

Mar 2015

The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

March Calendar

Theme: Spring Break Trip

Merit Badge: Horsemanship/Indian Lore

Program: Ravens

Service: Chiefs

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

- 7 - Spring Break Trip to
- 14 Guadalupe
- 16 Greenbar Mtg, 7:30 pm
PLC Only
- 23 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 27 - Heritage campout
- 29
- 30 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm

April Calendar

Merit Badge: Engineering

Program: Panthers

Service: Ravens

- 6 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
Money Monday
- 7 Buffalo Patrol Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 10 - Camporee
- 12
- 13 Greenbar Mtg, 7:30 pm
PLC Only
- 20 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 25 Troop Garage Sale

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PHOTOS

Check out more than "One Grand" of photos on [Flickr](#).



New Scouts Learn the Ropes on First T1000 Campout



Spring 2015 Semiannual Fee

Spring semiannual fees will be collected during the Troop meetings on April 6, 20 and 27. You can also mail payment to the following address:

Siva Gopalnarayanan
2705 Roper Dr
Plano, TX 75025

Please make the check payable to "Troop 1000" for the following amount. Include the name of your Scout and his Patrol in the notes section.

Pay on or before April 27: \$75

Pay after April 27: \$85

If you owe past dues, please add \$55 for each of the missed term payments. Thank you.

Useful Online Resources

[BSA](#) has launched [Scouting Wire](#), a website that offers Scouting news and updates for volunteers and professionals. You can sign up for the [weekly digest](#) to receive content in the topics that you care about. (Form may error after submitting — but it works.)

Another great resource is [Bryan on Scouting](#), a blog by Bryan Wendell, the senior editor of *Scouting* and *Eagles' Call* magazines. You can sign up to get email updates from the blog.

To take online training and check your training records, [sign up at MyScouting](#). [Scouts with Special Needs](#) has its own page.

[MeritBadge.org](#) contains everything Merit Badges. It has editable worksheets in both PDF and DOC format. [ScoutmasterCG](#) is not an official Boy Scout source. Clarke Green, the person behind the site has been a Scoutmaster since 1984.



It's Camp Card Time!

Camp Cards are a great opportunity for our Scouts. What are Camp Cards? They're discount cards that cost \$5 and can be used many places. The best part? **For every Camp Card your Scout sells, \$2.50 goes into his bin account to use towards summer camp, High Adventure trek fees or other Scouting costs!**

T1000 sold 1108 Camp Cards last year, which was the second highest out of all units (Pack or Troop) in Golden Arrow district! That's \$2,770 in Scouts' bin accounts, and we'll beat that number this year!

What are the basic facts of the card?

The card is a discount card, with 13 vendors listed, one-time use tear-off for \$5 off a \$50 purchase coupon for Kroger, another one-time use tear-off for \$10 off a \$50 purchase coupon for Dick's Sporting Goods. As you can see, with one shopping trip, the card pays for itself. It also includes reusable \$5 off discounts, including at Mobil 1 Express Lube and Bass Pro, as well as other discounts, including at Sonic, Papa John's, El Chico, various amusement parks such as Hawaiian Falls and Legoland, and even Texas Rangers and Dallas Stars tickets.

How do I get Camp Cards to sell?

Heather Burchett, coordinator, will be at the **March 23** Troop meeting to hand out Camp Cards. You can also pick them up from her home. We have 1,200 Camp Cards for the Troop, and each Scout gets 10 Camp Cards to start. The rest is saved for selling at stores and for Scouts who sell all theirs early. **Please have him pick up a packet from me! (It's better for parents to pick them up to ensure they're not misplaced.)**

Each Scout will fill out a form noting how many cards he has, and will get his cards plus a flier with suggestions/recommendations/sample script for selling cards.

What are the dates of the sale?

Your Scout can sell Camp Cards as soon as he gets them. The sale ends and all money and/or unused Camp Cards must be turned in to Heather Burchett by **May 8**. 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.

