

August 2014

The Millennium

The Newsletter of Troop 1000

August Calendar

Theme Emergency Prep
Program: Ravens
Service: Bald Eagles

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

4th Troop Meeting 7:30 pm
5th Crew 1000 Meeting
7th Troop Committee Mtg 7:30 pm
9th Troop Court of Honor (see page 2)
10th Josh Linscott
Eagle Court of Honor
3:00 to 4:30 PM, RLC
RSVP: clinscott@verizon.net

11th First Year Scouts and Troop Guides Advancement mtg.

NO TROOP MEETING MONDAY AUG 11TH
SPECIAL TUESDAY MEETING OFFSITE

12th 6 PM Troop Mtg OFF SITE!
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Plano Emergency Operations Center

14th Scouter's Roundtable

18th Troop Mtg 7:30 pm
MONEY MONDAY
Parents Encouraged to Attend

19th Buffalo Patrol Mtg 7:30 pm

22-24 Emergency Prep Campout

25th Greenbar Meeting 7:30 pm

30-1 SCUBA Event

September Calendar

Theme Climbing
Program: Silver Foxes Service: Ravens

1st Troop Picnic
Details TBA

4th Troop Committee Mtg 7:30 pm

6th Adam & Alex Wynne
Eagle Court of Honor, 7pm

SUMMER CAMP PHOTOS

Over "One Grand" of photos are posted now at:

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/t1000photos/>

Troop 1000 Plano Texas Chartered by Resurrection Lutheran Church

AUGUST THEME

Emergency Preparedness

A small kitchen fire can become a big house fire in seconds if you and your household are not prepared to deal with such an emergency.

Would you know what to do in case of an emergency at home, in your car, or in a public place? Is your family prepared with fire extinguishers, emergency kits, escape plans and pre-arranged meeting places? Do you have an escape ladder on your second floor?

This month Troop 1000 will be helping Scouts AND THEIR FAMILIES prepare for emergencies at home and away. This Eagle Required Merit Badge is basic training for Scouts and all members of their families should use this opportunity to shape up their own plans and procedures for emergency situations.



Beginning with a special Raven Patrol Movie presentation on Monday, August 4th (100% positive on Rotten Tomatoes), our Scouts will begin to learn how to prepare, respond, recover from, mitigate and prevent emergency situations, such as:

- Home kitchen fires
- Explosions in the home
- Food and chemical poisoning
- Flash Flooding in the community
- Gas or Carbon Monoxide leaks
- Tornadoes or other violent storms

The Scouts will be encouraged to work with their patrols and their families to assemble emergency kits, evacuation/escape plans, and learn how they can make a difference should disaster strike their home or community.

Additionally, the Scouts will learn what they can do in a community wide emergency situation, beginning with a **SPECIAL TUESDAY OFFSITE MEETING** August 12th at the Plano Emergency Operations Center, where they will get hands-on training in fire extinguisher use and how to identify and evacuate injured from an emergency situation.

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The Linscott Family and Troop 1000 invite you to attend the Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony to Recognize Joshua Linscott who has risen to the Rank of Eagle Scout

Sunday, August 10th
3:00 to 4:30 PM

Resurrection Lutheran Church
1919 Independence Parkway
Plano TX 75075

RSVP:
clinscott@verizon.net
Reception following ceremony



OFFSITE TROOP MEETING **TUESDAY AUGUST 12TH**

There will be NO Troop Meeting Monday, August 11th (except for 1st year's and Troop Guides). However, there will be a VERY SPECIAL meeting TUESDAY, August 12th **6 pm** at the Plano Emergency Operations Center on Parker Road, just west of Coit, behind Fire Station No.12.

4125 West Parker Road, Plano TX 75093. (see map at right)

Please park outside the gated area if you plan to remain at the EOC. We hope you will be able to arrange your family schedule to have your Scout attend this extra special session, critical to the Emergency Prep Merit badge as well as a key part of any Scout's understanding of what the community is prepare to do and what he can do to help in an emergency.

Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge (continued)

On August 18th, we invite all Scouts and their families to partake in a special Emergency Preparedness presentation from the Raven Patrol—where they will help all in attendance to understand what they can do to prepare and respond to emergencies—but just as importantly, what they can do to help prevent such emergencies from happening!

Our Campout this month will be at beautiful Camp James Ray, where the Scouts will be hiking along a specially prepared “disaster” trail. Each emergency their Patrol comes upon will require their quick wits and the skills they have learned to help the “injured” to find safety. Or, they may have to correct a situation which could lead to an emergency at any time.

