

# Troop 1424

*Celebrating Our 25<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary in 2013!*

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## October 2013 Newsletter

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### Meeting Schedule

**Troop Meetings** are held Tuesdays at 7:30pm.

**ASM Meetings** are held on the first Sunday of the month from 1-2pm immediately preceding the FCE class.

**Committee Meetings** are held once a month on the Tuesday following the monthly campout at 7:30pm.

**Patrol Leadership Council (PLC) meetings** are held once a month on the Tuesday following the monthly campout starting at 7pm.

**First Class Emphasis (FCE)** events are held the First Sunday of every month from 2-4pm.

### Three Month "Unofficial" Calendar

(remember the OFFICIAL calendar is always maintained on the Troop website [www.bsatroop1424.com](http://www.bsatroop1424.com))

#### October 2013

Court of Honor .....	Oct 15
Troop Meeting .....	Oct 22
Campout #3 .....	Oct 25-27
Location: El Rancho Cima / Canoeing on San Marcos River	
PLC Meeting.....	Oct 29
Committee Meeting.....	Oct 29

#### November 2013

ASM Meeting .....	Nov 03
FCE .....	Nov 03
Troop Meeting .....	Nov 05
Garage Sale.....	Nov 08
Parent Meeting (Webelos Woods).....	Nov 11
Troop Meeting .....	Nov 12
Campout #4 .....	Nov 15-17
Location: Camp Mauritz	
PLC Meeting.....	Nov 19
Committee Meeting.....	Nov 19
NO TROOP MEETING .....	Nov 26
Thanksgiving Week	

#### December 2013

Troop Meeting .....	Dec 03
ASM Meeting .....	Dec 08
FCE .....	Dec 08
Troop Meeting .....	Dec 10
Campout #5 .....	Dec 13-15
Brazos Bend SP or other local park	
PLC Meeting.....	Dec 17
Committee Meeting.....	Dec 17
NO TROOP MEETING .....	Dec 24 & Dec 31

## Fundraising

Jim Jarecki, Fundraising Coordinator



## We need a Volunteer to lead our Fall Garage Sale

This person is responsible for arranging the location, advertisements in the papers, securing the permit, arranging the transportation, storage unit, and pickup of leftover goods. There is a checklist of to assist the leader. Please contact Jim Jarecki at [jim.jarecki@halliburton.com](mailto:jim.jarecki@halliburton.com) if you are interested.

## Popcorn sales are underway

This is a great opportunity to raise funds for Scouts' camping fees.

## Youth Leaders

We are proud to introduce our newly elected and appointed Youth Leaders!

Jack F.	Senior Patrol Leader
Matthew A.	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
David (DJ) C.	Redtails Patrol Leader
Gabriel W.	Redtails Assistant Patrol Leader
Ben A.	Eagles Patrol Leader
Ronald H.	Eagles Assistant Patrol Leader
Kyle S.	Blockheads Patrol Leader
Garrett B.	Blockheads Assistant Patrol Leader
Alex O.	Lemmings Patrol Leader
Jeremy R.	Lemmings Assistant Patrol Leader
Ben A.	Bugler
Pranav T.	Librarian
Matthew A.	Order of the Arrow Representative
Elvis D.	Chaplain's Aide
Gabriel W.	Historian
Jared B.	Quartermaster
Blake B.	Scribe
Ben S.	Den Chief
John Michael S.	Den Chief

### October Campout - Canoeing on San Marcos River, Mike McNeff, Leader

The October campout will be canoeing on the San Marcos River. Campout planning will be done at the troop meeting this Tuesday night. Please plan to meet at NHLC Friday Oct. 25 at 6:30 pm sharp since we need to load up and depart ASAP. We have a long drive and will be setting up camp in the dark so please be on time. We will camp overnight at El Rancho Cima and leave early Saturday morning for canoeing on the San Marcos River after a quick breakfast and making sandwiches for lunch. The plan is to get on the water early and stop somewhere along the river to eat. After canoeing we will return to El Rancho Cima for Saturday night. After breakfast on Sunday morning we will leave for NHLC and should arrive by 1:00. It should be a great trip!

### New Troop Meeting Location

Joe Alcorn, Committee Chair

As you have noticed the last few weeks we have been meeting in the Gym rather than the Old Sanctuary. New Hope is planning to tear down the Old Sanctuary once the Family Promise people complete their new facility and re-locate offsite. Our weekly Troop meetings will now be held in the Gym from 7:30-9pm. We have been allocated three classrooms #6, #7, #8 in the Gym to use for Patrol meetings, breakout meetings, and storage of Troop supplies and memorabilia. We will need to schedule a time to go through all our belongings in the Old Sanctuary and move what we want to keep to these three classrooms and trash the remainder. The Church has also asked that we refrain from using any space other than classrooms #6, #7, #8 and the main basketball court. That means the Loft, the Kitchen, and any other rooms are off limits to us during Troop activities.

### Summer Camp

Mike Schultz, Leader



### Preliminary Itinerary:

- Leave June 27 and drive to Fort Stockton.
- Go to Carlsbad Caverns on June 28 and travel on to Gorham Scout Ranch. Stay at camp that night.
- Half day rafting on the Rio Grande on June 29. Check into camp that afternoon.
- June 29-July 5 Summer camp activities.
- Depart camp for Wichita Falls on July 5.
- Arrive home on July 6.

