

May 2015

The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

May Calendar

Merit Badge: Pioneering

Program: Bald Eagles

Service: Panthers

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

- 4 Troop mtg at Heritage Farmstead, 7:30 pm
- 11 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
Money Monday
Summer Camp Parent's Mtg, 8 pm
- 12 Buffalo Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 15 - Family / Pioneering
17 Campout
- 18 Greenbar Mtg, 7:30 pm
PLC only
- 25 Troop Picnic at Preston Meadow Park, 4:30 pm
No Troop Mtg
- 30 Shooting Sports Event

June Calendar

Theme: Summer Camp

Program: Silver Foxes

Service: Bald Eagles

- 1 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 8 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 15 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 22 Summer Camp Mtg, Scouts going to camp and parents ONLY, 7:30 pm
- 23 Buffalo Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 28 - Summer Camp: Hale Scout
Jul Reservation
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Check the [online calendar](#) and [home page](#) for new calendar items and upcoming events.

Family Campout, May 15 - 17

One Grand Families are invited to join the Troop for this year's Pioneering Family Campout at Collin County Adventure Camp! There will be many activities to keep everybody entertained and busy. This year, in addition to the Scout-built Monkey Bridge, 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.

You are invited to spend some with the Troop on Saturday, enjoy dinner and attend our Court of Honor and campfire. You can even camp overnight and eat breakfast with your son's Patrol on Sunday morning. (YUM!)

The May Court of Honor takes place at the Family Campout Saturday evening — so come out to celebrate our Scouts' accomplishments including rank advancements and Merit Badges.

Info and Permission Slip coming under separate cover. [Money Monday is May 11.](#)

Offsite Troop Meeting on May 4



The May 4 Troop Meeting will be at [Heritage Farmstead Museum](#), not the Church. The meeting will run at the same time as our Monday meetings: 7:30 pm to 9 pm. Ron Siebler will give us a blacksmithing demonstration.

Heritage Farmstead Museum is at 1900 West 15th Street, Plano. Come experience living history and see blacksmithing in action! Don't miss this trip back in time!

Program and service patrols should arrive by 7 pm. No dues or fees will be required to be paid at this meeting.

Hale! Hale! Camp's Almost Here!

There will be a formal Parents Meeting on Money Monday, May 11, at 8pm in the Chapel to review Summer Camp needs and priorities. We will discuss packing and gear as well as communications, departure and arrival information and much more. Please plan to attend!

There will also be a meeting for Scouts going to Summer Camp and their Parents on Monday, June 22 at 7:30 pm. This is in lieu of the scheduled Troop Meeting (Scouts NOT going to camp do not need to attend this Monday night meeting). Scouts AND PARENTS, please save the date so you can get important information to ensure Scouts receive the final instructions for Summer Camp.

Final cost for summer camp is now expected to be \$352 for Scouts. This includes transportation as well as two meals on the road. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE MERIT BADGE AND ADVANCEMENT COSTS. First Year Scouts will be charged an additional

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Garage Sale Update

A Huge Thanks to our dedicated scouts, scouters and parents for volunteering their time at our Spring Garage Sale Fundraiser. It was a BEAUTIFUL day for the sale!

We could not have done this without everyone's generosity and support. With more than \$3,800 we are on our way to a great start for summer camp transportation.

Special THANKS to:

- Sharon Luker and Carolyn Linscott for their tremendous help in multiple ways.
- Heather Burchett and Kris Stevenson, my dedicated cashiers.
- David King for helping deliver furniture and taking our garbage to the city dump.
- Steve Lavine for making table signs so our customers find what they are looking for.
- The hard working men and Scouts who worked the Friday night shift (who did the pickups at storage and homes in the rain).
- The dedicated women who sale after sale work the Friday night shift to sort and mark.

From the editor: And a big thanks to Luanne Ward for spearheading it!

Troop Shooting Event

A one-day Troop Shooting event will be at beautiful Camp James Ray on Saturday, May 30. Show up at RLC at 7:30 am with permission slip and money in hand. We return at approximately 5 pm.

