

April 2013

The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

Garage Sale April 6th

Our Huge **Garage Sale** is happening on Saturday April 6th! Here are the **patrol duty roster assignments** for the garage sale on April 5-6:

- Friday, April 5th 6:00PM - 9:00PM - Garage Sale Setup - Bald Eagles
- Saturday, April 6th 6:00AM - 8:30AM - Morning - Panthers
- Saturday, April 6th 8:30AM - 11:00AM - Afternoon - Ravens and Hornets
- Saturday, April 6th 11:00AM - 1:30PM - Cleanup - Chiefs and Silver Foxes

If you can't make it during your scheduled time, please come when you can - helping with the setup or cleanup is also greatly appreciated.

We will need parents with trucks, vans, SUVs to help with setup on Friday evening and cleanup on Saturday afternoon. If you can volunteer to coordinate one of these shifts or help transport items at setup and/or cleanup, please send us an email at mikenlizbrowne@hotmail.com.

Bring donations of items to sell on Friday night. Please reach out to friends and neighbors!!!

Thank you, Mike and Liz Browne
214-924-7008

Upcoming Events and Activities:

- Monday, April 8th, 7:30pm - Troop Meeting, and Money Monday for Camporee Campout
- April 12th - 14th - Camporee Campout
- Summer Camp Signup Deadline April 22nd

Summer Camp

This year we are going to Sid Richardson Scout Ranch on Lake Bridgeport, Texas - June 23 - 29, 2013.

Camp cost is \$235 (\$399 for High Adventure). The initial payment is \$100. Additional payments on the following schedule:

Second payment due on or before April 1st - \$100 (\$150 High Adventure) Final payment due on or before May 6th - \$35 (\$149 High Adventure)

Transportation costs will be covered by the proceeds from the Spring Garage Sale. Scout's Bin account money can be used to pay for camp fees.

It is time for the second payment of \$100. If you haven't

signed up, there are still a few open spots, but payment will be \$200 to be current. **Signup deadline is 4/22.**

Any questions can be directed to Kristal Hambelton via email at khambelton@verizon.net or by phone 972.422.7071 (H).

NEW SCOUT PARENTS

Each New Scout will be assigned to several Crafts merit badges — there will be a Troop prepared kit of materials and projects for them that you will be encouraged to purchase instead of individual wood-

carving, leatherwork and other such kits. Information on this kit will be in the May Millennium.

Please Note: High Adventure fee may vary depending on the number of participants.

Once a Scout is signed up, refunds can only be considered based on subsequent sign-ups



Sid Richardson Scout Ranch will have 30 Sailboats in 2013!

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Camp Cards Fundraiser Going On Now – Please Buy A Few!

Camp Cards sales are going on now, and Cards are on sale from our Scouts until May 3rd.

Cards sell for \$5 each and feature a \$5 coupon for Kroger, essentially eliminating the cost of the card. \$2.50 from each card sold goes into the individual scout's activity account ("bin account")

Our Troop has signed up to sell at the Kroger at Parker and Custer on the following dates:

- Sun, Apr 14
- Sun, Apr 21
- Sat, Apr 27
- Sun, Apr 28

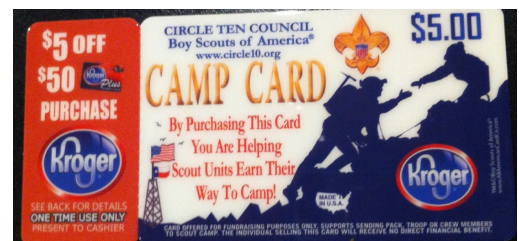
All shifts are 4pm till 6:45pm

See or contact Kristal Hambelton via email at khambelton@verizon.net or by phone 972.422.7071 (H) to sign up for a date to

man the booth.

Money and/or unsold cards due to Kristal no later than 5/13

The \$5 Kroger Coupon is good through July 2013.



Desert Storm T1000—Spring Break to the GMNP



Our camp in the sand at Monahans



Bandits cooking at Monahans

Take some time and ask a Scout about the journey, they should have many interesting stories to tell.



Monahans Sandhills State Park

The Troop had a fantastic journey during Spring Break this year. We traveled from Plano westward to the Guadalupe Mountains National Park, stopping at interesting locations along the way.

