

# February 2014

# The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

## February Calendar

Theme: Hiking

Program: Ravens

Service: Bald Eagles

These Patrols should arrive at 7 pm for set up and remain after for Cleanup

- 2nd** Scout Sunday—Scouts encouraged to aid Services at RLC. Arrive 8 am
- 3rd** Troop Mtg 7:30 pm  
OA Elections  
**TURN IN USS Lexington Deposits!**
- 6th** Troop Committee Mtg 7:30 pm
- 10th** Troop Mtg 7:30 pm  
**AT REI (see pg. 2)**  
**Summer Camp Deposit due**
- 13th** Scouter Roundtable
- 15th** Scouting for Food  
Meet 9:30 AM at RLC (see pg. 2)
- 17th** Troop Mtg 7:30 pm  
**Money Monday—Hiking P-Slip ONLINE at T1000.ORG**
- 18th** Buffalo Patrol Mtg 7:30 pm
- 21-23** Hiking Campout
- 24th** Greenbar Meeting 7:30 pm

## March Calendar

- 1st** Court of Honor **7 pm**
- 3rd** Troop Mtg 7:30 PM  
Elections
- 6th** Troop Committee Mtg 7:30 pm
- 8-12** USS Lexington Trip
- 15th** New Greenbar Training
- 17th** Troop Mtg 7:30 pm
- 24th** Troop Mtg 7:30 pm  
**Money Monday—Camporee**
- 25th** Buffalo Patrol Mtg 7:30 pm
- 28-30** District Camporee
- 31st** Greenbar Meeting 7:30 pm

*Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church*

### **Make Reservations NOW for Upcoming Campouts!**

### **Spring Break - USS Lexington Live Aboard and Summer Camp**

Scouts, Scouters, and Scout Families: Important Information on Upcoming Campouts and Trips!

Sign-up is now in progress for:

1. Spring Break Trip to the USS Lexington March 8th - 12th
2. Summer Camp at Camp Buck Toms, in Tennessee, July 5th - 13th (two travel days included)

#### **Live Aboard:**

#### **USS Lexington**

**Aircraft Carrier - In Port in Corpus Christi Texas**  
**Spring Break Trip** - March 8 - 12

For our first Extended Campout of 2014, Troop 1000 will "take off" for the USS Lexington, where we have bunks on board reserved for two nights, March 9-10. For new and fairly new Scouts, This is often a "warm-up" trip for summer camp. Not quite a week away from home, and comfortable bunks for at least a few days of the trip!

Scouts will experience the fun aspects of living on an Aircraft Carrier including a ships tour, dining in the ships officers mess for meals (where they can order anything they want as long as that's the one thing being served that day), and learn about the haunted parts of this famous floating fortress.

Additional activities will include a visit to a local Science and History museum where replicas of Columbus' Ships are moored and can be toured. - a fascinating look back to 1492! Plans are underway to spend one night camping in a state park or Scout camp on the way down (by car) and an additional

night on a military base on the way back.

**Reservations are still being accepted, but space is limited.** Please use the attached reservation sheet to make your reservation TODAY and be sure to include your deposit.

#### **Summer Camp:**

#### **Camp Buck Toms July 5-13**

This will be Troop 1000's first visit to Tennessee's Smoky Mountains area Camp Buck Tom's (although our Scout master, Mr. Diamond, went to camp there as a Scout!). Camping will be in a unique bunk-bed style "open" cabin (called an Adirondack) - so no cots needed this year!

The camp offers "all the comforts" of a typical Scout Camp, plus some exciting surprises for all! For Second year and more experienced Scouts, merit badge class signup begins in early February, and all signups should be set up for non-first year Scouts by mid February. There are High Adventure Options for experienced Scouts.

Total cost (without merit badge fees and high adventure options) will be about \$300 to \$350 per scout (transportation cost is still a variable, although most is expected to be covered by the Troop's Garage Sale revenue).

#### **Deposit of \$100 is due on Feb 10th.**

Extensive information on the Camp Buck Toms program is available here: <http://www.bsa-gsmc.org/document/2014-cbt-leaders-guide/132201>



### **SCOUT SUNDAY & SCOUT SABBATH**

Dear T1000,

The Boy Scouts of America designates a day in February every year as Scout Sunday, and another as Scout Shabbat.

As your Troop's Chaplain's Aide, I want to encourage you to attend the Scout Sunday Service at Resurrection Lutheran Church on February 2. Our troop is chartered by the RLC, and Mr. Diamond has asked us to come and show our appreciation. Scouts will usher and hand out programs. Scouts may choose to worship with the congregation or not, whichever is comfortable for them.