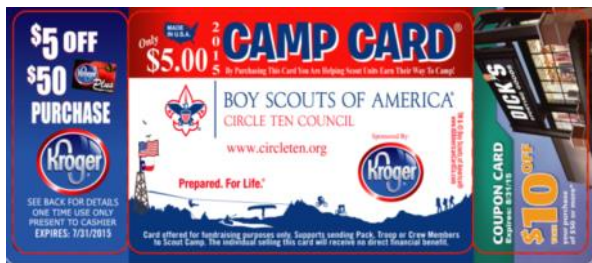
PLEASE NOTE: YOUR SCOUT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RETURNING HIS MONEY AND/OR UNSOLD CARDS BY THE DUE DATE OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THEM BY THE TROOP!! Make sure to also not accidentally snap off the Kroger and Dick's Sporting Goods tear-offs, as those cards cannot be accepted back by the Troop as Circle 10 will not accept them.

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, Wendy's, El Chicos, etc.) will have individual owners, it's best to check with your "local" locations to be sure.

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 and do a few shopping trips there, you can earn summer camp funds as a family with every trip. And the Kroger



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February Campout at Dinosaur Valley State Park

National Scout Camp in WV

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

National Scout Camp is only open to "older Scouts" 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 karenrichards@hotmail.com if you are interested.

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Troop 1000 101: Fundraisers

Garage sales. Our biggest and most important fundraiser are the two huge garage sales we hold every year in April and October. The garage sale helps raise funds for chartering a bus to summer camp every other year and other Troop activities. While the garage sale takes place on a Saturday, it takes a lot of preparation before the big day to make it successful.

Beginning weeks before the garage sale, we pick up donations and store them in the warehouse. We spread the word far and wide letting people know we're accepting donations and to know the who, what, when and where of the garage sale. Friday night, we move the items for sale and tag them with prices. [Jump to this page](#) for the FAQ and 411 on the Garage Sale.

We need your help ASAP. A lot of the work can be done at a time that's convenient with your schedule and from home. Please contact Luanne Ward at ilasward@gmail.com to find out what help is needed.

Camp Cards. As you know, we're currently selling Camp Cards for \$5 and the Scouts get \$2.50 for every sale. This fundraiser occurs yearly in March.

Popcorn. Poptober gives the Scouts the opportunity to sell tasty popcorn and earn money for their bin accounts. This is an optional fundraiser as Scouts are under no obligation to sell popcorn.

Greenery. Troop 1000 holds an annual sale of fresh greenery in October. Earned money goes directly into each Scout's Bin Account and can be used for upcoming camping events. Like popcorn, this is optional.

What do you want to know? Troop 1000 101 aims to answer any and all questions about T1000 and Scouting. Please your questions to merylk@gmail.com and it may be answered in a future issue.

Troop 1000 101: Elections

You may have seen or heard about the Troop elections on March 2. Every year, the Troop holds elections twice a year. Every Scout votes for a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The SPL is the top youth leader in the Troop. He is responsible for running all Troop meetings, Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) meetings, events and activities.

Each Patrol elects a Patrol Leader (PL) who represents his Patrol at the PLC. Patrol leaders are expected to do the following: Plan and lead patrol meetings and activities; keep patrol members informed; assign each patrol member a specific duty; represent his patrol at all patrol leaders' council meetings and the annual program planning conference; prepare the patrol to participate in all troop activities; work with other troop leaders to make the troop run well; know the abilities of each patrol member; set a good example; wear the Scout uniform correctly; live by the Scout Oath and Law; and show and develop patrol spirit.

Ask your son who his Patrol Leader is. If he does not know, be sure to encourage him to find out at the next Patrol meeting.



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.

How to become a Merit Badge Counselor:

1. Decide what [Merit Badges](#) you have an interest in counseling.
2. Contact Rick Diamond, Scoutmaster, to discuss Merit Badges you're interested in teaching.
3. Complete adult application and enter 42 in position code field.
4. Fill out a [Merit Badge Counselor Application form](#).
5. Take the [Youth Protection online class](#) from BSA.
6. Submit all documentation to Carolyn Linscott at a Monday meeting.