Highlights of the trip included stopping at Monahans Sandhills State Park, camping in the Chihuahuan Desert of New Mexico, and climbing to the top of Texas on Guadalupe Peak. Two crews backpacked into the “bowl” of the Guadalupe Mountains, witnessing the diversity of a place unlike any other in the United States.

The Troop also visited Carlsbad Caverns National Park. Unlike most visitors who walk down the 750 feet to the central caverns and ride an elevator up, the Troop rode down the elevator and walked out to the surface.

Some interesting facts about our journey:

Monahans Sandhills State Park:

Monahans Sandhills State Park consists of 3,840 acres of sand dunes, some up to 70 feet high, in Ward and Winkler Counties, about a half-hour's drive west of Odessa. A majority of the land was leased in 1956 by the state from a private foundation (Sealy-Smith Foundation) until 2056, and the park was opened in 1957. The Williams family of Monahans, Texas, also leased to the state approximately 900 acres for the park.

More than 400 years ago, Spanish explorers were the first Europeans to report the vast hills of sand. Native Americans were present in this area as far back as 12,000 years ago. Various Indian tribes used the area for temporary campgrounds

and a meeting place, finding game, abundant fresh water beneath the sands, acorns, and mesquite beans for grinding into paste with their stone tools. The area remained a favorable environment for Indians until the 1880s, when the Texas and Pacific Railroad selected Monahans as a water stop between the Pecos River and the town of Big Spring. In the late 1920s, oil production began in the area, now commonly known as the Permian Basin, and today

Monahans is a marketing center for more than 800 square miles of oil and cattle country.”

Chihuahuan Desert:

According to the World Wide Fund for Nature, the Chihuahuan Desert may be the most biologically diverse desert in the world. The Chihuahuan Desert is an ecoregion that has received little exploration and study. Therefore, it has not been classified or had subdivisions applied to it, as has the

trip.

Carlsbad Caverns

Carlsbad Caverns National Park has over 117 known caves hiding beneath the camouflage of the desert landscape. These caverns were all formed by sulfuric acid dissolving the surrounding limestone.

Carlsbad Cavern is one of over 300 limestone caves in a fossil reef laid down by an inland sea 250 to 280 million years ago. Twelve to fourteen thousand years ago, American Indians lived in the Guadalupe Mountains; some of their cooking ring sites and pictographs have been found within the present day boundaries of the park.

Take some time and ask a Scout about the journey, they should have many interesting stories to tell.

Rick Diamond

Scoutmaster



Setting up our campsite in the BLM desert

Sonoran Desert to the west.

Guadalupe Mountains National Park:

Guadalupe Peak rises to an elevation of 8,749 feet. The strenuous trail to the top of the peak rises over 3,000 feet from the Pine Springs Visitor Center, and requires a hiker to travel approximately 8.5 miles round

More Photos at:

t1000GMNP.shutterfly.com

Scoutmaster's Moment : True Connections

A recent study by McCann Worldgroup titled "The Truth About Youth" surveyed 7,000 young people, ages 16-30, from several different countries. (Read the study here: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/56263899/McCann-Worldgroup-Truth-About-Youth>)

The study identified "three key factors motivating today's youngsters – the need for connections and community, social or personal justice, and authenticity."

One result of the survey was this: "So important is technology to today's youth that over half (53%) would give up their sense of smell rather than lose access to it. To them, losing the ability to explore and communicate via technology would be like a blind man losing his stick."

I believe the study failed to take into account those youth heavily involved in activities where strong social interaction and communication are integral to the activity, and the activity is centered on the development of the youth. Youth today certainly communicate via technology as a "norm," but I do believe that those youth involved in group activities such as sports, band, theatre, and Scouting develop friendships and communication skills which lessen the importance of technological interaction.

I have observed for many years the youth involved in Scouting, and have observed that those young men who have been deeply involved in the Scouting program do not depend on technology to serve them as do 53% of the survey respondents. While no Scout wants to give up the technology they have come to embrace, they are able to realize several truths:

- True friends aren't faceless people on Facebook
- Technology is a tool, not a validation of self-worth
- Friendship is built on trust, facing and overcoming challenges with people, and time
- Authenticity comes from action, not popularity

Personal Justice, or what is commonly referred to as a conscience, means "sense of the quality of one's character and conduct" and "consideration of fairness and justice". Many youth today are only exposed to the interaction of 1's and 0's transformed from the thoughts of immature and undeveloped minds and transmitted via social technology. These youth may

come to perceive that their worth and social placement are determined by the text displayed on an electronic screen.