**Please be there at 8:00 am for the 8:30 service. Please be in full class A (tan shirt) uniform.**

There is also a Scout Shabbat in Dallas on Friday, February 7th at 7PM for Jewish Scouts. For more information go to [dallasjscouts.org](http://dallasjscouts.org)

Ross Richards  
Chaplain's Aide  
Troop 1000

## SCOUTING FOR FOOD February 15th

Each year Troop 1000 aids with this significant food drive by helping to sort food for distribution at the Plano Food Pantry. This year we will gather at the RLC parking lot at 9:30 AM for a quick drive to the East Plano location. Our shift is expected to last until 4pm, at which time we will return to the RLC parking lot.

Scouts are encouraged to attend - not only because it's a great cause - but because it's a great way to earn service hours for rank advancement. First year Scouts especially should attend for these required service hours.

If you need to come late or leave early, Scouts can be dropped off or picked up at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church, 2200 E. 18th Street, Plano, TX - 75074 972-422-1850

A permission slip will be posted to the Troop web site at 1000.ORG. Scouts should bring a sack lunch and water bottle with them.



## OA Elections - FEB 3rd

The Troop 1000 Order of the Arrow elections will be held at the troop meeting on February 3rd.

It is important that all Scouts attend and vote for the people who, in their opinion, have set the best examples of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service. The OA election is a chance to select Scouts who will continue in unselfish service to our troop.

Those qualified through rank and nights camping with the troop will stand for election.

Scouts who are OA members are encouraged to wear their OA Sash to this meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Hambelton ([972-422-7071](tel:972-422-7071)).

## COURT OF HONOR MARCH 1st

Four times each year, Troop 1000's Families gather to honor the achievements of all our Scouts over the past quarter. We will next gather on **March 1st at 7PM**.

Please come and join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of our Scouts as they receive formal recognition for Rank Advancement, Merit Badges and our "One Grand" awards for - Scout, Scouter and Patrol.

This evening will feature a pot-luck dinner. Further information on the dinner will be sent out with a reminder in the near future. During dinner you will have the opportunity to view photos from the Scout's activities and campouts these past few months.

Please, even if your Scout is not receiving recognition at this COH, join us in celebration of all our Scouts achievements.



## FEB 10th Troop meeting at REI

Scouts and parents will have the opportunity to hear a presentation about footwear and packs (Day Packs and Back Packs) from the "professionals" at REI in Plano. **New Scout Families are STRONGLY encouraged to attend this informative session.**

Please drop your Scouts off at the REI store—NOT the church—for this meeting. The Plano REI Store is located at 2424 Preston Road, Plano, TX (NE corner of Park and Preston), Just north of Trader Joe's.

Please plan to arrive at 7:20 PM and go to the warehouse area at the back of the store.

## USS Lexington Campout Reservation

PLEASE HAVE YOUR SCOUT RETURN THIS FORM—WITH YOUR DEPOSIT (IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH SCOUT'S NAME ON IT) to the TROOP SCRIBE.

Please return on or before March 3rd (First Come First Served on remaining space), No refunds after January 9th. Questions? Call Steve Lavine at 469-939-9763

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Wishes to Attend Spring Break Trip to Live Aboard USS Lexington. **Reservation and Deposit of \$100 Due January 9th.**

Full amount for Campout expected to be approximately \$200 Checks accepted made out to Troop 1000.

**Campout Permission Slip on the Web soon** and remaining amount due March 3rd. [T1000.org](http://T1000.org)

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## NEEDED: NEW MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS



First you ask, what is a Merit Badge Counselor then you ask what is a Merit Badge?

Merit Badges are earned as part of your Scouts rank advancement once they reach First Class. The Scouts learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers by earning Merit Badges. In order for the Scouts to earn Merit Badges, they need to meet with the Merit Badge Counselor. The Merit Badge Counselor has special knowledge in their merit badge subjects and are interested in helping the Scouts.

At T1000, we try to give our Scouts access to all 133 Merit Badges by having in-Troop counselors. This just makes scheduling counselor time easier and allows the Scouts to meet different people that are associated with the Troop.

Of the 133 Merit Badges available, the Scouts are required to choose 13 required Merit

Badges from a selection of 17 and then 8 additional non required to earn Eagle. We like to have three to four counselors for each of the required badges and at least one counselor for the non required badges.