### Costs

Camp fees are \$340 or \$290 if paid by April 15  
 Adult fees are \$270 or \$230 if paid by April 15  
 Chimayo High Adventure \$360 / person  
 Rafting is about \$55 / person  
 Carlsbad Caverns is free  
 Lodging during travel should be free  
 Transportation costs should be \$200-250

### REMINDER !!!

Part C of the BSA Health Forms are required to attend Summer Camp. This requires a physical!

**Re-Charter and Annual Dues**

Joe Alcorn, Committee Chair

It is almost time to start our annual Re-Charter process for the Troop. This year will be different than years past. National BSA has changed the re-charter date for all Troops and Packs. Instead of re-chartering in January, we will re-charter in December - BUT, our paperwork has to be turned in by early November.

This means we will need to change our due date for Annual Troop dues from early January to **November 12th.**

Unfortunately, National dues for Scouts and Adults have increased almost \$10 so we will have to raise our Annual Troop fees from \$75 to \$85 to keep pace. The Troop fees have been held at \$75 per year for as long as anyone in the Troop can remember but we now need to make an adjustment for 2014. The twice yearly camping fees will remain the same at \$75 in the Fall and \$75 in the Spring (based on 5 campouts at \$15/campout).

**Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts:**

Dylan A.  
Travis C.



Hard to believe those young boys we saw in the Gorham / Frank Rand summer camp pictures during COH from 2008 are all grown-up and have achieved their Eagle Scout Rank!

**Adult Leader Opportunities**

Joe Alcorn, Committee Chair



We have the following Committee positions open for Adult Leaders:

Assistant Committee Chair

Journey to Excellence Coordinator

Secretary

Quartermaster (1 of 2)



In the Scoutmaster Corps we have the following open positions for Adult Leaders:

5 open spots for Patrol ASMs

3 open spots for FCE Co-Leaders

3 General ASMs

In addition to standing positions on the committee and Scoutmaster Corps, volunteers are needed for the following:

Fall Garage Sale Leader

Spring Garage Sale Leader

Campout leaders for Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar,

Apr, Jun campouts

Board of Review members

Merit Badge Counselors

We would ask that at least one Adult from each Troop family volunteer for one of the positions above. It takes an enormous amount of participation to keep our Troop operating and continue to make it a safe and fun activity for our Scouts.



**Webelos Woods 2013**  
Robby Frank,  
Campout Leader

Troop 1424 is excited to announce that we are hosting scouts and parents from pack 1401 & Pack 282 for this years' Webelos Woods Campout. We will be camping at Camp Mauritz in Ganada, Tx on November 15 - 17.

We will leave from New Hope Lutheran Church on Friday 11/15 at 6:30pm, drive straight to Camp Mauritz (maybe a q uick stop at Buc-ee's in Wharton) and arrive for setup approximately 9pm.

Saturday will be a fun filled day with an opening ceremony that includes Troops and Packs from our entire Thunderwolf District. Then there will be several activity pin stations set up thru out the day for the Webelos to work on pins they may need for their AOL ceremony. All Webelos will have an opportunity to visit the Troops participating and ask questions about the different programs offered.

Saturday evening will surely be a good time at the campfire filled with skits and songs. We will be arriving back at New Hope in Missouri City around 2pm on Sunday 11/17/13.

**Forester Pin at Webelos Woods**



**Forester**

Thunderwolf district is arranging several classes for Webelos activity pins during the Webelos Woods campout on Nov 15-17. Our Troop traditionally teaches at least one of the pins. Last year some of our incoming Webelos II Parents actually stepped up and taught on

behalf of our Troop! This year we have signed up to teach the Forester pin. Mr. Schultz has agreed to lead the class but he will need some help. If you would like to help teach this class please let Mr. Schultz know at [mike.schultz@skaconsulting.com](mailto:mike.schultz@skaconsulting.com) .



**Key Contacts**

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**Winter Camp**

Winter camp is an opportunity to attend a long-term campout and work on merit badges during the school break in late December. Almost all camps hold their program on Dec 26 - Dec 31. An email will be circulated to gauge interest in attending Winter camp at a Boy Scout camp within 2 hours of Houston. **More details to follow!**

**National Youth Leader Training (NYLT)**

We recently completed the Troop level Youth Leadership Training (YLST) for our newly elected and appointed Youth leaders. The next step in the training process is NYLT which is held by the Sam Houston Area Council (SHAC) twice a year in December and in June. We ask that all Scouts who aspire to run for ASPL and SPL one day register for the NYLT training course. This course is an excellent way to prepare the Scouts for the leadership challenges they will face as ASPL and SPL. The courses for December are already full. Dates are being arranged for June.

**High Adventure Program**

Dean Gore, High Adventure Coordinator

We have developed a preliminary high adventure plan for the next several years. For Scouts to participate in high adventure activities they need to be 14 years old or have finished the 8th grade prior to the start of the activity.

**Summer 2014**

High Adventure options at Gorham Scout Ranch

**Summer 2015**

Bechtel Summit Reserve High Adventure base in West Virginia. Some of the activities available are mountain biking, whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and backpacking.

**Winter 2015**

OKPIK Winter High Adventure at Northern Tier High Adventure base in Minnesota.

**Summer 2016**

Sea Base High Adventure base in the Florida Keys. Activities include sailing and scuba diving.

**Summer 2017**

Philmont High Adventure base in New Mexico.