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The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

January Calendar

Theme: Railroading

Program: Silver Foxes

Service: PLC

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

- 25 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
Money Monday
Caving deposit and
Wilderness Survival PS due
- 29 - Wilderness Survival
- 31 Campout

February Calendar

Theme: Geology

Program: Hornets

Service: Silver Foxes

- 1 Greenbar Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 4 Troop Committee, 7:30 pm
Open to all
- 7 Scout Sunday
- 8 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 12 Scout Shabbat, 7:30 pm at
Adat Chaverim
- 13 Scouting for Food
Ross Richards' Eagle
Project, 1 - 3 pm
Troop Court of Honor, 7pm
- 15 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
Money Monday
Ross Richards' Eagle
Project Collection Drive
- 16 Buffalo Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 19 - Caving Campout
- 21
- 22 Greenbar Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 27 Christopher Burchett Eagle
Project

Check the [online calendar](#) and [home page](#) for new calendar items and upcoming events.

February 19 - 21 Campout: Wild Caving!

Scouts, here is your chance to journey to the center of the earth! Or at least Explore what lies beneath the canyon lands of Colorado Bend State Park. An experienced guide will lead us on a speleo-adventure through caves and caverns where you crawl, slide, and climb through small spaces and into large chambers. Be prepared to get dirty and maybe even soaked.

There are three different cave tours offered. Choose the one that is best suited for you.

Discovery: Come and explore roomy but wild Dynamite Cave. This cave features a walk-in entrance that is suitable for all ages and skill levels. No crawling necessary. (Unless you want to!) See ancient stalactites, stalagmites and flowstones while learning about the ecosystem of a Texas cave by experiencing it first hand. You can see daylight from almost everywhere in the cave: a great way to get used to the idea of being underground!



Adventure: Come and get a little bit dirty on our intermediate trip to Turtle Shell Cave. This trip takes you a little deeper underground than the Discovery Tour but it is a relaxed and easy expedition for anyone who is ready to do a little crawling! Recommended for Scouts under age 13. About 60 minutes underground.

Wild: Come and see what Colorado Bend caving is all about as we explore the Cicurina Cave, an extensive maze of crawl ways and caverns. Get ready to do a lot of crawling and a lot of getting dirty; an authentic Central Texas caving experience! Priority is given to the oldest scouts. About 90 minutes underground.

With rugged tent camping, cave crawling tours and the thunderous 60-foot Gorman Falls, your pulse will spend a lot of time racing on this Grand campout ... an experience not to be missed.

All Scouts and Scouters wishing to go WILD CAVING must secure their spot by [filling this form](#) and a deposit of \$25 by Monday, January 25 with the Troop Scribe. Total funding for Scouts must be received Monday, February 15, and is expected to be between \$56 and \$86 (depending on the cave tour chosen). Secure your spot today! Form at the end of this issue.

Summer Camp Merit Badge Sign-up Time

ALL second year and older Scouts attending Summer Camp this year will need to sign up for camp Merit Badge Classes. There are five sessions, and we are asking each Scout to provide three alternates in case a class(es) isn't available.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS BY FEBRUARY 29TH.

The Program Guide at the end of this newsletter includes information on the offered Merit Badges. Note that some classes extend to two or more sessions.

SCOUTS: Please [fill out the form](#) on page 4 and DISCUSS WITH YOUR PATROL ADVISER. The PA will review and approve selections and turn in their choices.

Selections added after February 29 may receive a lower priority for classes that fill up quickly or have class size limits.

Scouts should consider a mix of Eagle-required MBs and those requiring special equipment offered only at summer camp. Do not sign up for MBs offered often or easily through the Troop. Descriptions note those that can't be completed at camp. You may be required to complete some requirements before or after camp.

Important: Our Biggest Fundraiser for Summer Camp

Dear T1000 Parents,

Beginning over the holiday break we have been working to solve several garage sale issues, and wanted to give everyone an update where we are. The two issues at hand, the impending loss of our FREE storage unit, and the loss of one of our Garage Sale Chairs.

We have several past Garage Sale chairs and volunteers to help out, but we can use another volunteer to help with coordination. In trying to keep any one committee member from wearing too many hats, we're also seeking a new Clothing Closet volunteer to help once a month with supplying our new Scout packets and others with patches, "experienced" uniforms and other things.

