

Sept 2013

The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

September Calendar

- 15th 5-Mile Hike for New Scouts**
Arbor Hills in Plano. Meet at the playground at 8:30 am Bring a daypack with filled water bottle, first aid kit, sunscreen and compass. Parents and dogs are welcome .
- 15th "Funtastic Fair"**
(See page 2)
- 16th Troop Mtg 7:30 PM**
- 23rd Troop Mtg 7:30 PM**
MONEY MONDAY
- 26th Meet the Troops Night**
Select Scouts to help recruit Webelos 6–9pm
- 27th Climbing Campout**
- 30th Greenbar Meeting**

October Calendar

- 4-6 Webelos Woods**
T1000 will help with First Aid demonstration
- 12 -13 Wilderness First Aid Instruction—Students and Volunteers needed**

November Calendar

- 2nd Shooting Day Event (rescheduled)**
Watch for P-slip online

Out of this World Campout!

On August 30th Troop 1000 Blasted off for the beginning of STS 1000 - our mission into deep space (or at least the Houston area).

With 26 Scouts and 12 adults among our crew, we began our long journey Friday night to Brazos Bend State Park.

Scouts were in lights out and electronic blackout from 10 pm until we arrived about 1 am (on schedule). After awakening the Scouts, we unloaded the necessary equipment, selected campsites and set up camp in the dark - quick to hit the sack. All the while rock music blasted from the other side of the lake near our campsite from a Labor Day holiday party that would continue through 6 am Sunday morning!

It was a short night, as we were up at 7, ate a quick-hot breakfast, and were back in our vehicles for the 90-minute trip to the Houston Museum of Natural Science, and the Challenger Center! The Challenger Center is a Team-based learning environment where the group is divided into two teams, one in Mission Control and the other aboard a simulated spacecraft. (Once the first landing is accomplished the teams switch locations).

The mission is aided by tasks and communications between the two teams. All the participants are needed to keep the spacecraft safe and on course - despite occasional warnings, emergencies and well - the unknown. Despite all the problems, two safe landings were accomplished, and half the team was on the moon in mission control and the other touched down on Mars. Fortunately, we only had to walk

through a simulated airlock, and we were back in the museum with a most memorable and fun experience behind us and ready to take on the rest of the museum.

The Houston Museum is known as one of the best in the country, and we had the opportunity to visit great exhibits on ancient Egypt and Mayan cultures, Rocks and minerals, and, of course - DINOSAURS! It was more than most of us could cover in the time allowed, but the lack of sleep was catching up with us (at least many of the adults, who napped during the end of day planetarium show) and we were ready to head back to camp.

Brazos Bend is home to the George Observatory, and we were invited to visit during daylight to see the large telescope they have there before the stargazing crowds arrived after dark. So, for about an hour we had the observatory dome to ourselves and learned about how it works and what to expect that evening for stargazing—the next part of our adventure.

We returned to our campsite for dinner and then the short trip back to the observatory where the parking lot was already full and the lines at the various telescopes (both Observatory scopes and volunteers scopes) were snaking around the area. It was a very clear night, and many of us got a view of the stars just looking up with the naked eye - but those who did stay in line were treated to outstanding views of planets, nebulas, star clusters and more from the various telescopes. Soon it was back to the campsite and back to

sleep.

The mission continued Sunday morning, with another quick-hot breakfast and another 90-minute trip, this time to Space Center Houston. Arriving there in front of the new exhibit of the Space Shuttle simulator (looks the same - just not flight worthy), we took time to take a picture and then enter the Center where we all went on the tram tour of NASA's Johnson Space Center, and then toured the museum exhibits, including the adult favorite - the Galileo 7 - the Space Shuttle used in Star Trek's original series, which has recently been fully restored and donated to the museum for exhibition.

By 4 pm snacks and souvenirs had all been purchased and we were on our way back to Brazos Bend for dinner. Dinner and KP took a bit longer than expected (seems that happens a lot) but that did not detour the Troop from having a great Campfire and terrific songs and skits to while away the night. Fortunately, we no longer had to compete with the party across the lake, so all was well for another night's sleep.

The following morning we had a more leisurely breakfast and packed up to head for our last stop before landing home—the Battleship Texas. This preserved veteran of two World Wars was our stop for a tour and for lunch before traveling to Plano - tired and suffering from heat and humidity, but with great memories of a successful mission.

Space Exploration Campout
Photos can be found [HERE](#)

And [THERE](#)



Our New 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

"Funtastic" Youth Activity Fair

Know someone who's interested in getting involved in Scouting? Invite them to the "Funtastic Fair" on Sept. 15 anytime between 1 pm to 5 pm. at Heritage Farmstead Museum, 1900 W. 15th Street in Plano.

Troop 1000 will participate in this FREE family event by constructing a monkey bridge for visitors. Construction begins at 9 am and finished by 1 pm. Come out to help!

The event will introduce families to the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, as well as the Girl Scouts and the YMCA youth programs. Visitors are invited to bring their families to explore the museum and enjoy bounce houses, crafts, games, leatherworking, refreshments and more.

Popcorn Sales

It's that time of year ago - time for popcorn sales! Popcorn sales kicked off on Sept. 7 for Circle 10.

In Troop 1000, each Scout gets to keep the proceeds from his popcorn sales in his "bin" account.

What's a bin account, you ask? Decades ago, T1000 collected newspapers for recycling. Each Scout had a metal bin, 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.

Fall 2013 Semiannual Fee

Parents, it's almost time to pay your Scout's semiannual fee for the Fall. **Due to a \$9 increase in BSA national dues, the T1000 fee will be adjusted. The new amount will be announced in early October.**

Fees will be collected during the Troop meetings on October 7th, 14th and 21st. You can also mail the payment check made out to Troop 1000 to the following address:

Siva Gopalnarayanan
2705 Roper Dr
Plano, TX 75025

Please make the check payable to 'Troop 1000' and include the name of your Scout and his patrol in the message section.

Wilderness First Aid Instruction

The American Red Cross Wilderness & Remote First Aid (WRFA) program for Scouts and Scouters takes place October 12th & 13th at Collin County Adventure Camp in Anna, Texas.

Senior scouts and adults who have not taken the class should sign up. Other Scouts and their siblings are urged to sign up as volunteers. (We need "victims"!)

This outdoor-oriented first aid training program addresses backcountry situations when EMS is not readily available. The 16-hour minimum "Wilderness & Remote First Aid" program is designed especially for High Adventure, Back Country or situations where help is delayed. Typical students include Venturing Crews, Venture Patrols and older Scouts as well as Scouters supporting an advanced outdoor "high adventure" program.

The course includes classroom presentations and skills practice as well as outdoor activities including realistic scenarios and other problem solving opportunities. This program will be held as an overnigher at Collin County Adventure Camp - camping space is available for Friday and Saturday evening. Anyone needing to Camp Friday night must make specific arrangements with the Course Director during registration.

The course fee is \$85.00 per person, which includes: course materials, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Registration and fee must be received by September 27, 2013 - no exception.

Send payment (checks (\$85/person) payable to "Troop 1000") to:
Troop 1000
Attn: WRFA Registration
P.O. Box 864874
Plano, TX 75086-4874 email:
T1Kfirstaid@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Garage Sale— October 19th

Remember to keep October 19 on your calendar. That's the day of our Fall Garage Sale takes place in the church parking lot. Proceeds pay for Summer Camp bus transportation.

Save your stuff! We need clothing as well as furniture and household items in working condition.

Patrols will take shifts to man the event. A work schedule will be announced later.

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