How do you become a Merit Badge Counselor? First, decide what Merit Badges you have an interest in counseling. Second, fill out an Adult Application and fill in the position code field with a 42. Third, you will need to fill out a Merit Badge Counselor Application form ([http://www.t1000.org/docs/mb\\_counselorform.doc](http://www.t1000.org/docs/mb_counselorform.doc)). And fourth is to take the Youth Protection online class from BSA. Then get this documentation to John Gnew at any Monday night meeting.

Please review our current list at [http://www.t1000.org/docs/MB\\_Counselors.xls](http://www.t1000.org/docs/MB_Counselors.xls). Our immediate needs are to get the required Merit Badges covered and then fill in the rest

where you have expertise and can help out.

Looking for three to four counselors for the following Merit Badges:

- Cooking
- Cycling
- Sustainability

Looking for one to two additional counselors for:

- Citizenship in the Community/Nation/World
- Communications
- Family Life
- First Aid
- Lifesaving
- Personal Fitness
- Swimming.

Any questions contact John Gnew [john.gnew@verizon.net](mailto:john.gnew@verizon.net)

## MERIT BADGE PROCESS

GOSH, this looks complicated—but it really isn't—it just takes some getting used to.

First year Scouts will have their Merit Badges selected for them—First Aid & Swimming (both Eagle Required) are earned at Summer Camp. Additional Merit Badges, usually in the Crafts (Leatherwork, Wood Carving) may also be earned at Camp.

Once a Scout achieves 1st Class he should be looking to add more Merit Badges to his Sash—he'll need several for his rank advancement to Star.

So, here's the process.

1. Unless a desired MB is being offered soon by the troop, a Scout may select any merit badge he wishes

to earn. It may be helpful for the Scout to see if there are other Scouts also interested in the MB so that a MB class can be formed.

2. The Scout informs his Patrol Advisor (PA) of his desire to earn the badge. He will issue a "Blue Card" and assign the Scout a Merit Badge Counselor to work with. The PA may conduct a brief counseling interview with the Scout to determine if the merit badge is appropriate for the Scout at this point in time.
3. The Scout should have the Blue Card with him for all Merit Badge related activities so that individual requirements may be signed off by the counselor.
4. The Scout contacts the

Merit Badge Counselor to establish a working schedule.

5. Once all merit badge requirements have been met, the Counselor signs and dates the Application for Merit Badge and the Applicants Record sections of the Scouts Blue Card.
6. The Scout MUST turn his merit badge completion in to the Troop Advancements Chairperson (Carolyn Lin-scott). The Chairperson updates the Scout's Handbook as required.
7. The Scout should keep his copy of the Blue Card until he receives the 'official' MB card. He should keep the 'official' copy of the MB for ever – it is a must have for the Eagle package!

**APPLICATION FOR  
MERIT BADGE**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_


is a registered  
 Boy Scout     Varsity Scout     Venturer  
of \_\_\_\_\_ Troop, team, crew, ship No. \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Council \_\_\_\_\_

and is qualified to begin working for merit badge noted on the reverse side.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of unit leader \_\_\_\_\_

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## MERIT BADGE PAMPHLETS AND WORKBOOKS

Scouts can review requirements and learn more about each merit badge from the individual Merit Badge Pamphlets (which contain the information a Scout needs to learn about the topic or subject of the Merit Badge) and/or a Merit Badge Workbook (which lists the requirements and provides space for the Scout to fill in the material he is required to learn/discuss with the counselor).

Merit badge pamphlets are available from many of the Patrol Advisers, or Mr. Diamond or Mr. Lavine. Several can be accessed online until such time as you have a chance to purchase the book at the Scout Store or borrow a printed copy (search for the merit badge name and "pamphlet PDF").

The Merit Badge Workbooks and additional Source material can be found at [Meritbadge.org](http://Meritbadge.org)



## LIST OF MERIT BADGES

The following 17 badges are on the list of badges in requirement 3 for Eagle Scout.

Although a Scout must earn only 13 of them for the rank of Eagle Scout, and certain of them are therefore options for others, a Scout may choose any combination of these 16 merit badges to fulfill requirement number 3 for Star and Life Scout. (He must have a minimum of 4 of these badges for Star and a minimum of 7 of these badges for Life) [Click here to see which badges in the list are options.](#) The new Sustainability merit badge is an alternative to Environmental Science. Effective on January 1, 2014, COOKING merit badge has been added as a 13th required badge for Eagle, and 17th badge on the list.

