

March 2014

The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

March Calendar

Theme: Camporee

Program: Silver Foxes

Service: Ravens

These Patrols should arrive at 7 pm for set up and remain after for Cleanup

- 1st Court of Honor 7 pm
- 3rd Troop Mtg 7:30 PM
Elections
- 6th Troop Committee
Mtg 7:30 pm
- 8-12 USS Lexington Trip
- 17th Troop Mtg 7:30 pm
- 24th Troop Mtg 7:30 pm
Money Monday—Camporee
- 25th Buffalo Patrol Mtg 7:30 pm
- 28-30 District Camporee
- 31st Greenbar Meeting 7:30 pm

April Calendar

Theme Sustainability

Program: Hornets

Service: Silver Foxes

- 3rd Troop Committee
Mtg 7:30 pm
- 5th Garage Sale
- 7th Troop Mtg 7:30 pm
- 10th Scouter's Roundtable
- 12th Learning to Live Green Event
at Shops @ Legacy
- 14th Troop Mtg 7:30 pm
- 21st Troop Mtg 7:30 pm
- 22nd Buffalo Patrol Mtg 7:30 pm
- 25-27 Patrol Campouts
- 28th Greenbar Meeting 7:30 pm

Spring Break - USS Lexington Live Aboard & Ft. Hood

Aircraft Carrier - In Port in Corpus Christi Texas Spring Break Trip -March 8-12

For our first Extended Campout of 2014, Troop 1000 we "took off" for the USS Lexington, where we had bunks on board reserved for two nights, March 9-10. For new and fairly new Scouts, This was a "warm-up" trip for summer camp. Not quite a week away from home, and comfortable bunks for at least a few days of the trip!

Scouts experienced the fun aspects of living on an Aircraft Carrier including a ships tour, dining in the ships officers mess for meals (where they could order anything they want as long as that's the one thing being served that day), and learned about the haunted parts of this famous floating fortress.

The adventure began with a road trip to Boy Scout Camp Karankawa, in Mathis Texas, where we camped and cooked for one rainy night. Once we were up and re-packed, we headed for Corpus Christi, and a fun day of activities, including a visit to the local Science and History museum where replicas of Columbus' Ships are moored and were toured - a fascinating look back to 1492!

We had dinner on board the Lady Lex, and an evening of activities on the ship before we bedded down for the night.

Breakfast the next morning began our day, which included activities on and off the ship. After a visit to the Texas State Aquarium, the Scouts had an opportunity to spend some time on the beach (that place with sand and water, we don't see much of in Plano). We had tools for building sand castles, and more to enjoy our late morning and early afternoon in the sun. A hot dog and PB&J lunch was served on the beach.

We returned to the ship for our evening meal and more activities, including some free time on board and Ghosts still roaming the lower decks.

Early Tuesday morning we had breakfast and said goodbye to our Ocean born home, as we set off for Ft. Hood and an adventure filled evening and morning of activities.

These included leaning about the horses still used by the 1st Cavalry, a challenging obstacle course and a climbing wall. Meals and indoor sleeping accommodations were arranged for us on the base.

Over "1 Grand" of photos are posted now at:

<https://www.flickr.com/welcome/177786655/4eb687b143/>



Summer Camp:

Camp Buck Toms July 4 or 5 to 13 or 14 (Travel depending)

This will be Troop 1000's first visit to Tennessee's Smoky Mountains area Camp Buck Tom's (although our Scout master, Mr. Diamond, went to camp there as a Scout!). Camping will be in a unique bunk-bed style "open" cabin (called an Adirondack) - so no cots needed this year!

The camp offers "all the comforts" of a typical Scout Camp, plus some exciting surprises for all! For Second year and more experienced Scouts, merit badge class signup has already begun and, if you have not already done so, please submit your requests to Mr. Wynne ASAP.

There are High Adventure Options for experienced Scouts.

Total cost (without merit badge fees and high adventure options) will be about \$300 to \$350 per scout (transportation cost is still a variable, although most is expected to be covered by the Troop's Garage Sale revenue).

Deposit of \$100 is required ASAP!

Extensive information on the Camp Buck Toms program is available here: <http://www.bsa-gsmc.org/document/2014-cbt-leaders-guide/132201>



CAMP CARDS FUNDRAISER - FOR ALL ACTIVE SCOUTS

To: All T1000 Parents:

From: Heather Burchett

Hi all. I am serving as the T1000 Camp Card chair this year. (My son Christopher is in Bald Eagles). I wanted to make sure you all knew about this great opportunity. What is a camp card? Camp cards are discount cards that cost \$5 each and can be used at a multitude of places. And the best part? **For every camp card your scout sells, \$2.50 goes into their bin account to use towards summer camp or other scouting costs!**

I will be sharing a fair bit of information in this e-mail so please bear with me, but this is such a great opportunity for our boys! I've split out the info under the following questions:

1. How do I get camp cards to sell?

I will be at the first part of at least each of the next two troop meetings, on **3/3 and 3/17**, to hand out camp cards. Each scout will receive 10 camp cards to start with, some will be saved for selling at stores and for scouts who sell all theirs early. (More on that later). **If your scout will be attending summer camp or a high adventure camp this summer, please have them pick up a packet from me at one of those two meetings!**

Each scout will fill out a form indicating how many cards they are getting, and will get their cards plus a flier with suggestions/recommendations for selling cards.

