

# Nov-Dec 2013

## The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

*Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church*

### November Calendar

- 16th Josh's Eagle Project  
Court Of Honor (see pg 2)
- 18th Troop Mtg 7:30 PM
- 19th Buffalo Patrol Mtg 7:30pm
- 25th Greenbar Meeting 7:30pm

### December Calendar

- 2nd Troop Mtg 7:30 PM
- 5th Troop Committee Mtg  
7:30pm
- 9th Troop Mtg 7:30 PM
- 16th Holiday Party  
Troop 1000's Holiday Party  
takes place from 7:30 - 9:00  
p.m. There will be a gift exchange! Look for details on  
the gift exchange in upcoming  
meeting flyer.
- 17th Buffalo Patrol Mtg 7:30pm

### Upcoming Circle 10 events

**Dec. 7, 2013 -& March 10, 2014** - Boy Scout Night with the **Dallas Stars!** See a game, get a patch, have the opportunity to ride on the FanZam.

**Scout Nights at Medieval Times**—Exclusive Scout Family Shows in Dec, March, May and September.

## Paul's Eagle Project Makes 50-Item Challenge

For his Eagle Scout project, Paul Rutherford would like you to rethink your buying habits.

Paul recently challenged participants at three workshops on the topic of "consumerism and excess consumption," at a troop meeting and at his church and swim club.

"There's nothing wrong with buying things, but before you do, ask questions and think about it," he urged attendees. "So often we buy things and then use them only once or twice."

Paul is issuing a "50-Item Challenge" to everyone in the troop: find 50 items – shoes, clothes, books, magazines, DVDs or videogames – you no longer use, and bring them on Monday, Dec. 2, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Paul will collect the items, sort and donate them to organizations that can put them to good use.

The inspiration for the project came from a book, *7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess*, by Jen Hatmaker. The author, a pastor's wife in Austin, wrote about how her family experimented with getting by on much less. For example, for one month, the family ate only seven different foods; the next month, they tried wearing only seven different pieces of clothing. The following month, they

tried a "tech fast," abstaining from using TVs, computers and cellphones.

Hatmaker counted the items in her clothing closet, and found she had 327. As part of his Eagle project, Paul took a count too. "Even though I'm a teenaged boy and wear pretty simple clothes – jeans or shorts and a t-shirt most of the time – I had 133 items in my closet," he says.

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Before making a purchase, Paul suggests, ask these six questions: Do you want it? Do you need it? Can you wait a week before you buy it? Do you have space for it? Can you afford it? Can you borrow it instead?

Borrowing is a good strategy for saving money and avoiding waste, Paul adds. He's an avid reader, and along with his family, uses the Plano Public

Library regularly. Using a calculator on the library's website, he discovered that his family saves about \$500 a month by borrowing items from the library instead of buying them.

Finding 50 items isn't as hard as it may sound, Paul says. "It's sobering how quickly you can isolate 50 items that you are no longer using," he says.

If you'd like to participate, email [paul-rutherford@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paul-rutherford@sbcglobal.net). He'll send you more information and a reminder closer to the date.

### HOW TO HELP:

Collect items you no longer need or use (50 is just a guideline – more or fewer items accepted) and bring them to the parking lot of Resurrection Lutheran Church on Monday, Dec. 2, between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### Items needed:

**Shoes:** Clean, usable shoes of any size. For each pair, tie the laces together or secure with a rubber-band. Shoes will be donated to the Shoe Bank.

**Books & Magazines:** Any book, including audio books, as well as any magazines published within the last four years. Items will be donated to Plano Public Library.

**Videogames & DVDs:** Videogames rated E or T for Wii, Xbox/Xbox 360, PlayStation 2 or 3, and DS or 3DS accepted. Also DVDs rated G, PG or PG13. Items will go to Scottish Rite Hospital for Children.

**Clothes:** Any clean, useable clothing, any size. Plastic hangers also needed. Items will go to the Plano Clothes Closet at First Presbyterian Church of Plano.

## Eagle Project Saturday Nov. 16th

SERVICE HOURS—AND A GREAT FEELING!

Help Josh Linscott with his Eagle Project on Saturday, 11/16—as long as you can, starting at 10am and continuing till 3 pm. You do not need to be there the entire time. Lunch will be provided for the helpers.

Josh is spearheading an effort to construct benches for the Heard Sanctuary. They will be working at the Linscott home (near Parker and Coit). If you can lend a helpful hand, please contact Josh at [joshualinscott@gmail.com](mailto:joshualinscott@gmail.com)

## Our Greenbar!

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)	Jordan Smith
Assistant SPL	Andrew Hildebrand
Assistant SPL	Joshua Linscott
Assistant SPL	Alexander Wulfekammer
Hornets Patrol Leader	Daniel Stevenson
Silver Foxes Patrol Leader	Satish Yadlapalli
Bald Eagles Patrol Leader	Christopher Burchett
Ravens Patrol Leader	Paul Rutherford
Chiefs Patrol Leader	Devin Vallejo
Panthers Patrol Leader	Christopher Peterson-Godfrey
Chaplain's Aide	Ross Richards
Historian	Justin Sluder
Quartermaster	Alexander Macaskill
Scribe	Aaron Linscott
Troop Guide	Jonathan Heo

## Bin Account Update

*By John "Doc" Holladay, Treasurer, One Grand Troop*

I've recently emailed parents with the balances of their Scouts' bin accounts in order to confirm, however, some of the emails bounced back. If you didn't receive, and you're the parent or guardian for your Scout, please contact me by email: [johnholladay@outlook.com](mailto:johnholladay@outlook.com). To update your email address(s) with the Troop, see Carolyn Linscott, advancement Chairperson at any Monday night meeting.

If you did receive the email, and find discrepancies, please email me with "Bin Changes" in the subject line, and include backup. I'd like to wrap this up by Dec. 15, so please do so as soon as possible.

## What's a Bin Account?

What's a bin account, you ask? Decades ago, T1000 collected newspapers for recycling. The Troop had metal bins, and the money from the newspapers in each bin was credited to each Scout according to how much he collected. We don't have metal bins anymore, but the term "bin account" is still used for funds accumulated individually by each scout and credited toward his camping and other fees.

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.

## Wilderness Campout!



Wilderness Campout Photos can be found [HERE](#)



## ALL Scouts and Parents... Court of Honor

Saturday, November 16, 2013

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Resurrection Lutheran Church

What is a Court of Honor, you ask?

In Scouting, a Court of Honor is a troop activity where Scouts and their families can come together to receive their awards, and have a good time together. It is important for the Scouts' family members to be there for their Scouts receiving rank advancements, merit badges, and other awards. It is also important for Eagle-bound Scouts to participate in a Court of Honor because it does count towards the First and Second Class requirements.

### SAVE THE DATE

### JFK Day service opportunity

Is your Scout looking for a service opportunity in November? Have a conversation with your Scout about an event in Dallas history with national impact!

Circle Ten Council has partnered with #JFKDay to remember the legacy of John F. Kennedy. Scouts/Scouters are invited to assist with the 5K run and the council-adopted For the Love of the Lake service project. Visit [www.jfkday.com](http://www.jfkday.com) to sign up today.

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