Additionally, the Troop will discuss Troop Mobilization for a community wide emergency—and what we can do to help in case of a tornado, or other such disaster in our area.

These programs will help the Scouts who have taken Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge Class at Summer Camp to complete the Merit Badge.

Parents, please help your Scout to Discuss Family Emergency Kits and to complete the attached (in email/online copies) Home Safety Checklist as a requirement for the Merit badge.

1st Year Scouts Advancement Meeting August 11th

1st Year Scouts and Troop Guides will meet on Monday, August 11th at RLC to complete their 1st Class advancement requirements, including First Class First Aid and the remaining First Aid Merit Badge requirements.

Available Troop Guides are asked to attend to help with the instruction.

If time allows, they will also work on remaining Basketry Merit Badge Requirements.

COURT OF HONOR SATURDAY AUGUST 9TH

Troop Court of Honor is Saturday Aug 9th **at 7pm.**

All advancement and any completed blue cards must be turned in by Monday Aug 4th. I will upload to council on Tuesday Aug 5th.

For this court of honor - we will do a cookies/drink following the COH. **Panthers/Ravens and Silver Fox** - you guys are responsible for bringing cookies (3 cookie options per patrol)

Chiefs/Hornets/Bald Eagles - you guys are responsible for bringing some drinks. (2 - 2 liter bottles per patrol)



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Family Emergency Preparedness Kits

While your family does not need to join the Disaster Preppers movement, Requirement 2c does ask each Scout to Meet with and Teach their Family how to build a Family Emergency Kit. Such a kit, used for several types of emergencies, should include:

- ☐ Three-day supply of **water** (1 gallon per person per day) stored in sealed, unbreakable containers such as plastic jugs (cycle this water monthly or use water preservation/purification tablets to keep it fresh)
- ☐ Three-day supply of **nonperishable foods** and a nonelectric can opener (pack high-protein items, including energy bars, ready-to-eat soup, peanut butter, etc. Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water)
- ☐ **Eating Utensils**, bowls, etc. (reusable)
- ☐ Any **special foods or other important items** for babies, elderly people, or family members such as extra eye-glasses, prescriptions medications (if practical), portable devices and battery chargers.
- ☐ **Family first-aid kit** (know what's in it and how to use each item)
- ☐ Battery or crank-powered **radio (with NOAA weather channel)**
- ☐ **Flashlight** or lantern (modern LED, long lasting)
- ☐ **Extra batteries** (stored separately and rotated regularly with fresh ones)
- ☐ **Matches** in waterproof container
- ☐ **Blankets or a warm sleeping bag** for each family member (think spending the night without heat!)
- ☐ **Extra clothing** appropriate for the season (provide a change of clothes for everyone, including sturdy shoes and gloves)
- ☐ **Face masks** for air filtering
- ☐ Soap, wipes, or antibacterial gel for **hand sanitation**
- ☐ **Sanitary supplies.** You'll want toilet paper, towelettes, feminine supplies, personal hygiene items, bleach, etc.
- ☐ **Emergency toilet**, if needed (use a garbage container, bucket, or similar watertight container lined with plastic bags. Tie the bags near the top so as to allow for gas build-up. Throw saw-dust, cat litter, sand or dirt into the bag after each use to help contain odors and dry the waste.)
- ☐ **Personal Items.** Remember eyeglasses or contact lenses and solution; copies of important papers, including identification cards, insurance policies, birth certificates, passports, etc.; and comfort items such as toys and books.
- ☐ Copies of **important family documents** (such as identification, copies of insurance policies, prescriptions list,) kept in a waterproof container
- ☐ **Whistle** to signal for help
- ☐ **Local maps.** Consider marking an evacuation route on it from your local area.
- ☐ **Pet supplies.** Include food, water, leash, litter box or plastic bags, tags, medications, and vaccination information.
- ☐ **Contact information.** Include a current list of family phone numbers—remember your cell phone favorites list may not work if cell service is down or phone cannot be recharged—and e-mail addresses, including someone out of the area who may be easier to reach by e-mail if local phone lines are overloaded
- ☐ **Money. Have cash.** (ATMs and credit cards won't work if the power is out.)
- ☐ **Tools** (Gather a wrench to turn off/on water or gas if necessary, screwdriver, hammer, pliers, knife, duct tape, plastic sheeting to repair holes on roof or broken windows, and garbage bags and ties)

On the next page are several additional items useful in a more serious emergency.

