sidewalk, so that he can better protect them against the jostling crowds. This rule is only altered when crossing the street, when the scout should go between the lady and the traffic, so as to shield her from accident or mud.

Also in meeting a woman or child, a scout, as a matter of course, should always make way for them, even if he himself has to step off the sidewalk into the mud. When riding in a street car or train, a scout should never allow a woman, an elderly person, or a child to stand, but will offer his seat; and when he does it he should do it cheerfully and

with a smile.

When on the street, he continually on a quest, on the look-out to help others, and always refuse any reward for the effort. This kind of courtesy and good manners is essential to success. It was this unselfish desire to protect and help that made these men of olden times such splendid fellows.

Good manners attract and please, and should be cultivated by every boy who expects to win success and make his life interesting to others. In the home, on the street, in the school, in the workshop or the office, or wherever one may be, his relationship to others should be characterized as gentle, courteous, polite, considerate, and thoughtful. There are virtues and graces that make life easier and more pleasant for all.



Knots LAW: Courteous



Good manners are always appropriate ... yike!

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The Treasurer's Chest



Greg Stamper Treasurer Troop 1993

Fundraising pays off! So does staying current on Scout Dues. Thanks to your hard work at fundraising and the good job *most of you* have done at catching up on your Dues, our bank balance is now a more comfortable \$3,991. As a result, we recently bought new iron skillet for each patrol's chuck box,

and have just ordered two new tents. In the coming months, we hope to replace more of our worn out equipment, which will make our campouts a lot more fun. There is another area in which you can help. Did you know that if you sign-up for a campout, don't pay for it in advance, and decide not to attend that you *still owe the troop* for the cost of the campout? That's because the troop ends up paying for the food that you weren't

there to eat, and the campsite that you weren't there to enjoy. So if you sign up, please pay no later than the Monday before the campout. If something comes up and you absolutely must cancel, contact Scout in charge or the SMIC as soon as possible. It might be possible to refund some or all of your camping fees.

Feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions.

Inside the Supply Closet

As some of you may know our Troop tents are beginning to show their age. Well, you should be happy to hear that we are planning a gradual replacement of the current tents! We currently have two new ones on order. Once they arrive we will start trying those two out. If we like them, then as the current tents fail, we will replace them with a new one.

In an effort to make sure we get tents that you Scouts are happy with, we will be issuing the two new tents on a rotating schedule. That way everyone will get a chance to try out the new

tents. Once the tent is issued to you and your tent mates, your names will be added to a list. That way everyone gets a chance to try out the new ones. I will be asking each person who uses the new tents to fill out a very short questionnaire about the tents (8 to 10 multiple choice questions). We are trying to gather information on how you as a Scout like the tents to make sure this is the type we want to go with.

So, when they get here, if you are not the first to use them, don't worry

you will get your turn!

We also recently purchased a new cast iron skillet for each chuck box. No more burning your eggs in the aluminum pans and spending the next 2 hours trying to scrub them out! Please take proper **CARE** of the cast iron. If you do, it will last forever. If you are unsure how to care for cast iron utensils, PLEASE ask. It's very easy! We also had a few cast iron items donated by several different people. Thank you to all who donated.



Hugh Woelke
Troop 1993

Scoutmaster Minute



Ivy Lynn Brush
Troop 1993

**Moral of the Minute:
Keep Your Knives (lives)
SHARP!**

"Decision is a sharp knife that cuts clean and straight. Indecision is a dull one that hacks and tears and leaves ragged edges behind."

This sounds good but I got to thinking how it applied to other things in life. No doubt, indecision can cause a bushel of problems for those being indecisive and those that deal with the consequences of someone else's indecision. But what if we were to take some key words we use in Scouting, words in the Scout Law and the Scout Oath, and apply them to this phrase.

Take any one of the Laws and replace the "decision" word with it and then take the opposite of the Law and put that word in the place of the "indecision" word. The opposite of any of the Scout Laws can hack and

tear and leave a ragged edge. If you are untrustworthy, disloyal, unhelpful, unfriendly, discourteous, rude, disobedient, sad, wasteful, cowardly, unclean and irreverent then, let's face it, you're not much fun to be around. You probably can't be relied upon to do anything to make life better for yourself or others. Sure, everyone has "down" days and makes mistakes but if you embodied all of these negative laws most of the time then you would be a pretty sad individual.

Let's do the same thing with key words in the Oath. Honor, Best, Duty, God, Country, Obey, Help, Physically Strong, Mentally Awake, and Morally Straight. These are action words but the opposite of them can lead to a life of despair, sadness and loneliness. When we think of Morally Straight we think of people

who end up doing drugs and we've all seen how lonely and sad their lives can become. You are Scouts. You uphold the values of the Oath and Laws for life. You embody them. Look around you. Does everyone else live by these Laws? Do you see the majority of people around you taking short cuts and living "indecisive" lives and leaving "ragged edges behind?"

