

# July 2013 Special Edition

# The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

*Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church*

## July Calendar

- 8th Troop Meeting 7:30 pm
- 13th Special Olympics Swim Meet
- 15th Troop mtg at Cabela's, 7:15 pm
- 22nd Troop mtg at Avignon Pool, 7:30 pm—Optional Outdoor Movie till 10:30 pm
- 25th SCUBA event 6 pm - 8:30 pm at Jack Carter Pool.

## August Calendar

- 3rd Reid Williams ECOH 7p
- 10th Troop Court of Honor, 7p
- 17th Frisco to launch rockets, 10 am—4 pm
- 25th SCUBA Event 6 pm—8:30 pm at Jack Carter Pool.
- 26th Bring cardboard and plastic scraps for constructing space stations
- 30th Space Exploration Campout in Houston, Through Monday, Sept. 2nd!

**SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY FOR FIRST YEAR SCOUTS –They NEED 2 service hrs for 1st Class!**

## Plano Special Olympics Swim Meet - Sat July 13th

The Plano Special Olympics swim team will sponsor a swim meet on Saturday morning, July 13, from 7:30 a.m. until noon, at Jack Carter Swimming Pool.

Troop 1000 has helped run this event for the more than 10 years. Typically, the event brings together about 200 athletes from about 10 local cities. As a Troop, we help with setup and break down, assist with timing, and in cheering on and encouraging the athletes.

We will need 15 to 20 or more volunteers for this event. This includes Scouts, siblings, adults, etc. The times are from 7:30 a.m. until about noon and will be followed with hot dogs cooked by the Allen Special Olympics.

If you cannot come for the entire morning, we usually need additional timers around 9 a.m. for about one hour for the assisted swim portion.

**What to bring.** Stop watches (if you have them) and pens or pencils. Swim suits. Sunscreen.

Each year this has been a very successful and well-attended event for the Special Olympics. We have always had lots of fun helping to run this event. We also have many Scouts show up simply because they want to help, not because they need a requirement. Sometimes some of our past Eagles show up to help out. That is just one of the things that Scouting is all about.

Please contact John Gnew at john.gnew@verizon.net to sign up or for more information.



**Special Olympics**

## JULY Aquatics Meetings Off Site!!!

**July 15th Troop Meeting will be held at Cabela's in Allen Texas, at 7:15 pm. To 9 pm. 1 Cabela Dr Allen, TX 75002. (214) 383-0502**

The Troop will be learning about different types of boats, from motor boats to sailboats to kayaks as part of their Safety Afloat program and in preparation for our July Aquatics campout.

**Parents are encouraged to car-pool, and drivers are requested to stay in the store and shop or tag along while we learn about boats.**

**The July 22nd Troop Meeting will be held at the Avignon Windhaven Community Pool, 6016 Jacqueline Drive, Plano TX 75024. at our regular time of 7:30 pm to 9pm.**

The program will include lessons in Snorkeling. An **Optional 90 minute movie after the meeting** will be played outdoors. Both Scouts and Parents are invited to enjoy a family film that will help Scouts understand the U.S. Space Program (our August program) while dealing with the capabilities of youth to do great things.

The Aquatics Campout, July 26th—28th, will be held at Juniper Point, on Lake Texoma, near Gordonville, TX .

The program will include motor boating and water skiing/riding, canoeing, kyacking and sail boating. All non-swimmers wishing to participate in swimming or boating need to bring their own Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.

**All scouts and adults MUST bring water shoes or old tennis shoes.** Scouts may bring water toys, and if interested in fishing, a Fishing License (18 or older) and fishing equipment.

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## SPACE OUT WITH TROOP 1000

Scouts will rocket to Houston, and visit various area attractions, as they concentrate on earning the Space Exploration Merit Badge! A special Mission to Mars will be the highlight of the adventure at the Challenger Center. Additional mission briefings will be issued soon!

**SAVE THE DATE****Second Annual  
SCUBA Diving Event:**

Sunday Aug 25 6:00 - 8:30 at  
Jack Carter Pool.

Cost will be approx. \$15 for  
diving, + \$5-10/family (TBD).

More info to come in August

**OA News: Upcoming  
Events**

The following events are coming  
up soon. Check the lodge web  
page (<http://www.miki.org>) for  
more info.

- Induction Weekend - (August  
8-11). Location: Camp  
Constantin.

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**Summer Camp 2013 Photos are available at:**  
<http://t1000summercamp2013.shutterfly.com/>

**Report From Summer Camp**

Some 55 Troop 1000 Scouts  
and Scouters attended  
Summer Camp this year at  
Sid Richardson Scout Ranch,  
June 23-29.

I have never seen the level  
of excitement and  
enthusiasm on the final  
night of Summer Camp that I  
witnessed this year. So  
many Scouts wanted to tell  
me what they accomplished,  
about the ranks they earned,  
and the fun they had, that I  
couldn't get to them all. The  
momentum these Scouts  
have built up is quite  
impressive, and I know it will  
be a challenge to keep up.

There are several reasons  
why our Scouts did so well  
and had so much fun:

- Their own energy, curiosity  
and enthusiasm
- The example and  
encouragement offered by  
their parents
- An excellent summer  
camp facility

And most importantly, the  
dedicated and caring adults  
and Sr. Scouts who  
accompanied them to camp.

All of these Leaders were  
instruments of success, but I  
want to recognize with  
special gratitude Tim  
Hambelton and Steve  
Lavine.

Tim served as the  
Scoutmaster preparing,

organizing, and carrying out  
the task of moving all our  
Scouts and equipment (3  
trailers full) to summer  
camp, as well as ensuring  
the safety and well-being of  
everyone through the week

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and the safe return to Plano.  
You must undertake this role  
to fully understand this  
awesome responsibility, but  
you can easily imagine the  
difficulties and challenges of  
organizing so many people  
of which the majority are so  
young.

Steve undertook the role of  
Assistant Scoutmaster in  
charge of the First Year  
Scouts. For most Troops,  
the person who takes this  
job will herd the young  
Scouts to the First Year  
program area, and then  
seek out the nearest coffee  
pot. Steve will not let Troop  
1000 be like most Troops.  
Steve was prepared to  
conduct his own summer

camp First Year program,  
and for the greater part, did  
just that! Steve had all of  
the materials, books, and  
knowledge so neatly  
organized and arranged,  
that he led our ASM's and  
Sr. Scouts in conducting the  
Totin' Chip program for the  
entire camp! Not just one  
program, though, but three  
simultaneous programs!

Tim and Steve did a  
phenomenal job, but they  
will tell you they couldn't  
have done it without the  
help of the Troop  
Committee, the Patrol  
Advisors, the Assistant  
Scoutmasters and you. So  
much work and effort is  
necessary for a successful  
Summer Camp, but for most  
of us it is a labor of love.  
Our wish is for your sons to  
have the fond memories that  
we either have or desired  
from our Scouting youth, and  
to some day pass them on to  
another generation of  
Scouts.

Due to the hard work and  
efforts of so many, we're off  
to a good start.

**Rich Diamond**

Scoutmaster