Major Family Disaster Preparedness Items

- ☐ List of emergency telephone numbers and out-of-town contact person in case local lines are busy
- ☐ Fire extinguisher (preferably a multipurpose one)
- ☐ Tool kit (ax, shovel, broom, screwdriver, pliers, hammer, coil of ½ inch rope, coil of baling wire, duct tape, razor blades, adjustable wrench for turning off gas or water)
- ☐ Simple chart showing where shutoff valves are located, including the main electrical switch
- ☐ Portable fire escape ladder for homes or buildings of more than one level
- ☐ Portable stove that uses butane or charcoal (used outdoors away from garage or carport to avoid the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning)
- ☐ Gloves, boots and cloths for cleaning up chemical spills
- ☐ Covered containers (that can be tightly sealed) for storing refuse
- ☐ Garden hose kept near the outside faucet at all times

Emergency Preparedness merit badge requirements

1. Earn the [First Aid](#) merit badge.
2. Do the following:
 - a. Discuss with your counselor the aspects of emergency preparedness:
 1. **Prepare** for emergency situations
 2. **Respond** to emergency situations
 3. **Recover** from emergency situations
 4. **Mitigate and prevent** emergency situations

Include in your discussion the kinds of questions that are important to ask yourself as you consider each of these.
 - b. Make a chart that demonstrates your understanding of each of the aspects of emergency preparedness in requirement 2a (prepare, respond, recover, mitigate) with regard to 10 of the situations listed below. **You must use situations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 below in boldface**, but you may choose any other five listed here for a total of 10 situations. Discuss this chart with your counselor.
 - 1. Home kitchen fire**
 - 2. Home basement/storage room/garage fire**
 - 3. Explosion in the home**
 - 4. Automobile crash**
 - 5. Food-borne disease (food poisoning)**
 6. Fire or explosion in a public place
 7. Vehicle stalled in the desert
 8. Vehicle trapped in a blizzard
 9. Flash flooding in town or the country
 10. Mountain/backcountry accident
 11. Boating or water accident
 12. Gas leak in a home or a building
 13. Tornado or hurricane
 14. Major flood
 15. Nuclear power plant emergency
 16. Avalanche (snowslide or rockslide)
 17. Violence in a public place

- c. Meet with and teach your family how to get or build a kit, make a plan, and be informed for the situations on the chart you created for requirement 2b. Complete a family plan. Then meet with your counselor and report on your family meeting, discuss their responses, and share your family plan.
3. Show how you could safely save a person from the following:
- Touching a live household electric wire.
 - A room filled with carbon monoxide
 - Clothes on fire.
 - Drowning, using nonswimming rescues (including accidents on ice).
4. Show three ways of attracting and communicating with rescue planes/aircraft.
5. With another person, show a good way to transport an injured person out of a remote and/or rugged area, conserving the energy of rescuers while ensuring the well-being and protection of the injured person.
6. Do the following:
- Tell the things a group of Scouts should be prepared to do, the training they need, and the safety precautions they should take for the following emergency services:
 - Crowd and traffic control
 - Messenger service and communication.
 - Collection and distribution services.
 - Group feeding, shelter, and sanitation.
 - Identify the government or community agencies that normally handle and prepare for the emergency services listed under 6a, and explain to your counselor how a group of Scouts could volunteer to help in the event of these types of emergencies.
 - Find out who is your community's emergency management director and learn what this person does to **prepare, respond to, recover from, and mitigate and prevent** emergency situations in your community. Discuss this information with your counselor and apply what you discover to the chart you created for requirement 2b.
7. Take part in an emergency service project, either a real one or a practice drill, with a Scouting unit or a community agency.
8. Do the following:
- Prepare a written plan for mobilizing your troop when needed to do emergency service. If there is already a plan, explain it. Tell your part in making it work.
 - Take part in at least one troop mobilization. Before the exercise, describe your part to your counselor. Afterward, conduct an "after-action" lesson, discussing what you learned during the exercise that required changes or adjustments to the plan.
 - Prepare a personal emergency service pack for a mobilization call. Prepare a family kit (suitcase or waterproof box) for use by your family in case an emergency evacuation is needed. Explain the needs and uses of the contents.
9. Do ONE of the following:
- Using a safety checklist approved by your counselor, inspect your home for potential hazards. Explain the hazards you find and how they can be corrected.
 - Review or develop a plan of escape for your family in case of fire in your home.
 - Develop an accident prevention program for five family activities outside the home (such as taking a picnic or seeing a movie) that includes an analysis of possible hazards, a proposed plan to correct those hazards, and the reasons for the corrections you propose.

Sample Home Safety Checklist

Scout's Name: _____

Check safety steps that are being taking in your home. Write N/A if the item is not applicable. Items left blank may present a safety hazard. This list provides some sample safety steps you might take. See the Merit Badge pamphlet and your counselor for more information. Ask your parent or guardian before making any changes.