2. What are the dates of the sale?

Your scout can begin selling camp cards as soon as they pick them up from me, and the sale ends and all money and/or unused camp cards must be turned in to me by **May 10th**. We will have specific timeslots in front of certain stores, but family/friend/neighbor sales can be done and money can be turned in to me at any time.

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR SCOUT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING THEIR MONEY AND/OR UNSOLD CARDS BY THE DUE DATE OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THEM BY THE TROOP!!!

3. Where can people use camp cards?

Each camp card comes with a one-time use tear off coupon for \$5 off on a \$50 purchase at Kroger. So as you can see, with one shopping trip, the card pays for itself. It also includes reusable \$5 off discounts at Mobil 1 Express Lube and Bass Pro, as well as a variety of other discounts, including at Sonic, Papa John's, El Chico, and various amusement parks.

4. Who should I sell camp cards to?

One of the best sources to sell the camp cards is your family. Friends and neighbors are a great source too. Even if you don't shop at Kroger regularly, if you do a few shopping trips there, you can be earning summer camp funds as a family with every trip. Each camp card will pay for itself with one Kroger shopping trip alone. And the Kroger coupons are good until 7/31/14, so folks can stock up on cards for multiple shopping trips. The other reusable discounts on the card are good until 12/31/14, so **the card can pay for itself over and over.**

5. Will the scouts be selling cards in front of stores this year?

Yes, in addition to each scout selling camp cards on their own, there will be several opportunities for scouts to sell out front of stores. Kroger has limited each unit's opportunities to sell out front of their stores to 2 this year. **We will be able to sell camp cards out front of the Kroger at Parker and Tollway on 4/5 from 1-3:50pm, and 4/13 from 1-3:50pm.** 4/5 is also the troop garage sale, but Kroger slots were first come first serve and limited, and the scouts that sell cards at Kroger can take earlier slots at the garage sale or help with set-up the night before.

I was also able to reserve us 2 timeslots in front of the Mobil 1 Express Lube at Coit and 15th on 3/16 from 1-2:50pm and 3/22 from 12-3:50pm.

I plan to call other stores - Academy, Home Depot, Lowe's, etc. - to reserve either one or two time slots for each patrol. More details on that soon.

For the Kroger and Mobil 1 time slots, I will fill those on a first come, first serve basis - 6 scouts per Kroger date, and 2-3 per Mobil 1 date. Please let me know if your scout is interested in taking advantage of these sales opportunities, in front of stores that are included on the **Camp Card**. **Your scout can sign up for one confirmed time slot now, but I can also put them on a waiting list for other slots.**

6. What if my scout sells all of his cards?

We will be reserving some of the cards for the sales slots in front of stores, but will also be reserving some for scouts who sell all of their initial 10 cards and would like more. In addition, when cards are sold and the money is turned in to me, I can take it back to the Scout Store in Fairview and get additional cards, if available. The earlier the scouts make sales during the selling timeframe, the better the chance I can pick up extra cards. But as long as there are more available, a

scout can sell as many camp cards as they want. The bin account earnings will keep adding up!

7. Are there incentives for selling cards?

Yes! Because our troop registered on time for the program, we are eligible for a \$250 Visa gift card drawing for troop use. In addition, for every 25 cards sold, each scout can be entered into a weekly drawing for a \$25 Walmart gift card, and every entry is placed in the **GRAND PRIZE drawing for choice of iPad, iPod, or Playstation 4!** (Please notify me when your scout sells 25 cards, as I need to submit their entry for the weekly drawing).

Please let me know if you have any questions at all, and I'll see you at an upcoming troop meeting!

Thanks,

Heather Burchett

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CAMP CARD FAQs

Q: What are the basic facts of the card?

A: The card is a discount card, with 12 vendors listed on the back, and a tear-off, one time use \$5 off a \$50 purchase coupon for Kroger.

Q: How long is the card good for?

A: The Kroger coupon is valid, one-time use per coupon, through July 31, 2014. That's over 23 weeks (almost half a year!) from the date the sale starts. All other discount offers on the back of the card are good, unlimited number of uses, through December 31, 2014.

Q: How much does the card sell for?

A: The card sells for \$5.

Q: Are there any other "get your money back in "one-use discounts?"

