

Feb 2015

The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

February Calendar

Theme: Hiking
Program: Chiefs
Service: Hornets

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

- 2 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
New Scout Parent Orientation,
7:30pm
- 7 Court of Honor, 6 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 at Dinosaur
22 Valley State Park
- 23 Greenbar Meeting, 7:30 pm PLC
only

March Calendar

Theme: Spring Break Trip
Merit Badge: Horsemanship/Indian
Lore
Program: Ravens
Service: Chiefs

- 2 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
Spring Break Shakedown/Prep
Troop Elections
- 3 Buffalo Patrol Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 7 - Spring Break Trip to
14 Guadalupe
- 16 Greenbar Mtg, 7:30 pm
PLC Only

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Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

Court of Honor Sat., Feb. 7, 2015

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. **All Scouts** are encouraged to attend to celebrate all of our Scouts' achievements. Dinner is at 6 pm and COH begins at 7 pm.

If you haven't already, please respond to the invite at [Sign-Up Genius](#). You may drop off your food at the church starting at 4 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, serve and clean up. Also at Sign-Up Genius, you can review your sign up and volunteer or bring more items. Just check "Add More Items" to do that.

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

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. If you have any questions, please call Stephany Pencsak at 972-679-5670.

February 20–22 Campout Theme: Hiking

The February campout will be at [Dinosaur Valley State Park](#) near Glen Rose and will cover this month's program theme of Hiking. Scouts will participate in a 10-mile hike which will include a treasure hunt of sorts.



New scouts will be in their own patrol for this campout and working on activities to progress through trail to First Class. Time and activities will also be planned for all scouts to have an opportunity to experience and learn more about the dinosaur artifacts around the park.

We depart RLC at 6 pm on Friday, Feb. 20 and expect to return approximately 2 pm on Sun, Feb 22. Watch [T1000.org](#) for the permission slip and list of required equipment.

Spring Break Trip Deposit Due Now 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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2014 T1000 Eagle Scouts Recognized



Congratulations to the following 2014 T1000 Eagle Scouts who have been recognized at the District Awards Recognition Dinner on January 23. We're proud of all their efforts and the contributions that made to the community with their Eagle projects.

Ryan Wuetherle: Built a park bench and refurbished raised flower beds at Carpenter Middle school.

Paul Rutherford: Held family workshops and collected 3,280 items for Plano Public Library, Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, The Shoe Bank and Plano Clothes Closet.

Joshua Linscott: Built four benches for the Heard Nature Museum's Ropes Course.

Satish Yadlapalli: Mounted and labeled a crosscut section for the outdoor learning center.

Jordan Anwer: Worked on one section of a nature trail (relaying the trail) for the Heard Nature Museum.

Cameron Toussaint: Worked on another section of a nature trail (relaying the trail) for the Heard Nature Museum.

Thomas Howlett: Collected supplies to make baskets for pediatric cancer patients at Medical City Dallas Children's Hospital.

Alex Wulfekammer: Build new doors, replaced siding, caulking and painting the mission storage shed at Grace Presbyterian Plano.

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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 is due now as space is limited, 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 "Spring Break Trip," Scouts name and Patrol name on the front. Cash or checks made out to Troop 1000 accepted. Scout should submit envelope to Patrol Scribe at start of Troop meeting or to Troop Scribe (at kitchen window at Troop meetings).

National Scout Camp in WV

One of our Scouts is exploring the possibility of attending the July 19 - 25, 2015 session of the new National Scout Camp, offered at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. We'd like to know if anyone else in the troop is interested in creating a unit to attend National Scout Camp together. We would need a minimum of two adults and five youth for this unit.

National Scout Camp is only open to "older Scouts" (age not defined) who are First Class rank or above, and who have previously attended at least two or more weeks at a regular scout camp.

The National Scout Camp is \$399. Outdoor action sports Merit Badges offered. Please note, this is NOT one of the high-adventure offerings at Summit Bechtel Reserve.

For more info, [visit the website](#). Please contact Karen Richards at karencrichards@hotmail.com if you are interested.

Did you know ... ?

Nine Eagle Scouts have Super Bowl ties with two from this year's teams. [Get the story.](#)



Garage Sale on April 25

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

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Medical Forms Due NOW

Medical Forms are Due NOW! If you have not turned them in, please turn them in to Sharon Luker <srluker@juno.com> at a Troop meeting. **All Scouts** must have the medical form on file with the troop. See [Troop website for the new form](#). 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. You can **turn in Parts A & B now** and Part C later in the Spring when your Scout has his annual physical.

Merit Badge Counselors Needed

With more than 130 Merit Badges available for the Scouts to earn, there's most likely a badge, two or more that would interest you. What's a Merit Badge? Here's [Merit Badge 101](#).

How to become a Merit Badge Counselor:

1. Decide what [Merit Badges](#) you have an interest in counseling.
2. Fill out an adult application and fill in the position code field with a 42.
3. Fill out a [Merit Badge Counselor Application form](#).
4. Take the Youth Protection online class from BSA.
5. Submit all documentation to Carolyn Linscott at any Monday night meeting.



Please review our current list at http://www.t1000.org/docs/MB_Counselors.xls. Questions or need the application form? Please see Carolyn Linscott at a Monday meeting or email clinscot@verizon.net.

Camp Cards Are Coming! Camp Cards Are Coming!