I'm asking all our parents and Scouters to help with the critical need to find a new storage location for our garage sale equipment as well as the large furniture and other donations that we receive between the two sales weekends. If you have or know of any place where we might contain these items please let me know. We need to move quickly, as we will need to be out of our current space before the end of January or pay to use the space, thus cutting back significantly on the profits from our sales that can be used to offset Summer Camp transportation and other expenses.

Decisions will need to be voted on at our next Troop Committee meeting on Feb 4. You are welcome to attend. We'll decide then whether we should do anything more to continue the garage sale or close it down. We'll also look at alternative fundraisers to possibly fill the void.

If we discontinue the garage sales, we would have no choice but to pass the additional summer camp expenses we normally cover on to the families. For anyone wanting to attend, Troop Committee meetings are always the first Thursday of the month, starting at 7:30 pm in the Resurrection Lutheran Chapel. You're welcome to reach out to Steve Miles or me with questions. **I'll also be at the Troop Meeting on January 25 to answer questions.**

Sincerely,

Rich Bails, T1000 Committee Chair

Scouting for Food: Sat, February 13

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.



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 Flickr. 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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Court of Honor, Sat., February 13

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. 13. It will be desserts. Invite and sign-up categories will be sent through Sign-Up Genius Soon. 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. 8.

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.

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.



Ross Richards' Eagle Project

The Greyhound Adoption League of Texas (GALT) is the beneficiary of Ross's service project. Ross is managing an adoption event and collection drive for the greyhounds in foster homes. Visit galtx.org to learn more about retired racing greyhounds to see if they are the right dog for your family and to understand the adoption process. Adopting is a long-term commitment and the adoption application process has several steps.



Event details: Saturday, February 13 from 1 to 3 pm at Three Dog Bakery at 5960 W. Parker Rd. in Plano.

Collection drive at the adoption event AND at Troop meeting on February 15. Needed items include:

- Milk Bone large biscuits.
- Kong toys (not small).
- Fluffy/squeaky toys (not small).
- Gift Cards to Petco or Petsmart.
- Neosporin antibiotic cream or ointment.
- Canine chewable multivitamins.
- Towels in good condition: bath or beach size.



Christopher Burchett's Eagle Project

Christopher Burchett will be working on his Eagle project and would appreciate volunteers to make it a success.

What: Clearing out invasive trees and shrubs from a marked off preserved area and then scattering native wildflower seeds.

Where: Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary (1 Nature Pl, McKinney, TX 75069)

When: Saturday, February 27, 10 am to 3 pm. (Weather makeup day will be Saturday, March 19). Signup at February 8th meeting. Lunch will be provided.

Age requirement: 13 or older

Volunteers will earn service hours.



T1000 SUMMER CAMP 2016 – MERIT BADGE SIGN UP



Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp, Athens, Texas - June 19th thru 25th

NOTE: First Year Scouts (5th or 6th Graders in first year with Troop and who are not yet Second Class Scouts) do NOT need to fill out this form. You will attend a Trail to First Class program, and working on Second Class and First Class rank requirements. You will also be earning the Leatherwork and Basketry Merit Badges, and working on the Swimming and First Aid Merit Badges.

Each Scout may sign up for 5 sessions, some sessions teach more than one Merit Badge (such as Crime Prevention and Fingerprinting) and others take two sessions (such as Climbing). Please review the choices carefully, discuss these with your Patrol Adviser, and take note of the prerequisites and other qualifications that may be necessary. Many Merit Badge classes require the Scout to complete some requirements BEFORE arriving at camp or following camp, to complete the Merit badge.

Example:

Session Choice #1: <i>Climbing</i>	Session Choice #2: <i>Climbing</i>	Session Choice #3: <i>Robotics</i>
Session Choice #4: <i>Archery</i>	Session Choice #5: <i>Hiking</i>	

Scouts will need to bring their own Merit Badge Pamphlets with them for class instruction, and (optional) print off online Workbooks to help take notes. Used or PDF versions of MB Pamphlets may be available. Please contact your Patrol Adviser or ASM Steve Lavine to obtain these if you wish. Some sessions require kits that may be ordered in advance or have additional costs. We will contact you regarding how these are to be paid for (some in advance, others at camp).

