

Troop 1424

**Celebrating Our 25th
Anniversary in 2013!**

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May 2013 Newsletter

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Meeting Schedule

Troop Meetings are held Tuesdays at 7:30pm.

ASM Meetings are held on a rotating basis - one month on Sunday afternoon from 1-2pm and the next month on Tuesday night from 7-7:30pm.

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)

May 2013

Sprint for Life	May 04
Location: MD Anderson Cancer Center	
ASM Meeting	May 05
FCE	May 05
Troop Meeting	May 07
Mo City Ribbon Tying	May 09
Location: Missouri City Police Station on Cartwright	
Troop Meeting	May 14
Mo City Fallen Officers Memorial	May 15
Location: Mo City Police Station	
Garage Sale Sorting / Pick-up	May 17
Garage Sale	May 18
Location: Colony Creek Community Church on Hwy 6	
Swim Test	May 19
Troop Meeting	May 21
Troop Meeting	May 28

June 2013

ASM Meeting	Jun 02
FCE	Jun 02
Summer Camp Parent Meeting	Jun 04
NO PLC MEETING	Jun 04
Committee Meeting	Jun 04
May / June Campout	Jun 7-9
Location: Hamilton Pool & Pedernales Falls SP	
Troop Meeting	Jun 11
Swim Test	Jun 16
Troop Meeting	Jun 18
Summer Camp	Jun 21-30

July 2013

NO TROOP MEETINGS IN JULY!

ASM Planning Meeting	Jul 16
PLC Planning Meeting	Jul 23
Committee Planning Meeting	Jul 30

Garage Sale

Karin Belding, Leader

Our Spring Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th at Colony Creek Community Church (CCCC) on Hwy 6. The schedule of events and how you can help is described below.

FRIDAY NIGHT - May 17th**1) Pick-up of remaining large items**

If you have any remaining large items to donate and need a pick-up on Friday night please send an email to Karin Belding with a list of items to be picked up and your address so we can arrange for pick-up. The pick-up will be made between 6pm - 10pm by uhaul or personal truck.

2) Drop-off of smaller items and clothes

If you have small or medium sized items to donate to the garage sale that do not require pick-up please bring them to New Hope Lutheran Church (NHLC) on Friday night between 6pm and 8pm. These items will be sorted and then loaded onto one of the U-hauls for storage Friday night and then transported to the garage sale on Saturday morning.

3) Loading of trailer

We will load all the available tables from the gym into the troop trailer along with several cases of water, orange barricade netting, signs, ice chests into the troop trailer.

4) Where help is needed on Friday night

- U-haul truck drivers and help with pick-up and loading of the U-haul trailer. Please arrive at NHLC between 6-6:30pm.

Saturday - May 18th**1) Where help is needed on Saturday**

- We will need help with the collection of money at the front entrance to the garage sale.
- We will need someone to bring coffee and donuts for everyone on Saturday morning.
- We will begin setup for the garage sale at 6:30am at Colony Creek Community Church (CCCC).
- The garage sale itself (items for sale) from 8am until 1pm.
- Breakdown of tables and cleanup at CCCC will be around 12:30-12:45pm.
- Loadout of unsold goods into the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry truck(s) will be at 1pm.
- The final step is always to take the troop trailer back to NHLC and unload all the tables, barricade netting, and such and put everything away in the gym and storage shed. This is usually completed by 3pm.

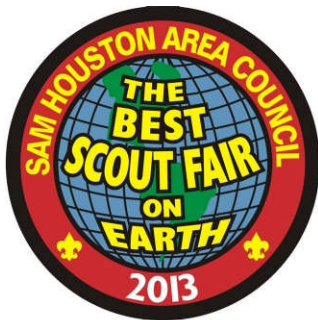
Hours worked by Scouts and 1 (one) Parent or Guardian are the basis for distribution of fundraising to the Scout accounts. 60% of the net proceeds from the garage sale is distributed to each individual Scout fundraising account. The remaining 40% of the net proceeds goes into the troop general fund. So, the more hours you work the more money goes into your fundraising account. The more hours a parent or guardian works the more money that is deposited into the Scouts' fundraising account.

Scout Fair

Jim Jarecki, Fundraising Coordinator

Our Troop attended the Scout Fair at Reliant center on Saturday, April 13th. The Troop cooked quesadillas and had a long line of hungry Scouts and Adults at our booth all day long!

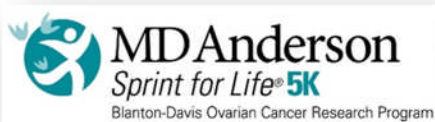
By attending this event each Scout selling coupon books earned a 30% increase in their commission on the sales! Thanks to everyone who participated.



Sprint for Life

Mike Schultz, Scoutmaster

We had a Great Turnout on Saturday, May 4th for the Sprint for Life 5k Run/Walk. 18 Scouts and 8 Adults were in attendance. As a thank you for our service the Sprint for Life donated the leftover water (about 50 cases) and Gatorade (about 5 cases) to use on future campouts and events. Sprint for Life raised over \$3.8 million for the Blanton-Davis Ovarian Cancer Research Program at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.



First Class Emphasis (FCE)

By Joe Alcorn, Committee Chair

Our Troop First Class Emphasis (FCE) program was developed to offer regularly scheduled events outside of the Troop meetings to teach / reinforce the Scout skills necessary to earn First Class rank. The program was started by Billy Sturhan and Robby Frank in March of 2012 and has been wildly successful! The FCE program is held the first Sunday of the month at NHLC from 2-4pm. Parents are welcome to watch, try their hand at some of the skills or participate as a teacher. Older Scouts are encouraged to attend to help teach the skills. Come out and join the fun!



