



## Troop 842 April 2008 Newsletter



### Upcoming Troop Events and Special Dates

April 15<sup>th</sup> -- PLC Meeting 5:30pm, Committee meeting 8:00p  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Summer Camp balance and Bus fee due  
April 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> -- Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Campout  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> -- Troop Garage Sale  
May 6<sup>th</sup> -- Meeting at the Aquatics Center 7:00 pm -- BSA swim test.  
May 10<sup>th</sup> -- Scout Show  
May 17<sup>th</sup> -- Camp Constantin/Lake Murchison Canoeing Campout  
June 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> -- Summer Camp, Camp Hale, Oklahoma.

### Check it Out!!!

#### March 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> -- Camporee

Our first campout after crossover. We had 59 boys and 17 adults, and all went incredibly smooth! A good time was had by all. A little wet, but that didn't dampen any spirits! Chris Lugo won the cooking award for the best non-dessert category, Dutch oven, and Chris Middleton and Seth Newman won for best dessert. We also won the award for best campsite, 2<sup>nd</sup> place for canoeing, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place cooking award. GREAT JOB SCOUTS!!!!



### Events and Information

#### **\*\* High Adventure Coordinator Needed \*\***

When our boys get to be 13 or 14 and older, they start to participate in High Adventure camps like Sea Base, Philmont, Boundary Watters, and more. These camps require coordination and reservations sometimes more than a year in advance. The troop is looking for someone that can take over as High Adventure Chair and can do the research and coordination to provide this great program to the troop. This is a very valuable position per the value it adds. If you are interested talk to either Bob Broun or Bob Johnson. THANK YOU!!!

### Scoutmaster Minute

I would like to welcome all the new Scouts to Troop 842. We have thirty-five new Scouts who have joined our band. The three new patrols have been ably led by our nine Troop Guides. These new patrols have been fully occupied with instruction to achieve the Scout Badge and are all working on Tenderfoot. Our goal is to have all advanced to the rank of Tenderfoot before we head to Camp Hale.

Speaking of summer camp if you are unable to join Troop 842 for our June 8 – 14 stay at Camp Hale, please email me (Bob@Broun.US). In order for our new Scouts to advance at roughly the same pace, attending summer camp is critical. There are other Troops attending various summer camps on different dates.

Our older Scouts have recently received instructions on a variety of topics over the last several weeks. Recent topics have included how to change an automobile tire to how to construct a slack line. I am looking for creative and useful suggestions for instruction targeted for the older Scouts. Please contact me with your ideas and expertise.

*Yours in Scouting, Bob Broun, Scoutmaster*

### Summer Camp June 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Camp Hale, OK

The early date ensures nice cool weather camping. Cost of camp is \$180 plus \$55 bus transportation, due by April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Preordered camp T-shirts are \$12 each. Class 1 and 2 medical forms need to be completed for each attending scout. If you are unsure if you have a current form on file, please check at the camping sign up table. A great resource for camp information, merit badges, and more can be found at: <http://www.halescoutreservation.org/leadersguide.asp>

### New Troop Fundraiser May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Troop 842 will host it's first ever Super Multi Family Garage Sale May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the church. Please gather any and all valuables that you can contribute and get May 3<sup>rd</sup> on your calendar. 100% of the money made goes directly into the troop treasury that pays for scout activities and gear. Earn Scout Bucks for Scout and Adult participation and donated items. Anyone interested in assisting in organizing this project contact Stephanie Broun at 214-288-0791 Stephanie@Broun.US.

### Merit Badges

Personal Management and Environmental Science merit badges continue. Everyone should be signed up for summer camp merit badges by now. Keep your eyes open for more merit badges coming soon like Engineering, Surveying, Fishing, etc. If you have a merit badge you want to teach, or a badge you want to take, talk to our Merit Badge Chair Sharon Walker.

### Scout Show

The Scout Show is May 10<sup>th</sup>, and we will be hosting a climbing wall. Scout Show tickets are now available for sale. The cost is \$10 per card and for every card you sell \$5 goes to the troop. And remember, sales of Scout Show tickets apply to qualifying for the Scout Buck Auction. See Bob Gary for cards and information.

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