

Jan 2015

The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

January Calendar

Theme: Archaeology
Program: Hornets
Service: Panthers

- 12 Troop Mtg, 7:00 pm (Note: time change)
OA Elections
Money Monday
- 13 Buffalo Patrol Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 16 - Archaeology Campout at Spiro Mounds, OK
- 18 Mounds, OK
- 19 Martin Luther King Day
Greenbar Mtg, 7:30 pm
New Scout Advancement, 7:30

26 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm

February Calendar

Theme: Hiking
Program: Chiefs
Service: Hornets

- 1 Scout Sunday at RLC, 8:15 am
- 2 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 7 Court of Honor, 7 pm
- 9 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 14 Scouting for Food, 9:45 am
- 15 Robotics MB: Contact Karen Richards at 214-695-9334
- 16 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
Money Monday
- 17 Buffalo Patrol Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 20 - Hiking Campout
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FACEBOOK



Connect with us on Facebook:
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PHOTOS

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



Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

January Theme: Archaeology

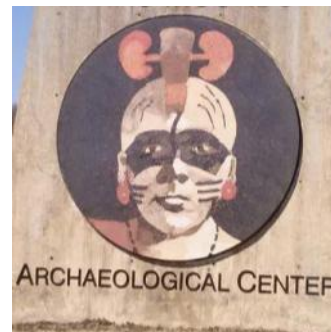
Our historical January campout takes us to Spiro Mounds, OK, **the only prehistoric, Native American archaeological site in Oklahoma open to the public.** You can learn more about it on the website: www.okhistory.org/sites/spiromounds.php.

"The Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center preserves 150 acres of the site, along the Arkansas River. The Center offers interpretive exhibits, an introductory slide program and a small gift shop. There are nearly two miles of interpreted trails, including a one-half mile nature trail. An archaeologist is on staff to answer questions and lead tours."

What's cool is the park ranger there is the Scoutmaster of the local troop. That said, Scouts can complete many of the requirements for the Archaeology and Indian Lore merit badges during the campout.

In working on the Archaeology merit badge, the Scouts will learn about the process, and help excavate an archeological site or work in a lab to prepare artifacts and more.

The campout is January 16 - 18. There's no school on Jan. 19 for Plano ISD students, so that'll give the Scouts an extra day to rest. Watch the website for forms.

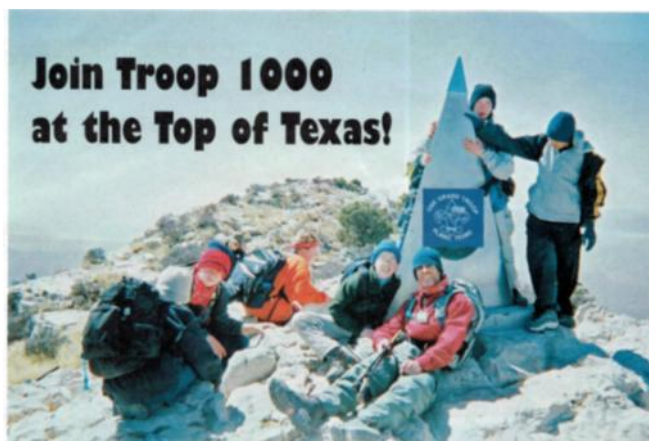


Spring Break Trip

Guadalupe Mountains National Park

A trail to the highest point in Texas and a path down to the hidden world far below ground. A slide down a hillside of sand and a hike into the past where you might meet a stagecoach.

Hiding in the grass at the edge of a spring-fed pond at dawn to view the rising sun and the arrival of animal life for a cool drink on a new day. All of this in one amazing week!



Join Troop 1000 for our Spring Break Trip, March 7 to 14, 2015. (Return date subject to change.) Trip includes Monahans Sandhills State Park, desert camping on the "BLM," a day hike to the top of Guadalupe Peak, the tallest point in Texas, day hikes to a desert oasis and historical landmarks, and a day at Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

Older and more experienced Scouts will experience overnight backpacking into the rugged and

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Let Me Introduce You ...