Please review our current list at http://www.t1000.org/docs/MB_Counselors.xls to see which Merit Badges don't currently have counselors. Questions or need the application form? Please see Carolyn Linscott at a Monday meeting or email clinscot@verizon.net.

Subscribe to Abilities Digest E-Letter

A few times a year, the National Disabilities Awareness Team publishes Abilities Digest E-Letter, an email newsletter. To subscribe, please email disabilities.awareness@Scouting.org with the following:

- Put **Subscribe** in the subject line.
- Your name:
- Email address:
- Name of your council spelled out: Circle 10

An issue just went out recently. If you'd like a copy, email merylk@gmail.com.

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Camp Cards Cont'd

coupons are good until 7/31/15 and Dick's until 8/31/15, so folks can stock up on cards for multiple shopping trips. The other reusable discounts on the card are good until 12/31/15, so **the Card pays for itself over and over.**

Can we sell door-to-door?

Yes, and please encourage multiple card sales per household. The Kroger and Dick's Sporting Goods coupons alone are good for almost half a year. Scouts may find success by suggesting a homeowner purchase four cards ... or more. Also, these cards make great gifts for teachers, office workers, etc.

Will the Scouts be selling cards in front of stores this year?

Yes, in addition to each Scout selling Camp Cards on his own, there will opportunities for Scouts to sell in front of stores that are on the card. Kroger has limited each unit's initial opportunity to sell out front of their stores to two this year.

Everyone in Circle 10 will be signing up at the same time for stores, so I will have to take what I can get. Circle 10 will allow units to sign up for additional Kroger and Dick's timeslots, if available, so I'm hoping we can claim more then. Kroger's selling window is shorter this year than last year, so there may be fewer remaining spots available.

Scout sign-ups for the Kroger and Dick's spots will be on a first-come/first-serve basis **once I send out the email with available timeslots.** We will have four Scouts at each Kroger shift, and two to three at the Dick's shift. I've found that anything more dilutes the earnings for each Scout too much, since they will evenly split the proceeds. I will be taking names on a wait list as well, and will give those folks first dibs on additional slots if we are able to get them.

In addition, Patrols are also welcome to contact Lowe's to set up timeslots for their Patrol to sell. And other vendors on the cards may allow Scouts to set up and sell – please contact individual locations. I think last year some of our Scouts also sold out front of Garden Ridge and one of the Walmarts, with store manager approval. (The only obvious no-no here is to please NOT contact Tom Thumb or Academy, as they are direct competitors to the stores who have graciously agreed to be on the cards! And of course, Kroger and Dick's.)

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 grow!

Is there any risk?

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. The only potential risk is for lost cards, for which the Scout will need to pay \$5 each to the Troop.

Also, Scouts must be careful to not accidentally snap off the tear-off Kroger and Dick's Sporting Goods portions of Camp Cards they have not yet sold. The Troop cannot accept back incomplete Camp Cards, as they will not be accepted back by Circle 10.

Can I accept checks for Camp Card sales?

Yes, checks are fine, and should be made out to T1000 or Troop 1000.

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 Xbox One!** (Please notify me when your Scout sells 25 cards, as I need to submit his entry for the weekly drawing).

Is there any reason not to do this?

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 \$5, and it will have a NET COST of ZERO to the family.

Contact Heather Burchett, burchettgh@yahoo.com,

972-473-7390 with questions, for more cards or to sign up for selling in front of Kroger or Dick's Sporting Goods locations.



We Need Your Help with April's Garage Sale

Parents, please mark your calendars!

Our Semi-Annual Troop Garage Sale Fundraiser is Saturday, April 25 from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm

In order for our sale to be successful, we need your help! The Garage Sale is on Saturday, April 25. But most of the work happens weeks before.

Not only do we need Scouts and Parents to commit to working this day, we also need your donations of clean re-usable household goods and clothing. All donations are tax deductible and the Troop will provide a receipt for your donation.

In addition to the sale's open hours — there is much prep work to be done. We will have several opportunities to help organize and price goods prior to the sale.

