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The Millennium The Newsletter of Troop 1000

Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

September Calendar

Theme: Climbing Program: Ravens Service: Chiefs

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

- 5 7 Scuba Trip, Tentative
- 7 Offsite Troop Event @ Whirlyball, 7:30 pm
- 11 Troop Leadership Conf.,
- 13 Camp James Ray
- 14 Offsite Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 21 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 22 Buffalo Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 25 Climbing Campout
- 28 Greenbar Mtg, 7:30 pm PLC only

Summer Camp in Oklahoma!

by Richard Stevenson, Troop Historian

On June 28, 2015, our Troop headed out with brave hearts to Camp Hale, Oklahoma, for our annual summer camp. Each Scout had separate paths set before him, and we encountered a variety of different troops, but the challenges that lay before us were overcome to turn us into better and brighter Scouts and Scouters alike.



We arrived in the afternoon just in time for a hearty lunch of sub sandwiches and chips, followed by a brief tour of the camp. As soon as we reached our campsite, no time was squandered in the process of arranging and unpacking, and only a few hours were required. Mr. Diamond and Mr. Wilson had to depart at the end of the day, leaving Mr. Leonard in charge.

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October Calendar

Theme: Wilderness Survival

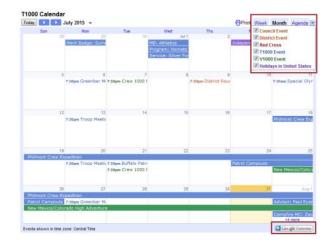
- 3 Troop Garage Sale
- 5 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm Open House
- 12 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 19 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm Money Monday
- 20 Buffalo Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 23 Wilderness Survival
- 25 Campout
- 26 Greenbar Mtg, 7:30 pm PLC only

Check the <u>online calendar</u> and <u>home page</u> for new calendar items and upcoming events.

New Website Is Live

Thank you to everyone who took the time to review the draft website and provide feedback. The new website is now live! Same time. Same URL channel. (T1000.org.)

More items will be added as we get finalized and approved documents. If you use Google Calendar, you can easily add the T1000 Calendar to yours by selecting "+Google Calendar" at the bottom. You can also control which Calendars to view / hide by selecting the down arrow and selecting /deselecting the calendars.



Questions? Contact Meryl Evans at webmaster@t1000.org.

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Garage Sale: Saturday, Oct. 3

Our Fall Garage Sale is a major fundraiser to help finance the transportation your Scout takes for summer camp. **Participation by parents and Scout is very important.**

Here's how you can help:

- Donate clean and re-usable items to sell.
- Tell your friends and neighbors about the sale. (Here's Garage Sale Flyer [pdf].)

Shifts

Friday Night, October 2 6 – 10 pm: Silver Foxes

Saturday, October 3

6 – 9 am: Bald Eagles 7:45 – 11 am: Chiefs 10:45 am – 2 pm: Ravens

1:30 - 4 pm: Hornets and Panthers

Conflicts

If you have a conflict and are unable to make it during your scheduled time, please participate at a time that works for you. You must let your Patrol Leader know which shift you are working and if the parent is working the same shift or another.

Donations

Donations may be dropped off on Friday, October 2 from 5 to 10 pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

We will need parents with trucks, vans, SUVs to help on Friday evening and cleanup on Saturday afternoon. If you can volunteer on one of these shifts or help transport items, please <a href="mailto:emailto:

Feed the Clothes Donation Box

The troop gets \$100 per month for feeding the clothes donation box. Although we do this after a garage sale, we need to continue doing it throughout the year. The box is located in the Church parking lot by the back entrance/exit.



Shop at Tom Thumb?

Did you know that Troop 1000 is signed up with Tom Thumb's Good Neighbor Program? You can have up to three charities linked to your reward card.

Sign up is easy! Just go to your local Tom Thumb store, and have the Customer Service department add our Troop Good Neighbor Number to your account. **Our number is:**

2075. The Troop will start earning a percentage of what you buy automatically. Start raising money as you shop for us today!