It is a tremendous pleasure to welcome new Scouts and parents to Troop 1000 this year. As new families become part of the Troop family, excitement and anticipation, as well as some confusion, are often felt. I would like to reassure parents though, your Scout will get you through it.

For those new to Scouting, everything is new and strange. For those transitioning from Webelos, the way things are done are unfamiliar. Up to this day when a Scout was to prepare for an outing or meeting, the parent was tasked with getting everything the Scout needed together, and then telling the Scout what he had. In Boy Scouts, the parent may start by helping a Scout review as they pack, helping them follow the handbook and packing instructions; gradually stepping back in the first few months to allow the Scout to prepare his own equipment and clothing.

Lord Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts, recognized the importance of adults teaching the youth how to do something, and then stepping back to allow them to do it. This is our goal and will be the focus of efforts in the coming months. The good news for Leaders transitioning from Webelos is, they may now find older Scouts stepping into the instructor role, and experienced adults handling the administrative tasks associated with Scouting. Often, as the new Boy Scout learns to become independent and to rely on the Sr. Scouts, the parent who was so busy guiding, leading and administering in Webelos, see this as an opportunity to step back; take a break; let the Scout spend some time growing into a Boy Scout.

In reality this is the opportunity for the Webelos Leaders, the Pack Committee members, and involved parents, to spend some time taking the online Boy Scout Leader training courses, District and Council Leader courses, and spending time with experienced adult Leaders in the Troop. Becoming an effective and knowledgeable Leader takes time. Learning how a Troop runs; how the outdoor program is safely conducted; the history and customs of Scouting; and how to communicate with youth to deliver the Aims and Methods of Scouting takes time and patience.

Every Scout deserves a well-trained Leader; so let me introduce you to the chance to become that Leader.

Rick Diamond

Scoutmaster Troop 1000 "One Grand Troop"

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serene bowl atop a nearby mountain. This is a trip for Scouts of all ages and requires only the ability to hike moderate distances with a day pack. Anyone can walk the trail to the top of Guadalupe peak and all can enjoy the easy, historic trails above and below ground. Many Scouts who take this trip the first time have never been away from home for more than a weekend before this experience.

Space on this trip may be limited. Total cost is expected to be about \$175. A \$50 deposit to hold your Scout's place for this trip is due on or before February 2, with final payment due February 16. It's a trip of a young lifetime — your Scout will return more confident and comfortable in the outdoors!

Departure and arrival details along with packing list will be provided soon. Please address your questions to ASM Steve Lavine, 469-939-9763.

Hold a place for (Scout's Name) _____

Patrol _____ Age as of March 7th _____

Parents' Phone _____

Parents Email _____

Please enclose with \$50 Deposit. Payments must be in a sealed envelope with

Scout Sunday at RLC Scout Sabbath

The Boy Scouts of America designates a day in February every year as Scout Sunday, and another as Scout Shabbat.



We encourage Scouts to attend the Scout Sunday Service at Resurrection Lutheran Church on February 1 at 8:15 am. Our troop is chartered by the RLC, and Mr. Diamond has asked us to come in field uniform and show our appreciation. The service should end around 9:45 am.

If you're attending another Scout Sunday or plan to attend Scout Sabbath, please wear your field uniform to your place of worship.

There is also a Scout Shabbat on Friday, February 13 at 7 pm for Jewish Scouts. A location is forthcoming. For more information, go to dallasjscouts.org.

T1000 Welcomes New Scouts

Over the next month or two, the Troop will welcome 21 fifth graders crossing over from seven Packs in Plano, with possibly a couple more to commit in coming weeks. We have also welcomed three older new scouts this past fall. Please be on the lookout for new faces and let them know we are excited to be growing our T1000 family!