All the Scouts will be able to shoot rifle, shotgun and archery. Scouts from last summer camp will be able to work on their Merit Badge shooting requirements. The permission slip will be on the website soon with more details.



New 1000 Eagle Scout: Matthew Robbins

Troop 1000 is pleased to announce that Matthew Robbins has successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review. Pending review and approval by the National Office of the Boy Scouts of America, Matthew will be considered as completing the requirements and being awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on April 29, 2015. Congratulations, Matthew!



Money Monday, May 11

All Fees and Permission Slips, along with Summer Camp Final Payments due upon entrance to Church.



Scouts should present exact change for all Campout Fees, and use envelope with Scout's Name and Patrol on it for Campout money and Permission Slip. Each Patrol will have a station to submit fees and payments.

Youth Protection Training Guidelines Update

New YPT guidelines say adults cannot have a one-to-one email or text conversation with a single Scout. That said, Scouts need to copy parents, guardians or Scoutmaster on any such emails. This is Troop policy going forward.

Also, the new training site is my.scouting.org. As BSA transitions training, you can still find online training at old site: myscouting.scouting.org

Rise in Eagle Scouts

There has been a rise in the number of Eagle Scouts from 4 percent in 2002 to 6 percent as of 2014 as reported in [Bryan on Scouting](#). Per the comments, the rise could be the result of the change in the waiting period to get First Class.

Whatever the reason, the most important thing to remember that no matter how short or long a Scout remains in Scouting, he leaves Scouting a better person. It's the journey, not the destination.

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\$50 for three Merit Badge kits (Basketry, Leatherwork and Wood Carving) and advancement supplies that will be supplied for them. (This is down from \$80 in previous years, and at a substantial discount from what the camp trading post will charge for these kits and supplies.) All other Scouts must pay their Merit Badge and any shooting/ammunition costs at camp. Non-First Year Scouts should bring Merit Badge Pamphlets and Worksheets with them for their classes, these may not be available at camp.

Adults attending should expect to pay at least \$50 for travel meals, and other expenses. (Those driving their own vehicles/pulling trailers will be reimbursed for their fuel costs.) A parent attending with a special needs Scout should contact Scoutmaster Rick Diamond or ASM Steve Lavine to discuss adult costs.

Trunk and Cot

By now, you should have found your Contico 23 Gallon Footlocker/Trunk (with or without wheels) and Cot so you do not have a rush at the last minute.

<http://amzn.to/1EWbcVM>

<http://www.walmart.com/ip/Contico-Storage-Locker/2476189>



Footlocker / Trunk

I am told that these, normally available at Academy and Walmart, may be sold out at retail, and some out-of-stocks may be caused by the port slowdowns on the coasts. Don't delay!

Also, your Scout will need a folding cot, like the one pictured:



Folding cot

These must fold up like an umbrella into a narrow bag like that shown. Expect to pay from \$35 to \$80 for a cot. The less expensive ones are generally just as good as the more expensive ones for the Scouts (not always so for adults). DO NOT buy the extra long or wide versions for a Scout unless they are 6 ft. tall or quite wide. They do not need the extra length and width in their tents.

Water Shoes

The Hale Scout Reservation, like all Scout Camps, does not allow open toe shoes — not even in the showers! Scouts and Scouters going to Summer Camp will need "aquasox" — closed toe water shoes — for pool, lake and shower areas — they may NOT go barefoot or wear open toe shoes at any time.

Mosquito Netting

This year at Camp Hale, Mosquito netting is a recommended accessory. This product from Snugpak, is a great value and a versatile item that will work in a variety of conditions (there are many other brands). Plans for the cot poles are shown in the picture on the [next page](#) of this article and can be built in less than an hour from PVC to hold the netting above the cot in the camp tents. However, the same result can be had by using stings and clips where (if) an attachment point can be found on the Camp tents. Regardless, this is a good product to buy now while on sale, or even at regular price! These will become very hard to find at retail in the next few weeks.

