

# May 2014

## The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

*Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church*

### May Calendar

Theme Pioneering

Program: Chiefs

Service: Hornets

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

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| 1st   | Troop Committee<br>Mtg 7:30 pm   |
| 3-4   | Wilderness and Remote 1st<br>Aid   |
| 5th   | Troop Mtg 7:30 pm  |
| 8th   | Scouter's Roundtable   |
| 12th  | Troop Mtg 7:30 pm  |
| 17th  | Ryan Wuerthele Eagle Court<br>of Honor 6:45 pm   |
| 19st  | Troop Mtg 7:30 pm<br>MONEY MONDAY<br><b>SUMMER CAMP</b> Parents<br>Mtg. 7:45 in Chapel |
| 20th  | Buffalo Patrol Mtg 7:30 pm   |
| 23-25 | Pioneering FAMILY Campout  |
| 26th  | Greenbar Meeting 7:30 pm   |

### Family Campout May 23-25 – New Activities & Adventures

One Grand Families are invited to join their Scouts for this year's Pioneering Family Campout, at Collin County Adventure Camp!

There will be many new activities to keep everybody of (nearly) all ages entertained and busy. This year, in addition to our Monkey Bridge being erected by the Scouts, we will have the opportunity to partake in many of the Camp's adventure facilities and activities, including a zip line, archery, and climbing wall. So, for both the big and little monkeys in the family - adventure awaits!

You are invited to come campout with the Parents and Siblings of other Scouts Saturday night—or just come for the day! The Troop provides Saturday night dinner and Sunday breakfast.

**The May Court of Honor will also take place at the Family Campout Saturday evening—so come out to celebrate the rank advancements and Merit Badge completions of our Scouts.**

Exact details and costs will be included on the Permission Slip available online soon – with Money Monday on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Summer Camp Parent's Meeting May 19th

Wondering what to pack for Summer Camp—gear, clothing, towels, bug repellent? Will it be hot or cold or wet or dry? Asking yourself—how will he hold up being away from home a whole week?

The answers await you at our Summer Camp Parent's meeting, May 19th at 7:45 pm in the RLC Chapel. Here's where you'll find the packing list, all about Adirondacks, Merit Badge kits and fees, our remedy for homesickness, and so much more.

All the transportation, meals, medications, and more will be explained in detail and you'll walk away a much better prepared Summer Camp parent.

There is only one thing you need to be on the lookout for now—a plastic Contigo Camp Trunk—with or without wheels. All your Scout's gear and clothing must fit in this Trunk (except day pack which he will take with him on the bus). You can pick these up at any of the area Sporting Goods stores (Academy), Walmart and others places for about \$30.



### Summer Camp:

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

This will be Troop 1000's first visit to Tennessee's Smokey 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 sign up 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 \$350 to \$400 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>



Over "One Grand" of photos are posted now at:  
<https://www.flickr.com/groups/t1000photos/>



## Pioneering is Merit Badge for May

Pioneering is the May Merit Badge and Campout Theme. The Scouts will have an opportunity to complete many of the requirements to earn this Merit Badge. Please help and encourage your Scout to record the completed requirements on a Patrol Advisor provided Merit Badge Blue Card (which he will need to request!) or the MB Worksheet for Pioneering which you can find here <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/worksheets/Pioneering.pdf>

1. Do the following
  - a. Explain to your counselor the most likely hazards you might encounter while participating in pioneering activities and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, and respond to these hazards.
  - b. Discuss the prevention of, and first aid treatment for, injuries and conditions that could occur while working on pioneering projects, including cuts, scratches, insect bites and stings, rope burns, hypothermia, dehydration, heat exhaustion, heatstroke, sunburn, and falls.
2. Do the following:
  - a. Successfully complete Tenderfoot requirements [4a and 4b](#) and First Class requirements [7a, 7b,](#) and [8a](#). (These are the rope-related requirements.)
  - b. Tie the following: square knot, bowline, sheepshank, sheet bend, and roundturn with two half hitches.
3. Explain why it is useful to be able to throw a rope, then demonstrate how to coil and throw a 40-foot length of 1/4- or 3/8-inch rope.
 

Explain how to improve your throwing distance by adding weight to the end of your rope.
4. Explain the differences between synthetic ropes and natural-fiber ropes.
 

Discuss which types of rope are suitable for pioneering work and why. Include the following in your discussion: breaking strength, safe working loads, and the care and storage of rope.
5. Explain the uses for the back splice, eye splice, and short splice. Using 1/4- or 3/8-inch three-stranded rope, demonstrate how to form each splice.
6. Using a rope-making device or machine, make a rope at least 6 feet long consisting of three strands, each having three yarns.
7. Build a scale model of a signal tower or a monkey bridge. Correctly anchor the model using either the 1-1-1 anchoring system or the log and stake anchoring method. Describe the design of your project and explain how the anchoring system works.
8. Demonstrate the use of rope tackle to lift a weight of 25 pounds and pulling a log at least 6 inches in diameter and 6 feet long with the tackle.
 

Use the tackle to put tension on a line. Explain the advantages and limitations of using a rope tackle. In your explanation, describe the potential damage that friction can do to a rope.
9. By yourself, build an A-trestle OR X-trestle OR H-trestle using square and diagonal lashings. Explain the application of the trestle you build. Demonstrate how to tie two spars together using a shear lashing.
10. With a group of Scouts, OR on your own, select a pioneering project and get your counselor's approval before you begin building. Your project must not result in anyone reaching a height of greater than 6 feet off the ground. With your counselor's guidance, create a rough sketch of the project. Make a list of the ropes and spars needed, then build the project. (Note: This requirement may be done at summer camp, at district or council events, or on a troop camp outing.)



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## SCUBA EVENT A GO!

Our SCUBA trip over Labor Day is a GO! We have the minimum required, and we can still have a few more sign ups.



To recap, we plan to leave Sat morning for Branson Mo. arriving late afternoon. Camping at the state park is the primary option, but if families want to get a hotel, they are available about 3-5 miles away. Scuba will be Sunday with the option of 1 or 2 dives. Return is slated for Monday, Labor Day. Cost per dive is \$80 (but I'm trying to get some scout discounts). Reference last month's *Millennium* for more details.

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