— Karen Richards and Steve Lavine

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Time for Medical Forms

The [Annual Health and Medical forms](#) are due every year in January. See the Troop website for the current form. **All Scouts** must have the current form on file with the troop. The old forms will no longer be accepted.

If the Scout goes on a trip/camp-out for more than 72 hours, he must have a current Part C form filled out and dated within a year of the trip. Please make sure your form is signed and a copy of your current medical insurance card is attached. Also keep a complete copy of your form for your records.

The form is now fillable using your computer and can be completed on an Android or Apple device. To do this, scan the QR code on the one-page instruction sheet found on the website. You can turn in Parts A & B now and Part C later in the Spring when your son has his annual physical. Bring your completed form to meetings and give to Sharon Luker, srluker@juno.com.

OA Elections: Jan 12

The Order of the Arrow election will be held on Monday, January 12. It is important that all Scouts attend the meeting to vote for the T1000 Scouts who have met the requirements for election and have demonstrated brotherhood, cheerfulness and service.

Those qualified through rank and overnight camping with the troop will be eligible for election. Scouts who are OA members are encouraged to wear their OA sash to this meeting.

Also, OA members can pay 2015 OA dues at that meeting. They just need to bring a check for \$15 payable to "Circle 10" with the OA member's name in the memo line. Their 2015 Lodge membership flap and membership card will be mailed to them.



Court of Honor Sat., Feb. 7

Four times a year, Troop 1000 families gather to honor the achievements of all of our Scouts for the quarter. This includes rank advancements, merit badges, years of service and One Grand awards.

The Troop Court of Honor is Saturday, Feb. 7. It will be a potluck Italian dinner. Invite and sign-up categories will be sent through Sign-Up Genius Soon. Dinner at 6 pm and COH begins at 7 pm.

All advancement and any completed blue cards must be turned in by the end of the troop meeting on Monday, Feb. 2.

All Scouts are encouraged to attend to celebrate all of our Scouts' achievements.

We need a Masters of Ceremony – this can satisfy one of the Communications Merit Badge requirements. We need six presenters: two for rank, two for service stars and two for merit badges. Please see Carolyn Linscott or Aaron Linscott to volunteer. The MC needs to get permission from our Scoutmaster, Mr. Diamond.

Scouts and Scouters, make sure your records are up to date. This includes training recently taken as well as changes to phone numbers, email addresses and so on.

Fees and Dues

In order to establish a balanced budget for 2015, the Troop Committee reviewed all budget categories, income and expense, and had extended discussions regarding growing expenses.

Our troop has been fortunate to be able to hold our fee structure stable for the past several years. However, we are at a point where changes have to be made so that we can continue to deliver the best program to our scouts. After analyzing numerous options, the Troop Committee finalized and approved the 2015 budget in December with an increase to joining fees and semi-annual dues.

Effective Feb 1, 2015

Joining fees will increase to \$100.

Semi-annual fees will increase to \$75.

For anyone with concerns, please feel free to reach out to Rich Bails or Rick Diamond, and they'll be happy to discuss this with you.

Each Scout will continue to pay \$5 dues at the first Monday meeting of the month.

Garage Sale on April 25

Save the date! Troop 1000 holds two garage sales twice a year as our major fundraiser. The next one is scheduled, Saturday, April 25. Please mark your calendars because it requires parent involvement to be a success.

Scouting for Food: Sat, February 14

Another save the date! Every year, Troop 1000 helps with this important food drive by helping sort food for distribution at the Plano Food Pantry. It's a great way to earn service hours



Archaeology Merit Badge Requirements



1. Tell what archaeology is and explain how it differs from anthropology, geology, paleontology, treasure hunting, and history.
2. Describe each of the following steps of the archaeological process: site location, development of a research design, historical research, site excavation, artifact identification and examination, interpretation, preservation, and information sharing.
3. Describe at least two ways in which archaeologists determine the age of sites, structures, or artifacts. Explain what relative dating is.
4. Do two of the following:
 - a. Learn about three archaeological sites located *outside* the United States.
 - b. Learn about three archaeological sites located *within* the United States.
 - c. Visit an archaeological site and learn about it.