On Friday night, April 24, we transport goods from our storage units to the church. This is a HUGE undertaking, and requires many people hours to move, sort and price goods. After the Sale on Saturday, it takes about two hours to clean up and haul trash.

We are busy putting our final plans together now. If you wish to join the Garage Sale Committee or help with a task that can be done at a convenient time and at home, please contact Luanne Ward (jlward@gmail.com).

All patrols will be assigned a three-hour shift to work so be on the look-out for this. We do understand scheduling conflicts, so if this arises, please work with your Scout's patrol leader to find an alternate shift to work.

Garage Sales FAQ

How are Garage Sale Funds Used?

Funds raised at garage sale are distributed towards scholarships to attend summer camp for those in need. The balance is applied toward transportation costs so we can minimize costs that may get passed on to families attending camp. (i.e. Garage sales in 2014 contributed approximately \$6k toward the \$10k transportation bill.

What items can I donate?

We accept donations of clothing, small household appliances, sporting goods, furniture and toys. Any electronics need to be in working condition and have all applicable parts. We prefer no dated electronics (ie: glass tube TVs, desktop computers, monitors, etc). All donations are tax deductible and the Troop will provide a receipt.

My Scout cannot attend his patrols assigned shift.

We understand conflicts, if you cannot work your shift, offer to work another shift or a partial in your time slot. We have several options — just work with the patrol leader to determine the best fit. If Scout is completely unable to attend, we ask that a parent representative work for him.

Am I expected to work with my Scout?

Yes! While not mandatory, we STRONGLY encourage parents to work with their Scout's patrol. This sale is a MAJOR event and we need your help to keep the Scouts focused on their tasks.

Can my Scout earn service hours at Garage Sale?

Unfortunately not. Service hours cannot be awarded for activities the benefit the Troop.

100th Anniversary Order of the Arrow Section Conclave April 17-19

Coming up on April 17 to 19 is the section conclave! The theme is "Future Found in Tradition" for the OA's 100th anniversary. Ten lodges spanning from north Texas to Arkansas and Louisiana will be attending. All OA members are invited!

There will be Native American dance, games, ceremonies, training, lodge ball (like dodge ball), patch trading and great food. Only those who attend can get a special patch! This is a great opportunity for all NOAC competition teams or non-NOAC teams to be judged and given tips and pointers.

The price is \$60. (It will be \$70 after April 14). The conclave is at Camp Don Harrington in Amarillo near Palo Duro Canyon. [Sign up on the website](#). It also has information about how our local chapter can help arrange for transportation to the conclave. OA members are also encouraged to attend the chapter meeting on April 9 at 7:30 pm at LDS Church, 2700 Roundrock Trail in Plano. The meetings are lots of fun and get you updated on the latest OA news and activities.



SCOUT-A-PALOOZA

CAMPOREE 2015

TREVOR REES-JONES

APRIL 10-12

Camporee is open to all registered Boy Scouts and their adult leaders. Webelos may attend as guests of a troop and participate in Camporee activities. Webelos must have a parent or legal guardian in attendance, at all times, while at Camporee.


Visit the Golden Arrow website for more information and for Camporee 2015 updates at <http://goldenarrow.circleten.org>.



Registration fee is \$13 for scouts. Adults are FREE. Select your campsite with a minimum 50% deposit and a staffing assignment. Check Camporee webpage for available staffing assignments. Contact Ronnie at Ronnie.Rhodes@verizon.net with your staffing preference.

Deadline for pre-registration is March 28, 2015.

Completed roster forms and any settlement fees due at camp registration on April 10, 2015.

Troop #	<input type="text"/>			
	Count	Fee	Extended Total	
Estimated # of Scouts:	<input type="text"/>	@ \$13.00	\$ <input type="text"/>	
Estimated # of Adults:	<input type="text"/>	@ \$0.00	\$ <input type="text"/>	
	Estimated Total		\$ <input type="text"/>	
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Unit must pay at least 50% of estimated total to pre-select a campsite.

Make your top three campsite selections. (Check the Camporee webpage on goldenarrow.circleten.org for available sites)

Troop 1000 participants may only be registered by the Troop.