A: Besides the Kroger coupon, both the Bass Pro Shops (\$5 off \$50 purchase) and the Mobile 1 Lube Express (\$5 off any service) offer immediate pay-back.

Q: Some of the discount offers say "participating locations." How do I know if the one nearest me is "participating?"

A: The vendors were selected because of the wide number of locations available in the metro area, and we are confident a large number of those locations will honor the card. Because franchise retailers (Sonic, El Chicos, etc.) will have individual owners, it's best to check with your "local" locations to be sure.

Q: What part of the proceeds does the Scout keep?

A: The Scout gets to keep \$2.50 per card he sells individually. The Scouts selling in front of retail locations will split the card sales.

Q: What can the Scout's share of the proceeds be used for?

A: We encourage using the proceeds to pay for Summer camp or High Adventure trek fees; however, that is NOT a requirement. The funds may be used for any Troop Scouting Campout or activity. The proceeds may NOT be remitted back to scouts/scout families in cash.

Q: Is there any risk?

A: Scouts sign for the cards when they take them. They are responsible to return \$5 per card SOLD. Any UNSOLD cards can be returned at no penalty if returned by the due date, May 10th. The only potential risk is for lost cards, for which the Scout will need to pay \$5 each to the Troop

Q: How/When do I sign-up?

A: At the next two troop meetings, on 3/3 and 3/17. Each scout will receive 10 camp cards to start with, with the rest saved for selling at stores and for scouts who sell all theirs early. If your scout will be attending summer camp or a high adventure camp this summer, please have them pick up a packet from Heather Burchett at one of those two meetings!

Q: When does the sale start?

A: The sale starts February 19th and all money and/or unsold cards must be turned in to Heather Burchett by May 10th.

Q: Can I get more cards during the sale?

A: Hopefully, yes. We will make every effort to get all Scouts the cards they need. As money from sold cards is turned in, the Scouts will be able to request more cards to sell and will receive them based on availability.

Q: How do we arrange a time to sell cards out in front of Kroger?

A: Scouts can sign up with Heather Burchett to sell cards in front of Kroger and several other retail locations. This will be a first come - first served opportunity for each date we get assigned. Scouts will only be able to sign up for one date, but may be placed on a wait list for other times and dates should they not fill up with other Scouts.

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We also have 2 timeslots in front of the Mobil 1 Express Lube at Coit and 15th on 3/16

from 1-2:50pm and 3/22 from 12-3:50pm. There will be other places and times to be assigned over the next few weeks.

Q: How else can we sell cards?

A: Many of the vendors on the card do allow scouts to sell the card outside their location. However, it is up to the individual owner, so please check with your local store.

Q: May we sell door-to-door?

A: Yes, and please encourage multiple card sales per household. The Kroger coupon alone is good for 23 weeks (almost half a year). Scouts may find success by suggesting a homeowner purchase 4 cards ... or more. Also, these cards make great gifts for teachers, office workers, etc.

Q: IS THERE ANY REASON NOT TO DO THIS?

A: NO, quite the opposite. There is EVERY REASON TO DO THIS. Even if your Scout/Family has plenty of money. Even if your Scout doesn't do door-to-door sales. Even if your family would rather write a check than do a fundraiser. Even if your Scout has no time. WHY? Because every family can benefit with the \$5 Kroger coupon. If each scout sells 10 cards to their own family, the Scout will earn \$25, and it will have a NET COST of ZERO to the family.

Contact Heather Burchett with questions, for more cards or to sign up for selling in front of Kroger, Mobil 1 or other Retail locations. burchettg@yahoo.com. 972-473-7390



One Grand Garage Sale – Saturday, April 5th



Our Spring Garage Sale is a major fundraiser to help finance the transportation your Scout takes for summer camp. **Participation by parents and Scout is very important.**

Here's how you can help:

- Donate clean and re-usable items to sell
- Tell your friends and neighbors about the sale

See below for shift to assist with

- 1st Shift, Friday (6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)
Silver Foxes
- 2nd Shift, Saturday (6:00 am – 9:00 am)
Bald Eagles

- 3rd Shift, Saturday (7:00 am – 10:00 am) **Chiefs**
- 4th Shift, Saturday (8:00 am – 11:00 am) **Ravens**
- 5th Shift, Saturday (9:00 am – 12:00 pm) **Hornets**
- 6th Shift, Saturday (10:00 am – 1:00 pm) **Panthers**

If you can't make it during your scheduled time, please come when you can - helping with the setup or cleanup is also greatly appreciated.

Donations may be dropped off on the evening of Friday, April 4th from 7 pm – 10 pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church

Pick up of large items can be arranged in advance by calling Luanne Ward at (972) 596-2001.

We will need parents with trucks, vans, SUVs to help with setup on Friday evening and cleanup on Saturday afternoon. If you can volunteer on one of these shifts or help transport items at setup, please send an email to ilasward@gmail.com.