As Scouts we live our lives "clean and straight". We try to help others do so as well. We do a good turn daily and provide cheerful service. For this we can always be proud and we can always be relied upon. I thank you all for living your lives in this fashion and inspiring me on a daily basis.



In these past few months, many of our younger scouts have gained rank advancements, and three of our scouts, Alex Nelson, Charlie Jordan, and Clinton Chittick are all working on their Eagle. Aside from the astonishing amount of advancement, we have also been incorporating troop guides into the patrols, to help the scouts along. We have been on quite a few successful campouts, which the boys who went, seemed to have enjoyed. At the Court of Honor, we saw many awards handed out to the scouts and adults alike, and once again all of our patrols earned the Honor Patrol award. It is good to see this many boys hard at work on their advancement, and I only hope these younger scouts can stay this motivated in the future. On a personal note, I have overall enjoyed being the SPL, and hope to see things run even better in the future.



The most recent rank advancement in the Apaches was Jeffrey Fulkerson earning his Life. There has also been some merit badges earned. Clinton earned his Family Life and Medicine badges, Jeffrey F. earned Cit in The Community, Eric Carver Simmons earned Cit in the Nation and Matt Schuette earned the Law merit badge. Thanks goes out to all the scouts who came out to help Clinton with his Eagle project at the Mansfield nursing home. And congratulations to Clinton for getting it done!



The Canadian Patrol is made up of mostly older Scouts. Therefore most of us have little advancement because we all have Life or Star. We have a lot of our dues up and most of us are active with the Troop. Several of us are Troop staff members.



The Cobra patrol has been fairly active lately. We have been good with our dues and we've had activity in rankings and troop participation. Just this recently three of the Cobras, Nick Thomas, Quentin Whitfield and Dylan Deen went on the Camperall campout and helped with the Webelos with first-aid carries.



We have accomplished many things this month including discussing future campouts. The Pecan Festival, Show and Sell Popcorn booth was Mustang manned by Jacob Carver-Simmons, Chris Sybrant and Taylor Greene. Ben Ryan was on hand for the "take down". During the Pecan Festival, Charlie Jordan promoted his own "Eagle Project", seeking donations from individuals and obtaining corporate sponsorship. Charlie was invited to attend the Cub Scout Roundtable on Tuesday October 6th, to again promote his "Eagle Project" after assisting Clinton Chittock with HIS "Eagle Project". Austin Kanady, Ben Ryan and Taylor Greene are the other Mustangs helping with Clinton's Project. The Mustang dues are current, and we're looking forward to a very busy month.



The Phantoms have been busy. Most of the patrol worked at the Pecan Festival at Rose Park. It was a lot of fun getting to see adults dunked especially teachers and principals. Some of the patrol members were at the Camperall at Sid Richardson. Camp was wet but it was still fun. We are still working towards rank advancements and merit badges.



The Spartans had four scouts move up to tenderfoot at the last COH. Several others will get their tenderfoot at the next COH in December. We had one scout go to Camperall. It was cold, wet, but still fun. Keep up the good work, but bring your dues.

Upcoming Events

Troop 1993

Boy Scouts of America

TROOP MEETINGS

Monday 7:00
First United Methodist Church
Mansfield, TX 76063

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Michael Carver-Simmons



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INFORMATION
REGARDING
UPCOMING EVENTS
PLEASE CHECK THE
CALENDAR ON THE
TROOP WEBSITE

OCTOBER						
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October 12
NO MEETING

October 16-18
SCORE-O
Sid Richardson

October 17-18
JOTA
Sid Richardson

October 19
Troop Meeting
Spartans

October 19
Patrol Leader's Council

October 24
SM/ASM Specific Training
(Adults)

October 26
Troop Meeting
Apaches

October 29-31
Wood Badge II
SR-971
(Adults)

November 2
Troop Meeting
Bushwhackers

November 2
Merit Badge College
Kennedale High School

November 5
Roundtable/OA Meeting
Newsletter Articles Due

November 7
Road Service

November 9
Troop Meeting
Canadians

November 11
Flag Placement
Veteran's Day

November 16
Troop Meeting
Cobras

November 23
NO MEETING

November 30
Troop Meeting
Mustangs
Election Applications

December 3
Roundtable/OA Meeting
Newsletter Articles DUE

December 5
Merit Badge College
Kennedale High School

December 7
Troop Meeting
Troop Elections

December 7
Committee Meeting

December 14
Winter Court of Honor

December 21
NO MEETING

December 27-29
Twin Arrows Youth
Leadership

December 28
NO MEETING

January 2-3
MacGyver

About Our Organization...

Troop 1993 has been chartered since January 1, 1993 and has participated in many exciting activities which include Summer Camps, rock climbing trips, horseback riding, motor boating, and canoe trips each year. The Troop has backpacked in 5 different states and has taken five trips to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Contingents from our Troop have participated in each of the last four National Jamborees. This summer, we went to Lost Pines Scout Ranch in Bastrop Texas, and plan to go to Camp Pioneer next year.