Stairways, Halls, and Outdoor Steps**N/A**

- ☐ Stairways with three or more steps have a strong handrail and slip resistant finish.
- ☐ Stairways & halls are kept free from boxes, toys, shoes, brooms, tools, and other tripping hazards.
- ☐ Gates at top and bottom of stairs prevent children from falling.
- ☐ The head and foot of stairs have no small or loose rugs.
- ☐ Stair carpeting or covering is fastened securely.
- ☐ Stairways & halls have good lighting, controllable at each end.

Kitchen

- ☐ Matches are kept where children cannot get them.
- ☐ Emergency numbers are posted next to the telephone, including 911 and poison control.
- ☐ Knives & sharp instruments are kept in knife drawers or holder.
- ☐ Can openers don't leave sharp edges on cans.
- ☐ Disinfectants & cleaning products are out of reach of children.
- ☐ Pan handles are turned away from stove edges.
- ☐ Spilled grease, water, or bits of food are wiped up immediately.
- ☐ Pot holders are located near the stove, within easy reach.
- ☐ A dry chemical fire extinguisher is mounted near the stove.

Attic and Basement

- ☐ Ladder is strong, solid, and sturdily constructed.
- ☐ Stairway is sturdy and well lighted.
- ☐ Children keep skates and play gear in a specific place.
- ☐ Walls and beams are free from protruding nails.
- ☐ Fuses or circuit breakers are the proper size.
- ☐ Rubbish & flammable materials are in covered metal cans.
- ☐ Wastepaper is kept away from furnace and stairs.

Living Room and Dining Room**N/A**

- ☐ Furniture is placed to allow easy passage in an emergency.
- ☐ Before bedtime, furniture placement is checked for orderliness.
- ☐ Furniture and woodwork solid, in good repair, and free from splinters and rough spots.
- ☐ Fireplace screen fits snugly.
- ☐ Rugs are fastened or laid on non-slip pads.
- ☐ Rugs are kept from curling at their edges.
- ☐ Wax on floors is thoroughly buffed.
- ☐ Fire in fireplace is extinguished at bedtime.
- ☐ Candles are in stable holders and fully extinguished after use, before bedtime, or before leaving home

Bathroom

- ☐ Tub and shower are equipped with strong handholds.
- ☐ Tub floor has non-slip surface.
- ☐ Poisons and dangerous chemicals are marked, sealed shut in original containers, and out of reach of children.
- ☐ Medicines are out of reach of children in childproof containers.
- ☐ No one takes medicine in the dark.

Bedroom

- ☐ Smoke alarm has fresh battery or secure electrical connection & is tested regularly.
- ☐ Carbon monoxide detector has fresh battery or secure electrical connection and is tested regularly.
- ☐ Furniture placement for clear passage between bed and door.
- ☐ Light switch or lamp is within easy reach from bed.
- ☐ A night-light illuminates bedroom or hall.
- ☐ Bureau and dresser drawers are closed when not in use.
- ☐ Bar across upper bunk beds helps prevent falls.
- ☐ Children are taught not to lean against windows or screens.
- ☐ Low sill windows have sturdy screens to prevent children from falling out.
- ☐ Smoking in bed is prohibited.
- ☐ Gas and electric heating devices are turned off at bedtime.

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Scout's Name: _____

Nursery**N/A**

- ☐ Bars on cribs are closely spaced – no more than 2 3/8" apart so baby's head cannot slip between them.
- ☐ Crib is approved by Consumer Products or similar.
- ☐ Crib is free from sharp edges or corners.
- ☐ Crib does not have a "drop" side.
- ☐ Sleeping garments and covers keep baby warm without danger of smothering.
- ☐ Pillows are kept out of bassinet or crib.
- ☐ No thin, plastic material is in or near the crib.
- ☐ No toys or objects in or near the crib or within reach of any child under 3 are less than 1 inch in diameter and 2 inches long.
- ☐ No toys or objects have small parts that can be removed.
- ☐ Children are taught not to give marbles, etc. to younger children.
- ☐ Toys are sturdy, do not come apart easily, & have no sharp edges or points.
- ☐ Nontoxic paint is used on baby furniture and toys.
- ☐ All houseplants are nonpoisonous.