Circle 10 kicks off Camp Cards on February 17. For those new to the troop, Camp Cards are \$5 cards that the Scouts can sell and earn \$2.50 for every camp card sold. This is put into their "bin" account to cover camp costs, especially summer camp. It's a wonderful way for Scouts to work on their sales skills while earning camp money! We had a fabulous camp card sale last year – over 1,100 sold by the troop. We are setting our sights higher this year!



As before, each card will have multiple discounts, including a snap-off \$5 off \$50 Kroger purchase. This year, there is an addition of a snap-off \$10 off \$50 Dick's Sporting Good purchase. Scouts will again be able to get Camp Cards, in increments of 10, to sell on their own, and we will sign up for time slots to sell in front of Kroger stores and, hopefully, Dick's Sporting Goods.

If you have questions, contact Heather Burchett at burchettgh@yahoo.com. Once she gets the cards, you'll be hearing more from her about store signups. Mrs. Burchett will come to the beginning of several Monday meetings to distribute for individual sale. Happy selling!

Good Turn by Scouts

Inspired by the following story from [Bryan on Scouting](#), we'd like to publishing articles about T1000 Scouts who do a good turn. We know we have many stories to tell that'll encourage others. As you can see from Elian's story, the little things like a phone call can make a big difference.

"Yesterday, [Elian] was walking through town (by himself) on his way to meet his dad to go to a Pokémon tournament. As he passed the Palmer Square kiosk, he heard someone crying. He stopped and saw a young woman sitting and crying uncontrollably. He asked if everything was OK and if he could help. The girl shook her head 'no,' so he started back on his way.

"But then he stopped again, sensing something really wasn't right. He went back and asked what had happened and found out she had come to Princeton with a friend, and the two had a fight. The friend left her there where she had been sitting since 4 a.m. with no money – just her phone and backpack.

"She didn't know where she was, other than 'the middle of Princeton,' and she didn't know how to get home. Her parents don't own a car and couldn't come and get her.

"He called me, very distraught. He was upset for her and upset that so many people had just walked by, not even noticing. He stayed with her for a while and gave her his cap. I then went to town to see if I could help. I brought her to the Trenton train station and bought her a ticket home. We called her last night, and she got home safely."

Got a story to tell? Send it to merylk@gmail.com. Photo appreciated.

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 required for advancement.

Scout 101: Trail to First Class

New Scouts working their way through Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class focus on learning all the basics of Scouting. There's little emphasis on Merit Badges during this period. For most of them, they'll earn their first Merit Badges at summer camp. Don't let all the information about Merit Badges overwhelm you. Scouts will start diving into that as they approach First Class rank.

They're learning a little bit of everything. For example, Tenderfoot requires Scouts record their results from doing push-ups, pull ups, sit ups, long jump and one-quarter mile run. And then show improvement in 30 days. The Eagle-required Personal Fitness Merit Badge will have them doing the same thing again, but more in depth. Instead of showing improvement after 30 days, it'll be 90 days. And they have to create a fitness regimen to follow for those 90 days.

Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class all have basic first aid related requirements. They'll eventually work on an Eagle-required Merit Badge for First Aid and either Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving. First Class has cooking requirements that will help them learn the basics. Cooking is the newest Eagle-required Merit Badge.

When starting out, Scouts get needed supplies for camping trips and learn how to pack for them. The supplies they need sounds overwhelming, but once they have everything, it gets easier to pack and they'll just have to replace items as they wear out.

Merit Badge 101: The Merit Badge Process

Once Scouts earn their First Class rank, they'll hit the ground running on Merit Badges. For example, to earn Star rank, the Scout must complete four Eagle-required and two elective Merit Badges. Merit Badges give Scouts the opportunity to learn about arts, building, business, hobbies, personal development, professions, public service, science, sports and trades.

Here are the 13 Eagle-required Merit Badges:

- Camping
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communication
- Cooking
- Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving
- Environmental Science OR Sustainability
- Family Life
- First Aid
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Management
- Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling

If you scan the requirements for these Merit Badges, you'll see they cover budgeting, public speaking, getting a physical exam, saving, time management, project management and more. These are all things that affect our lives almost daily. Scouts can ask their patrol advisor (PA) for recommendations on which one to work on next. Some Merit Badges are geared toward more experienced Scouts.



When a Scout wants to work on a Merit Badge, he needs to follow this summarized procedure. ([Here's the complete Merit Badge procedure.](#))

1. Find a fellow Scout, friend or family member willing to attend Merit Badge meetings with him.
2. Let the Patrol Advisor (PA) or Scoutmaster know he has a friend or family member who will attend the meetings with him.
3. Get a blue card from his PA, Scoutmaster or an alternative PA. (They will make sure it's appropriate for him to work on it.)
4. Get a copy of the Merit Badge worksheet from <http://meritbadge.org/wiki>.
5. Contact the [Merit Badge counselor](#) [Excel file] to discuss requirements and meetings.
6. Work on the Merit Badge, filling in worksheet and checking in with the counselor as needed.
7. Meet with the counselor after completing all the requirements to get sign-off.
8. Ensure blue card completely filled in and signed off by Merit Badge counselor and unit leader.
9. Submit blue card to Troop Advancements Chairperson at Monday Troop Meeting. (Currently, Carolyn Linscott.)

Some Merit Badge counselors offer classes to help a group of Scouts earn Merit Badges together. Watch the newsletter and emails for opportunities. Adults, [interested in becoming a Merit Badge counselor?](#)