The netting can be suspended by using four 48-inch PVC pipe poles (1/2-inch diameter recommended). The four poles are inserted at the ends of the cot and secured with duct tape or Velcro straps. ([See here.](#))

<http://www.campsaver.com/snugpak-mosquito-net-single>

<http://amzn.to/1KxFNAG>

<http://www.overstock.com/Emergency-Preparedness/Snugpak-Single-Mosquito-Net/8606792/product.html>

The poles can be stored in the cot bag, and thus do not need to fit in the trunk. While only the "head" poles are really

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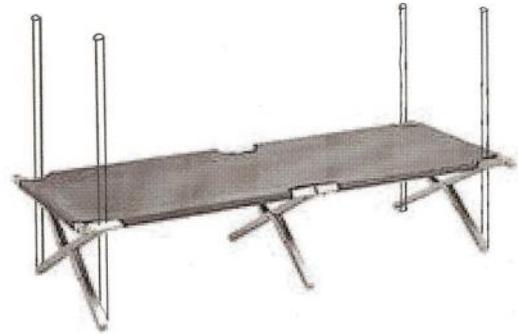
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necessary, four can make for a more stable and easier to enter environment. Adding a cross bar on the top (with two PVC elbows and a DETACHABLE – NOT GLUED pole matched to the width of the cot) will improve the stability.

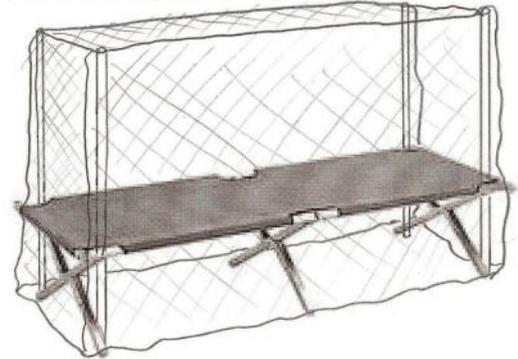
Like ALL items going to ANY campout – make sure you label each of the poles and netting – as all these items tend to look alike when spread out on the tent floor or scattered after falling out of a cot bag in a trailer.



Snugpak Mosquito Net - Single



The net is then hung over the four poles.



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Camporee

By Richard Stevenson, Troop Historian

From April 10 to 12, 2015, Troop 1000 set out to the 2015 Circle Ten Council Camporee to compete with other troops in various challenges which would test our minds, our strength and our teamwork. But we were not alone, for beside us were many young boys – Webelos – who wished to eventually join us in our many journeys, both great and small. With their assistance we triumphed in many of the contests, showing that we are indeed, One Grand Troop.

On Friday, the day we left, we arrived to find that some had already come before us to stake out patrol areas and get the camp ready. This allowed us to quickly set up our tents and set up equipment for the next day's breakfast.

The following morning we awoke at the crack of dawn. We were forced to move quickly as the day revolved around a strict schedule. After a hurried breakfast, we set out to the communal flag ceremony, and our historian went over to the mess hall to set up our Troop's history display. The competition patrols then split to go their separate ways, whether it be knot tying, tomahawk throwing or fire building.

Sometime around five in the afternoon, we took some time to regather, relax and have lunch back at camp. But soon we were forced to head out again to complete the challenges before us. This we soon accomplished and we topped off the day with a delectable supper of spaghetti prepared by the Old Buffs.

Afterwards, we attended an awards ceremony and were entertained by the troops and their variety of skits and songs they had to show. But the tone changed almost immediately when we were escorted by members of the Order of the Arrow dressed as Native Americans to an enormous bonfire, where new OA members were selected from the silent multitudes gathered there. We had three of our numbers join the brotherhood,

The next morning marked the day when we were to leave. We were glad to return home, but I doubt there was any heart that did not hold a shred of disappointment to leave behind all we had done.

Photos here.

May's Merit Badge: Pioneering

Note that there is an opportunity for each Scout to build a model of Monkey Bridge in advance of the Scouts building it at the Family Campout. They must get a Blue card from their Patrol Adviser, and see Mr. Hambelton to OK plans and begin the process.



Merit Badge Requirements

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.
 - c. Demonstrate the following: tripod and round lashings.
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.)



Camporee

