

Troop 1424

*Celebrating Our 25th
Anniversary in 2013!*

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June 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)

June 2013

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

July 2013

NO WEEKLY TROOP MEETINGS IN JULY!

ASM Meeting	Jul 07
FCE	Jul 07
ASM Planning Meeting	Jul 16
PLC Planning Meeting	Jul 23
Committee Planning Meeting	Jul 30

August 2013

Annual Lock-in at NHLC	Aug 02/03
Includes Aug FCE Class from 6-8pm on Fri night	
PLC Meeting	Aug 06
Committee Meeting	Aug 06
District Merit Badge Day	Aug 10
Troop Meeting	Aug 13
Troop Meeting	Aug 20
Troop Meeting	Aug 27

Service Projects - Missouri City Police Officers Ribbon Tying and Fallen Officer Ceremony

Jason Dean, Leader



Troop 1424 Participates in Police Week Service Projects

On May 9th, 2013, members of Troop 1424 united with Pack 282 and the Missouri City Police Department to tie ribbons on the trees down Cartwright Rd in honor of police week. Scouts were given a police escort for safety purposes and treated with ice cream upon completion of their task.



A week later, on May 15th, 2013, Scouts gathered to participate in the 8th Annual Fallen Officers Memorial Ceremony, where Jack Frank led the Troop and a crowd of around 200 people, including the chief of police, the mayor, and many other attending government officials in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Congratulations on a job well done to the following participants: Christian H, Elvis D, Joey C, Jack F, Pranav T, Andrew K, Matthew A, Ben A, Will S, and Kyle S!



**Personal Management Merit Badge**

Dean Gore, Counselor

The Personal Management Merit Badge is one of the 21 mandatory merit badges required to earn the rank of Eagle. It is one of the most challenging merit badges to earn requiring as much (if not more) independent work as classroom work. A total of 19 scouts signed up for this merit badge class earlier this Spring, which is quite a large group. In class, we have covered almost all of the requirements including: an exploration of emotions surrounding money; an examination of different types of investment and the difference between investing and saving; the concept of Return on Investment and risk; stock tracking; loans and interest rates; credit and debit cards; and credit reports and scores.

This merit badge also requires that each scout undertake four independent tasks: 1) analysis and planning for a family purchase; 2) preparation of a personal budget and income/expense tracking for three months; 3) preparation of a 7-day schedule and diary as a time management exercise; and preparation of a written project plan. We have gone over each of these in class and each are explained in some detail in the merit badge pamphlet and the worksheet.

We will spend the last two meetings before summer camp working on reviewing progress on all of the requirements and I will be signing off on the completion of individual requirements. I will also be available to anyone (Scout or parent) at anytime during the summer to answer questions or to review work (Dean.Gore.3323@gmail.com, and 713-498-5760). Please help your son out as much as you can. From my own experience, I know that his success with this merit badge will depend much upon your involvement and encouragement.



Coin Collecting Merit Badge

Joe Alcorn Counselor



We started the coin collecting merit badge in April. We have learned about the US Mint,

Bureau of Engraving and Printing, different kinds of coin collections, how to determine the value of a coin, different ways to store a collection, names of all the famous individuals on paper currency, how to identify a mint mark, and also shared personal collections with the group. We completed the Merit Badge two weeks ago. We will still hold classes at the remaining June Troop meetings to help complete missing requirements.

First Class Emphasis (FCE)

By Billy Sturhan, ASM

We cancelled our June FCE class due to weather and also due to final exams for the Scouts.

The July FCE class is scheduled for Sunday, July 7th 2-4pm at NHLC as usual.

The August FCE class is usually held during the NHLC lock-in the first weekend of August. On Friday night we setup stations inside the gym to teach various requirements. FCE class runs 6-8pm with the lock-in starting at 8pm.

Cycling Merit Badge

Tracy Fowler, Counselor



In April a small group of older Scouts started work on the Cycling merit badge. "Classroom" requirements include first aid review, bike maintenance, and riding safety. In addition, the Cycling Merit Badge requires a total of 150 miles of bike riding! We've largely finished the classroom requirements, and are ready to begin the rides. The rides consist of two 10-mile rides, two 15-mile rides, two 25-mile rides, and one 50-mile ride. We will schedule the rides throughout the summer, working around the end of school, campouts, summer camp, and other calendar events. Naturally, we will need a few adults who are willing to limber up their legs to help on the rides, or to volunteer to provide ride support (for refreshments or break downs).

Save the Date(s)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 2/3 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.

Fundraising - Garage Sale

Karin Belding, Leader

We held our Spring Garage Sale on Saturday, May 18th. Hopefully most of you managed to arrive back at home with less stuff than you donated! Once the Scouts start 'shopping' there is a tendency to fill up the vehicle with stuff that you didn't know you needed and usually will need to donate next year.

We had a very successful Garage Sale in terms of revenue. We are still awaiting some final bills and will publish a chart showing how much each Scout earned for their camping account. Earnings are based upon hours worked.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Garage Sale. It takes a lot of hard work by everyone to make this work and everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated.



Summer Camp

Mike Schultz, Leader

Summer camp departure will be Friday morning June 21st with return on Sunday, June 30th.

A Parent meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th 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. The last opportunity for a swim test will be Sunday, June 16th from 2-4pm at Fort Bend YMCA.



"The Blob" at Skymont

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.

REMINDER !!!

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

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**

We still have **5 open spots for Assistant Scoutmasters and 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.