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The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

December Calendar

Theme: Personal Fitness

Program: Panthers

Service: Silver Foxes

- 1 Troop Mtg 7:30 pm
- 4 Troop Committee Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 8 Troop Mtg 7:30 pm
Webelos Open House
- 15 Troop Mtg 7:30 pm
Holiday party
- 16 Buffalo Patrol Mtg 7:30 pm

January Calendar

Theme: Archaeology

Program: Hornets

Service: Panthers

- 5 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
Webelos Open House
- 12 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm
OA Elections
Money Monday
- 13 Buffalo Patrol Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 16 - 18 Archaeology Campout at
Spiro Mounds, OK
- 19 Martin Luther King Day
Greenbar Mtg, 7:30 pm
- 26 Troop Mtg, 7:30 pm

Online Resources

FACEBOOK

Connect with us on
Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/185538506622/>



PHOTOS

More than "One Grand" of photos are
posted at:

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



December Theme: Personal Fitness

What a better time to make the Personal Fitness Merit Badge the theme of the month than at a time of wonderful celebrations and cold weather when people are less likely to exercise.

Do you know the seven warning signs of cancer? What preventive habits help maintain good health and stave off potential problems? How nutrition plays a role in physical fitness?

This Eagle Scout rank-required merit badge helps Scouts learn about their mental, physical and social health. They'll also learn how to create a fitness program and measure their progress for 12 weeks.

Visit www.usscouts.org/mb/mb010.asp for the merit badge requirements.



Get Trained: University of Scouting Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015

The University of Scouting is an adult leader's learning adventure! It is an action-packed, fun-filled single day of supplemental training. Sessions are led by experienced volunteers and professionals who will help you enhance your ability to deliver a fun and exciting program to the Scouts.



Classes run from 7 am to 5 pm at Southern Methodist University on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015. You attend only the classes you want to take. The cost is

\$25 before Dec. 1. From Dec. 1 - 20, the cost is \$30. Walk-in registration is \$40. You pay one fee regardless of the number of classes you take.

Approved training may be paid for by the Troop. Prior to registering, please contact Scoutmaster Rick Diamond, Diamondnh@aol.com.

For more information, visit <http://circleten.org/university-scouting>.

Bin Account Update

Parents, I have emailed a note all families whose Scout(s) have a "bin" account and an email ID in our files.

For those who don't know me — I've been with T1000 since 1989, mostly as an ASM. For 10 years, I was the Scoutmaster. Now the Committee Treasurer.

The email was in reference to Scout's "bin" accounts. I want to make sure our records and the parents' agree. If your son has a current bin record, you should have gotten a letter (if we have your email ID). If you didn't get a note and your son has a "bin" account — contact me: johnholladay@outlook.com with the subject "Bin Changes" and the particulars (amounts, etc.). Also check the troop records to verify your email ID is correct.

I need details to confirm any discrepancy. Folks, this is all part of good audit practices.

If anyone is not familiar with "bin" accounts, let me help. Scout "bin" account is a unique T1000 term for what others call "passbook" accounts or another name. Years ago, T1000 Scouts earned money for summer camp

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T1000 Leads Pledge at City Council Meeting



More than 25 Scouts attended the Nov. 24 Plano City Council meeting where they led the Pledge of Allegiance and high-fived the Mayor. It's also the first time, Council did Texas pledge. Watch the video online: www.plano.gov/210/Plano-TV.

Bin Update – Cont'd

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by working our paper "bin." (We collected truckloads of newspapers, etc. for recycling.) Today, we have various fundraisers where our Scouts can earn funds to apply to camps and other approved activities. The funds are carried in a "restricted" fund and only applied with parental approval. When a Scout turns 18, he can elect to give the funds to a brother. If no brother, the funds are automatically moved to the troop's general account. All of this is in compliance with the IRS rules on tax exempt organizations.

Thank you for choosing T1000. One Grand Troop is not just a name our Scouts came up with decades ago at Camp Alexander – it is reality. Also, thanks for reviewing your son's bin account.

Yours in Scouting,
 John "Doc" Holladay
 Treasurer, One Grand Troop
johnholladay@outlook.com

Holiday Party on Dec. 15

The Troop holiday party and gift exchange is Mon, Dec 15. Scouts bring a wrapped gift valued about \$10. No gag gifts please. Scouts will get a number. When the number is called, he can either unwrap a gift or steal someone else's gift. A gift can be stolen up to two times, and then it's no longer available. After the gift exchange, Scouts can trade gifts and enjoy a root beer drinking contest.

And finally ... please NO GAG GIFTS!



January Theme: Archaeology

Our January campout takes us to Spiro Mounds, OK, the only prehistoric, Native American archaeological site in Oklahoma open to the public. You can learn more about this place on the website:



www.okhistory.org/sites/spiromounds.php.

If your Scout is interested in the archaeology merit badge, here are the requirements:

www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/mb-ARCA.aspx

2015 Calendar

Here are the campout themes and dates we have in store for the New Year. Save the dates!

- Jan 16-18 Archaeology at Spiro Mounds, OK
- Feb 20-22 Hiking
- Mar 7-14 Horsemanship/Indian Lore. Spring Break at the Guadalupe Mountains.
- Apr 10-12 Engineering. Camporee.
- May 15-17 Pioneering. Family / pioneering campout.
- Jun 28-Jul 4 Summer Camp at Hale Scout Reservation, OK

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