Please list your 5 session choices AND 3 alternates, in the case one of your choices are not available. *(all information asked for below is required)*

Scout Name _____ Birthdate (M/D/Y): _____

Best Phone Contact if questions? _____ Patrol: _____

Rank expected as of June 2016: _____

Session Choice # 1: _____ Session Choice #2: _____

Session Choice # 3: _____ Session Choice #4: _____

Session Choice #5: _____

Alternate Choice #1: _____

Alternate Choice #2: _____

Alternate Choice #3: _____

Name of requested Buddy*, if any _____

**Your Buddy is a fellow Scout in your Troop that is a friend and is signing up to take most of the same merit badges that you are going to take.*

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 6 at 8:15 am. Our troop is chartered by the RLC, and we ask Scouts to come in full field uniform and show our appreciation.



Scouts should **arrive at 8 am** to help with greeting, handing out bulletins and taking the offering. Families are welcome to attend with them. The service ends around 9:30 am. Donuts and coffee will be available in the kitchen area after the service.

For Jewish Scouts, Scout Shabbat is on Friday, February 12 at 7:30 pm at Adat Chaverim (6300 Independence Pkwy, Suite A) in Plano. For more information, please visit dallasjscouts.org.

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

Camp Cards Are Coming! Camp Cards Are Coming!

Circle 10 kicks off Camp Cards on February 16. 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 2,300 sold by the troop. We aim to match that this year!

As before, each card will have multiple discounts, including a snap-off \$5 off \$50 Kroger purchase, and 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 both Krogers and Dick's Sporting Goods.

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



Bryan on Scouting's Most-Read Posts of 2015

Scouting magazine's [Bryan on Scouting blog](#) is written by Bryan Wendell, an Eagle Scout and senior editor of *Boys' Life*, *Scouting* and *Eagles' Call* magazines. If you haven't checked it out, give it a look as he talks about everything you can think of related to Scouting. Here is a round-up of the popular posts from 2015.

- [What percentage of Boy Scouts become Eagle Scouts?](#) You may have heard of the book, "[Four Percent: The Story of Uncommon Youth in a Century of American Life](#)." However, 4 percent is outdated. Here's what it is and what caused the change.
- [2014 Merit Badge Rankings](#): Find out which Merit Badges were most and least popular. Obviously, the 13 Eagle-required Merit Badges are tops. Bryan covers Nos. 14 to 22 and the bottom 10. If you want to do one of the least popular, don't wait too long.
- [Scoutmaster wants to remove a certain four-letter word from Scouting](#): It's most likely not anything you'd think. And we avoid using this word in *The Millennium*.
- [5 Tips for helping Scouts reach Eagle before time runs out](#): We hope no Scout gets in this situation, but here are tips to help. The key is to do Family Life, Personal Fitness and Personal Management Merit Badges earlier as soon as a Scout is ready because these all require at least three months to complete (90 days, 12 weeks and 13 weeks). There's not getting around the time.
- [An Eagle Scout project doesn't have to be permanent](#): Construction-based projects are wonderful and long-lasting. Plus, they make cool before-and-after photos. Still, there are many projects just as valuable that aren't construction-based. Pick up some good ideas.



DEPOSIT FORM TO HOLD YOUR PLACE

Deposits Due
January 25th

Wild Caving!

With Troop 1000

February 19 thru February 21, 2016

Please hold my spot! Enclosed is my deposit of \$25, which is **due Monday, January 25th**. Total cost is expected to be \$46 **PLUS** the cost of the caving tour indicated below. I understand the balance of approximately \$50 will be due Monday, February 15.

Scout's Name: _____

Scout's Patrol: _____

Select **ONE** of the following Caving Tours (see other side for description):

- Discovery Tour \$10 p/scout** **Adventure Tour \$20 p/scout (12 and under)**
 Wild Tour \$30 p/scout (13 and older)

Email address to which additional information may be sent (*print clearly*):

Permission Slip will be available ONLINE on or before February 8th

Please place in an envelope with deposit. Put NAME of Scout on Envelope.

Cash or check made out to Troop 1000 will be accepted – and return to Troop Scribe (KITCHEN WINDOW) on Monday, January 25th.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may drop off or mail the deposit to:

Todd Sluder
Assistant Scoutmaster
1801 Peek Dr
Plano, TX 75075

If you have questions, or are an Adult interested in attending please contact Todd Sluder at tsluder92@hotmail.com or 469-556-8336.

Scholarship requests should be directed to the Scoutmaster.