Where Are T1000 Pictures?

You want pictures? We'll give you pictures ... thousands and thousands. Well, maybe that's an exaggeration. Just a little. The Troop posts photos to a Flickr account which you may join. You must have a Yahoo account or sign up for one to join Flicker. As part of your request to join, please send a note to the administrator and include the name of your Scout in the note. Your request is approved by a human, so expect to wait about 24 hours for approval.

These photos are posted shortly after the various events and are available only with an approved membership on the Flickr account.

Ready to flip through our digital album? Head on over to:

https://www.flickr.com/groups/ t1000photos/

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The following morning we got up, dressed, used the bathrooms (with functioning plumbing!), and lined up to receive our maps and schedules before heading down to the mess hall for breakfast. Once there we received more instruction on how the camp was structured and run before a contest of Rock-Paper-Scissors decided who got to get breakfast first.

Following the delicious meal, the older scouts scattered to their Merit Badge classes while the younger ones, under the careful instruction of Mr. Lavine, went off on the famed "Trail to First Class." When evening fell and Scouts headed back to camp from dinner, we were called on to attend a great campfire for entertainment provided by the camp staff. Afterwards, we were guided back to our campsite and fell into a deep slumber.

The next few days passed much the same, just without the explanations and campfire. We had excellent food, excellent teachers, and excellent classes, many trading post visits and one marshmallow roast with ice cream and root beer. But the crowning achievement in all of this was the construction of the One Grand Gateway.

The gateway had been designed and tested by the Bald Eagle patrol, but had never been used on a campout and was intended to help the new Scouts practice their lashings. As usual, the older Scouts were called on to help, though many "forgot," and went to the trading post instead. As such, we could not complete it before supper. After that, the leaders ruled that while the new Scouts went swimming, the older ones would stay behind to finish up.

The new Scouts' swimming was soon put to an untimely end due to the presence of thunder, but the older Scouts still had to set up the gateway alone. When it was all done, and the sign hung tall and proud from the arch. We, with the normal difficulty for such undertakings, positioned ourselves around the gate, where we stood for a bit while pictures were taken and people were yelled at for fidgeting.





Friday brought us another campfire. This one featured not only the staff, but also several Troops. The main problem was that it had to be held inside the dining hall due to rain. It was more packed in there than in a can of sardines!

At the week's end, we loaded ourselves into the vans and said our goodbyes to the beautiful Camp Hale, which had fed and taught us for the whole stay. Now the time had come for us to leave for our homes, from which we would someday leave again for the next camp, though it would not be Hale. Though we were

excited by the prospect of returning, for many of us, the week had been extremely tiring, so it was not surprising that most of us decided to take *yawn* a quick nap. Zzz...



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A Trip to the Summit

In mid-July, several Scouts and adults from Plano attended the James C. Justice National Scout Camp at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. The Summit is the newest high-adventure base of the Boy Scouts of America, and the location of the National Scout Jamboree in 2013 and 2017.



Scouts must be at least 13 years old to attend Scout Camp at the Summit. Our unit, "Lone Star Patrol," consisted of Scouts and adults from both T1000 and T259 in Plano. Scouts from T1000 included Ross Richards, Christopher Burchett, Christopher Peterson-Godfrey, and Matthew Thompson. Karen Richards and Mark Godfrey served as adult guides.



The camp empowers each Scout and his unit to determine the desired mix of open activities and Merit Badge advancement during the camp week. Most scouts in our unit earned Merit Badges in Kayak and Shotgun Shooting at the Summit, and the Whitewater Merit Badge on the nearby New River. They also enjoyed skateboarding, mountain biking on trails,

zip lines, canopy tour, climbing, high ropes course, archery and air rifles, hiking, swimming, and stand-up paddleboard at the lake. A memorable experience for Scouts and Scouters alike!