The **Aims of Scouting** break this perception through:

Growth in moral strength and character

We may define this as what the boy is himself; his personal qualities, his values, his outlook.

Participating citizenship

Broadly, "citizenship" means the boy's relationship to others. He comes to learn obligations to other people, to the society he lives in, and to the government that presides over that society.

Development in physical, mental, and emotional fitness

Fitness includes the body (well-tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and the emotions (self-control, courage, and self-respect).

The **Methods of Scouting** are designed to accomplish these **Aims**:

1. **Advancement** : Self-reliance-ability to help others- challenge
2. **Ideals**: Oath - Law - Motto – Slogan
3. **Patrols**: Peer groups-elected representation-activities
4. **Outdoors**: All outdoor programs
5. **Adult Association**: Image-role model-example
6. **Personal Growth**: Good Turn-service projects-religious emblems
7. **Leadership Development**: Leadership skills and practice-citizenship
8. **Uniform**: Commitment to aims-identity

There are apparently two paths a youth may take today: be connected to the entire world but lose the sense of individual worth within it; or experience the world and develop the strengths to live in it. Maybe by accomplishing the latter, they may actually be able to change it.

Rick Diamond

Scoutmaster





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Troop Semi-Annual Fees

We will collect the \$40 dues on 4/22 and 4/29 . After that date they will be \$50

Court of Honor Photos

Photos from our last Court of Honor are available at:

t1000coh21813.shutterfly.com

Spring Break Photos

Photos from our Spring Break Trip are available at:

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Food Allergies, Requirements, or any Special Considerations

Notice that **RED** type on the permission slip?

That's something new that we are asking all parents to pay close attention to.

In light of all the new Scouts who have joined these past few months, we are asking for a little more help on the subject of FOOD. We have already encountered several Scout's needs for vegetarian, peanut free, or just plain picky eating substitutes. We want to accommodate gluten free and other dietary requirements as well

However, we just don't have a formal handle on this for all Scouts yet - SO, we are asking that parents of Scouts with

such needs and considerations to fill out a form and provide a copy of it with your signed permission slip tonight (and every campout so we don't forget). PLEASE keep a copy handy for the next campout, and so forth.

The form will be posted with our permission slips and in the Documents section of the troop website later in April. In the meantime, be sure to let the Patrol Advisor for your son's patrol know your son's needs.

Thank you

Troop 1000		<i>"One Grand Troop"</i>	
2013 Golden Arrow District Camporee Permission Slip (DUE MONDAY APRIL 1 st , NO LATER THAN APRIL 8 th)			
<small>Troop 1000 is participating in the following Scouting event. This slip provides you with important information about the function, your opportunity to give your permission for your sons participation and provides the Tour Leader with the necessary documentation to request emergency medical assistance if needed. Please retain the top third of the form and return the remainder to the Troop.</small>			
COST:		Food	\$ 12
		Gas	\$ 7
		Camping	\$ 10 (5 for Adults)
		TOTAL	\$ 29 (17 for Adults) (Please note that payment should be <u>cash only</u> in exact bills)
What:	2013 Golden Arrow District Camporee		
Where:	Trevor Reese-Jones Scout Camp, Athens, TX		
When:	(Scouts must be at the church by 6:00pm, Friday)		
Departure Date:	Friday, April 12, 2013	<i>This is a TWO night campout!</i>	
Return Date:	Sunday, April 14, 2013	Time:	6:00 PM
		Time:	1:00 PM
<small>If there are any food allergies, requirements, or any special considerations necessary, ADVISE THE PATROL ADVISOR ON MONEY MONDAY</small>			
*****EACH SCOUT SHOULD BRING MONEY FOR SOUVENIRS, AND FOR A QUICK LUNCH/SNACK ON THE RETURN.			
Equipment <u>required</u> :			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard BSA backpacking equipment (See troop web site) and cold weather gear• Day pack• Sturdy, broken-in hiking boots or athletic shoes			