Congratulations to the following Scouts who recently completed their Board of Review to earn their rank:

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| Elvis D. | First Class | May 7th |
| Ravi K. | Tenderfoot | May 7th |
| Christian H. | Tenderfoot | May 7th |

May / June Campout

Mike McNeff, Leader

Plans for this campout are to depart NHLC on Friday afternoon / evening and drive to Pedernales Falls State Park near Dripping Springs. We will camp at the Youth Group campsite at the park. Saturday morning we will eat breakfast and then depart for Hamilton Pool which is a county park near Austin.

Return to NHLC will be on Sunday afternoon.

Swim tests will be required for this trip. The Troop usually sets up a swim test Saturday at the Fort Bend YMCA. Watch for details.

For more information on Hamilton Pool click on the link below:

<https://parks.traviscountytx.gov/find-a-park/hamilton-pool>

**Summer Camp**

Mike Schultz, Leader

Summer camp payment schedule:

February 8th, \$75.00... Summer Camp Fees (activities not included)

March 5th, \$75.00... Summer Camp Fees (activities not included)

April 2nd, \$95... Summer Camp Fees (activities not included)

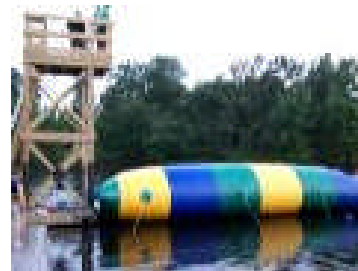
May 7, amount TBD (travel exp and activity cost)

June 4, amount TBD (travel exp and activity cost)

The plans for Summer Camp are to depart NHLC on Friday, June 21st and return on Sunday, June 30th.

A Parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4th at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall at NHLC to discuss logistics, transportation, costs, and itinerary for summer camp. **ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!**

Swim tests are required for Summer camp and will also be required for the June campout. Swim tests will be held at the Fort Bend YMCA on May 19 and Jun 16.



"The Blob" at Skymont

REMINDER !!!

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

Annual Planning Meetings

Joe Alcorn,
Committee Chair



It is almost time to begin our Troop level Annual Planning Meetings for the next Scout year. The planning meetings are held in July and accomplished in three steps:

Step 1 - ASM Planning Meeting - This meeting reviews the previous years' camping, Advancement, FCE, and Troop meeting programs and proposes some rough guidelines to be used for planning the new year.

Step 2 - PLC Planning Meeting - This meeting is boy-led and enables the Youth to plan the Scout year and prepare a budget within the rough guidelines established by the Committee and the Scoutmaster Corps. The output of this meeting is a proposed calendar, a proposed budget, and a completed Troop Meeting Plan for the year.

Step 3 - Committee Planning Meeting - This meeting is to review the proposed calendar, Troop meeting plan, and budget. They will be reviewed, finalized, and implemented.

Our Troop achieved the "Gold" level Unit Award for 2012! The Gold level is the highest level awarded to Units in the Journey to Excellence Program (JTE).

**Adult Leader Opportunities**

Joe Alcorn, Committee Chair



We have the following Committee positions open for Adult Leaders:

Assistant Committee Chair**Journey to Excellence Coordinator****Advancement (Records) Coordinator****Health & Safety Coordinator****Treasurer****Secretary**

In addition we have **6 open spots for Assistant Scoutmasters and two**

two openings for leaders of the First Class Emphasis (FCE) program.



In addition to the above there is always a need for Adults to serve on Boards of Review and attend Campouts and other Troop events.

Training required for the Committee positions is YPT and Troop Committee Challenge.

Training required for the Asst Scoutmasters is YPT, Scoutmaster Specific (SMS) and Introductions to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS).

YPT and Troop Committee Challenge are available online at myscouting.org. SMS and IOLS are taught twice a year by the District but also available at other times in other Districts.

Start Preparing for next Year!First campout in early August

The first campout of the Scout year is a lock-in at the NHLC gym. All the Scouts love this activity as they generally use it as an opportunity to stay up all night playing games and just generally having fun in a safe and secure environment. The lock-in is scheduled for Fri / Sat August 3/4 2013.

Merit Badge day

Thunderwolf District holds a Merit Badge day with classes on many of the Merit Badges. This event is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th and the location is TBD. Watch for additional details.

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 or early January. We have found it difficult with family commitments to have sufficient attendance the last two years. This year the FBISD calendar might provide an opportunity to attend winter camp over a long weekend around New Years' day. Watch for more details.

Missouri City Fallen Officer Memorial

Jason Dean, Service Projects Coordinator

The Missouri City Police Department would like us to assist them with a service project and memorial to honor officers who have fallen in the line of duty. This will be a two part project with each part taking about 1 hour.



We will be tying ribbons to trees along Cartwright Rd in front of the Police dept on Thursday, May 9th at 6pm.

Please wear Class A uniform.

The second part will take place at the police station on Cartwright Rd. next Wednesday, May 15th at 6pm. I'm not sure what our level of involvement will be in the ceremony but I will get details out as they become available. I'm sure it will involve a flag ceremony so we should have a color guard ready. Once again, class A uniform is required.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting this Tuesday. If you can participate in either of these events please contact me at jdean@proconsrv.com to confirm.

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