



# Troop 842

## Dec '07 / Jan '08 Newsletter



### Upcoming Troop Events

- January 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> – Webelos Show and Do
- February 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> – Camp Constantine
- February 9<sup>th</sup> – Scouting for Food Bag Drop-off
- February 16<sup>th</sup> – Scouting for Food Bag Pickup
- Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for Court of Honor Advancement Recognition
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Court of Honor
- March 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> – Camporee at Camp Cherokee

### **Check it Out!!!**

#### **Exposure Climbing Gym Lock-In December 14<sup>th</sup>**

The lock-in was a great time. Some serious climbing combined with some serious goofing off and late night pizza. Everyone had fun, no accidents, and they finally turned the lights down around 5am. Scoutmaster Broun had some serious competition in the arm wrestling tournament, but eventually triumphed!!!



#### **Webelos Show and Do, Camp Wisdom, January 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**

The Coppell Boy Scout Troops hosted this event where 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos came out from all over Coppell and Irving to try to decide which troop to join. Our boys expertly constructed a monkey bridge and signal tower to entertain the Webelos, as well as siege fun with a lashed Trebuchet (catapult). The event was very successful.



#### **Scout Buck Auction**

Another great auction with some really cool stuff. This event is where all the boys' hard work pays off. The more events, activities, campouts, merit badges, etc., they do, the more Scout Bucks they earn, and the more cool stuff they get at the auction.

### Special Events and Information

#### **Scout Leadership**

Congratulations to Sumner Warren, our newly elected Senior Patrol Leader, and to our new ASPL's and Patrol Leaders.

#### **Webelos Crossover**

It is that time again, where the Webelos start making troop visitations and cross over into Boy Scouts. We will have about 100 Webelos visiting our troop during the next several troop meetings, so be sure to welcome the potential new scouts and their parents, and let's show them what a great troop we have.

#### **Scouting for Food**

Our premier community service event happens the mornings of February 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The food banks are reporting alarmingly low levels of food in their pantries, so now is the time for us to step up and help out our community. Scouts participation is mandatory.

#### **Advancement Minute**

For the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle, a Scout must be active in his leadership position by attending 70% of all campouts or monthly activities, weekly troop meetings and PLC meetings for 4 consecutive months for Star and 6 consecutive months for Life and Eagle. The Scout must also attend the Jr. Leadership training provided by the troop.

#### **Christmas Party**

Good food, good company, and good fun! Combine that with some great raffle prizes and a challenging game of scout trivia, and the evening was a success!! Thank you to Debra Moore, Richard and Paula Murphy who donated the fabulous door prizes, Kelley Web for bringing the beautiful poinsettias, and to everyone else that helped.

#### **Merit Badge Palooza**

December 8<sup>th</sup> Western Star hosted their 2008 Merit Badge Palooza. We had about 25 boys attend and hopefully they have another one soon as this is a great way to knock out Eagle-required merit badges as well as taking some optional fun ones as well.

#### **Merit Badges**

The Merit Badge classes have been going great. All finished up around the holidays except for First Aid, which will continue after the troop meetings into February. Signups for Eagle required badges Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Nation, Personnel Management, and Environmental Science began January 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Troop T-shirts**

You voted for your favorite class B shirt designs, and the new shirts will be available soon. The shirts are a nice wicking material that will be great in the heat of the summer.

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