For EACH site you research for options a, b, or c, point it out on a map and explain how it was discovered. Describe some of the information about the past that has been found at each site. Explain how the information gained from the study of these sites answers questions that archaeologists are asking and how the information may be important to modern people. Compare the relative ages of the sites you research.

5. Choose ONE of the sites you completed for Requirement 4 and give a short presentation about your findings to a Cub Scout pack, your Scout troop, your school class, or another group.
6. Do the following:
 - a. Explain why it is important to protect archaeological sites.
 - b. Explain what people should do if they think they have found an artifact.
 - c. Describe the ways in which you can be a protector of the past.
7. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Make a list of items you would include in a time capsule. Discuss with your merit badge counselor what archaeologists a thousand years from now might learn about you and the culture in which you live based on the contents of your capsule.
 - b. Make a list of the trash your family throws out during one week. Discuss with your counselor what archaeologists might learn about you and your family if they found your trash a thousand years from now.
8. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Under the supervision of a qualified archaeologist, spend at least eight hours helping to excavate an archaeological site.
 - b. Under the supervision of a qualified archaeologist, spend at least eight hours in an archaeological laboratory helping to prepare artifacts for analysis, storage, or display.
 - c. If you are unable to work in the field or in a laboratory under the supervision of a qualified archaeologist, you may substitute a mock dig. To find out how to make a mock dig, talk with a professional archaeologist, trained avocational archaeologist, museum school instructor, junior high or high school science teacher, adviser from a local archaeology society, or other qualified instructor. Plan what you will bury in your artificial site to show use of your "site" during two time periods.
9. Under the supervision of a qualified archaeologist or instructor, do ONE of the following:
 - a. Help prepare an archaeological exhibit for display in a museum, visitor center, school, or other public area.
 - b. Use the methods of experimental archaeology to re-create an item or to practice a skill from the past. Write a brief report explaining the experiment and its results.
10. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Research American Indians who live or once lived in your area. Find out about traditional lifeways, dwellings, clothing styles, arts and crafts, and methods of food gathering, preparation, and storage. Describe what you would expect to find at an archaeological site for these people.
 - b. Research settlers or soldiers who were in your area at least one hundred years ago. Find out about the houses or forts, ways of life, clothing styles, arts and crafts, and dietary habits of the early settlers, farmers, ranchers, soldiers, or townspeople who once lived in the area where your community now stands. Describe what you would expect to find at an archaeological site for these people.
11. Identify three career opportunities in archaeology. Pick one and explain how to prepare for such a career. Discuss with your counselor what education and training are required, and explain why this profession might interest you.

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Unity and harmony. Friendship and peace. All that and more is reflected in the Kanji character 和 (WA), in Japanese culture, and in the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

Make plans now to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime event, where Scouts and Venturers from around the world will meet at the intersection of tradition and innovation to explore energy, technology, and harmony.



WHO MAY ATTEND?

Participants

Eligible participants must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America as a Boy Scout or Venturer and have been born between July 27, 1997, and July 28, 2001. These age ranges are set by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) and are not negotiable.

International Service Team (IST)

To join the IST at the jamboree, you need to have turned 18 at the start of the camp, July 28, 2015.

Leaders

All Boy Scouts of America leadership must meet the requirements listed on the adult leader Web page at www.scouting.org/worldjamboree. In addition, councils must first give their approval to applicants. Selection will then be made under the direction of each regional director.

Registration and Payment

Registration and payment of fees will be done online. The Web address for general information is www.scouting.org/worldjamboree. The cost of participation in the 23rd World Scout Jamboree is as follows:

- * Adult Leader and Youth Participant—\$5,750
- * International Service Team—\$2,000

The registration system will be live soon. Watch the general information website for more details.