Stoves, Furnaces, and Heaters

- ☐ Stoves are away from curtains.
- ☐ Stoves & furnace pipes and flues are inspected & cleaned annually.
- ☐ Gas burners are properly adjusted and free from leaks.
- ☐ Gas water and space heaters are equipped with vents or flues.
- ☐ Water heater or boiler has a safety valve & is checked yearly.
- ☐ Water heater temperature is set below 120 degrees Fahrenheit to reduce the risk of serious burns.
- ☐ Flames of gas burners are protected from drafts.
- ☐ Insulating shield protects woodwork within 18" of furnace, etc.
- ☐ Keep flammable materials away from stoves, furnaces, etc.
- ☐ A wrench is stored near the shut-off valve of outside gas line.
- ☐ The flue is opened before using the fireplace.

Porch, Yard, and Garage**N/A**

- ☐ Railings and banisters are sound and inspected periodically.
- ☐ Steps and walks are kept free from ice and snow.
- ☐ Yard/play space are free from holes, stones, glass, etc.
- ☐ Tools and dangerous articles are out of reach of children.
- ☐ Dangerous products & chemicals are kept in original containers in locked storage areas.
- ☐ Wires and low fences are brightly painted or clearly marked.
- ☐ Wells, cisterns, and pits are kept securely covered.
- ☐ Disposable materials are not burned outside.
- ☐ An area is marked off in the garage for bicycles, wagons, etc.
- ☐ Lawn mower is equipped with proper safeguards.

Workshop

- ☐ Good ventilation exists, especially when sanding or painting.
- ☐ Safety goggles or face mask, and hearing protection are worn when working with or around power tools, and an appropriate eyewash is available.
- ☐ Baking soda is kept handy to neutralize acid burns.
- ☐ All electrical tools are either grounded with three-wire plugs or are double-insulated.
- ☐ Work area is well lit & free of clutter, scraps, rags.
- ☐ All tools have a place & are in their place.
- ☐ Guards are in place on all power tools.
- ☐ A push stick is available for use with power saws.
- ☐ Tools are unplugged when not in use and before changing blades, servicing or repairing.

Sample Home Safety Checklist

Scout's Name: _____

Electrical Devices and Fixtures

N/A

- ☐ Electrical fixtures and appliances are located & used beyond arm's length of the sink, stove, tub, shower, or other grounded metal unless outlet is protected by a ground-fault interrupter. ☐
- ☐ Do not touch electrical fixtures or appliances with wet hands. ☐
- ☐ Disconnect seldom-used appliances when not in use. ☐
- ☐ Household appliances are disconnected before repairs. ☐
- ☐ Light bulbs are installed in all lamp sockets. ☐
- ☐ All pull-type sockets have an insulating link. ☐
- ☐ Frayed or worn electric cords are promptly replaced. ☐
- ☐ Long trailing cords are not in evidence. ☐
- ☐ Cords are kept out from under rugs, doors, and furniture. ☐
- ☐ UA-approved extension cords are the proper size. ☐
- ☐ Children are taught never to touch electric sockets or fixtures. ☐
- ☐ Fuses are adequate for the load and are not bypassed. ☐
- ☐ Circuit breakers are labeled and not overloaded. ☐

For Emergency

- ☐ Know how to get emergency help (911, poison control, etc.). ☐
- ☐ Be able to find water, gas, & electric shutoffs. Check annually. ☐
- ☐ First aid kit approved by your doctor/American Red Cross. ☐
- ☐ Know basic first aid procedures. ☐
- ☐ Have a fire escape plan from your home. ☐
- ☐ Emergency water supply. ☐
- ☐ Handheld flashlights readily available. ☐
- ☐ In earthquake-prone areas, make sure that the water heater and bookcases are bolted to the walls. ☐

General

N/A

- ☐ Home has smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors, with at least one smoke detector in each bedroom, near the kitchen, and in the basement & garage. ☐
- ☐ Everything has a place and is in its place. ☐
- ☐ Stepladders are in good repair and stored out of the way. ☐
- ☐ Window screens and storm windows are securely fastened. ☐
- ☐ Guns are stored unloaded and in locked cases. ☐
- ☐ Guns and ammunition are stored separately. ☐
- ☐ Children are permitted to use only blunt-end scissors. ☐
- ☐ Housework clothing has no drooping sleeves, sashes, or frills. ☐
- ☐ Shoes worn for housework have low heels. ☐
- ☐ All shoes are in good repair. ☐
- ☐ Kerosene, gasoline, paint thinners, and other volatile materials are stored outside in special, clearly marked metal containers. ☐
- ☐ Oil mops, dust rags, painting equipment, and other oily materials are stored outside in open metal containers. ☐
- ☐ Everyone turns on a light before entering a dark room. ☐
- ☐ Matches are extinguished before they're thrown away. ☐
- ☐ Children are never permitted to play with matches. ☐
- ☐ Fire extinguishers are readily available and in good working order. ☐

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