[Camping](#), [Citizenship in the Community](#), [Citizenship in the Nation](#), [Citizenship in the World](#), [Cooking](#), [Communication](#), [Cycling](#), [Emergency Preparedness](#), [Environmental Science](#), [Family Life](#), [First Aid](#), [Hiking](#), [Lifesaving](#), [Personal Fitness](#), [Personal Management](#), [Sustainability](#), [Swimming](#)

The following is a list of all of the 133 current Merit Badges, arranged into 14 logical fields of activity (categories)

**AGRIBUSINESS:** [ANIMAL SCIENCE](#), [FARM MECHANICS](#), [PLANT SCIENCE](#)

**ARTS AND CRAFTS:** [ART](#), [BASKETRY](#), [BUGLING](#), [LEATHERWORK](#), [METALWORK](#), [MUSIC](#), [POTTERY](#), [SCULPTURE](#), [THEATER](#), [WOOD CARVING](#)

**BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY:** [AMERICAN BUSINESS](#), [ENTREPRENEURSHIP](#), [PULP AND PAPER](#), [SALESMANSHIP](#), [TEXTILE](#)

**CONSERVATION:** [ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE](#), [FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT](#), [FORESTRY](#), [SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION](#), [SUSTAINABILITY](#)

**HOBBIES:** [BACKPACKING](#), [CAMPING](#), [CHESS](#), [COIN COLLECTING](#), [COLLECTIONS](#), [COOKING](#), [DOG CARE](#), [GARDENING](#), [HIKING](#), [HOME REPAIRS](#), [INDIAN LORE](#), [MODEL DESIGN AND BUILDING](#), [PETS](#), [PIONEERING](#), [RADIO](#), [ROWING](#), [SCOUTING HERITAGE](#), [STAMP COLLECTING](#)

**NATURAL SCIENCE:** [ARCHAEOLOGY](#), [ASTRONOMY](#), [BIRD STUDY](#), [GEOLOGY](#), [INSECT STUDY](#), [MAMMAL STUDY](#), [NATURE](#), [OCEANOGRAPHY](#), [REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN STUDY](#), [WEATHER](#)

**COMMUNICATIONS:** [CINEMATOGRAPHY](#), [JOURNALISM](#), [PHOTOGRAPHY](#)

**PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT:** [AMERICAN CULTURES](#), [AMERICAN HERITAGE](#), [CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY](#), [CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION](#), [CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD](#), [COMMUNICATION](#), [DISABILITIES AWARENESS](#), [FAMILY LIFE](#), [GENEALOGY](#), [PERSONAL FITNESS](#), [PERSONAL MANAGEMENT](#), [PUBLIC SPEAKING](#), [READING](#), [SCHOLARSHIP](#), [SEARCH AND RESCUE](#), [TRAFFIC SAFETY](#), [WILDERNESS SURVIVAL](#)

**PHYSICAL SCIENCE:** [CHEMISTRY](#), [COMPUTERS](#), [ELECTRICITY](#), [ELECTRONICS](#), [ENERGY](#), [NUCLEAR SCIENCE](#), [SPACE EXPLORATION](#)

**PROFESSIONS:** [ARCHITECTURE](#), [DENTISTRY](#), [ENGINEERING](#), [GAME DESIGN](#), [INVENTING](#), [LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE](#), [LAW](#), [MEDICINE](#), [PROGRAMMING](#), [ROBOTICS](#), [SURVEYING](#), [VETERINARY MEDICINE](#)

**PUBLIC SERVICE:** [CRIME PREVENTION](#), [EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS](#), [FINGERPRINTING](#), [FIRE SAFETY](#), [FIRST AID](#), [LIFESAVING](#), [PUBLIC HEALTH](#), [SAFETY](#)

**SPORTS:** [ARCHERY](#), [ATHLETICS](#), [CANOEING](#), [CLIMBING](#), [CYCLING](#), [FISHING](#), [FLY FISHING](#), [GOLF](#), [GEOCACHING](#), [HORSEMANSHIP](#), [KAYAKING](#), [MOTORBOATING](#), [ORIENTEERING](#), [RIFLE SHOOTING](#), [SCUBA DIVING](#), [SHOTGUN SHOOTING](#), [SKATING](#), [SMALL-BOAT SAILING](#), [SNOW SPORTS](#), [SPORTS](#), [SWIMMING](#), [WATER SPORTS](#), [WHITewater](#)

**TRADES:** [AMERICAN LABOR](#), [AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE](#), [COMPOSITE MATERIALS](#), [DRAFTING](#), [GRAPHIC ARTS](#), [PAINTING](#), [PLUMBING](#), [WELDING](#), [WOODWORK](#)

**TRANSPORTATION:** [AVIATION](#), [RAILROADING](#), [TRUCK TRANSPORTATION](#)