

Welcome to the new Scouting Year!

Preliminary plans in place

Your Troop 713 Patrol Leaders Council met in May to discuss and develop a program of outdoor activities for the coming year. In July, a council of adult leaders met to put some details in place to make the PLC program outline work.

The result is that Troop 713 will have a fun, exciting and challenging year of outdoor activities.

It is a tribute to both the PLC and the adults that their plans will mesh very nicely to provide a year of opportunities to do our duty to God and country, to serve others, and to grow physically, mentally and spiritually through Scouting.

Recruiting new Scouts

There is plenty of room for new Scouts to join 713. We have equipment, trained adult leadership and other resources to provide a Scouting home for several more Scouts, and we welcome the opportunity to do just that.

Each Scout and adult in our troop is encouraged

to accept the responsibility of recruiting boys who are looking for a very active troop that will provide lots of fun and challenges and an opportunity to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout.

When you are talking to prospective Scouts, show them the calendar in this newsletter. Tell them in your own words why you enjoy Scouting in Troop 713 and assure them that they are welcome. We are an open troop with a great deal to offer, and each new Scout adds to the overall value of the troop for each of us.

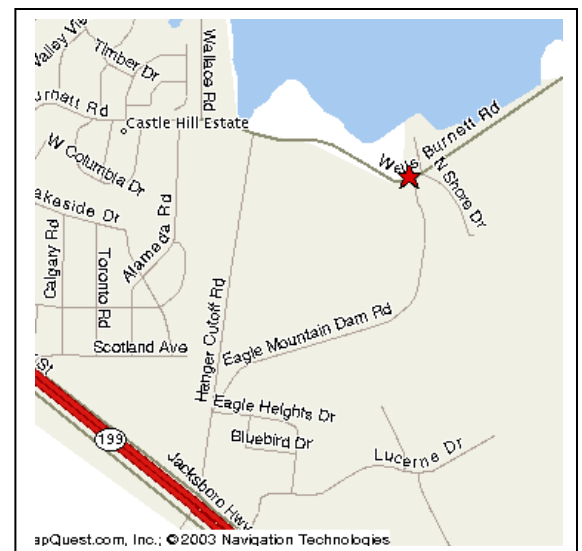
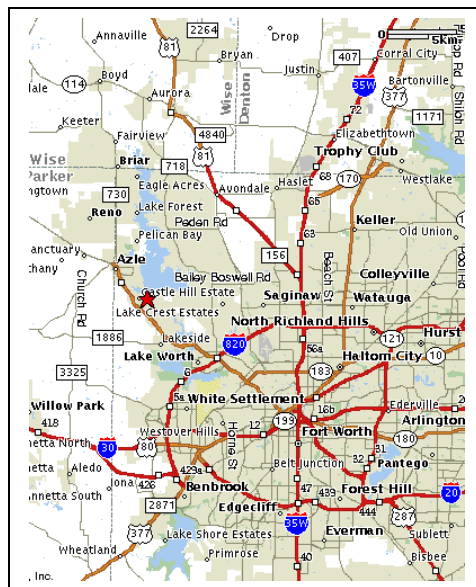
If you know a boy who is interested, please help him put his parents in touch with the Scoutmaster so that I can answer any questions or concerns they may have.

There is no more effective recruiter for Troop 713 than a Scout who is enjoying his experience with the troop. So share your point of view with others and see how many friends and acquaintances will want to share the fun and challenges with you!

■ Mr. Pelky

August 23 – Beach Party at Eagle Mountain Lake Swimming off a sand beach, volleyball, a cookout and lots of fun for our one-day (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) beachfest to kick off the new year for Troop 713. Bring your family.

The event will be at **Lauderdales on the Lake**, a private group facility for picnics and parties at **6500 Wells Burnett Rd., Fort Worth, 76135**, (817)237-5588. The owner waived the entrance fee for our Scout troop, so the only cost will be food.



Where: Lauderdales on the Lake, 6500 Wells Burnett Road, Fort Worth
When: 10 to 5, August 23
What: A day of fun on sand and water!
(How: Use Mapquest.com for a larger map with more details.)

Scoutmaster's Minute**Filling the "Jar" of Life**

As we prepare ourselves to gather for another adventurous year of Scouting each of us needs to ask the question, "Will I earn my way?" As a Wood Badge-trained Scouter this may mean, "Will I deliver the promise?" As a committee member it may mean, "Am I planning ahead for my task?" As a parent it may mean "am I keeping my son interested in Scouting?" And as a Scout it may mean, "Am I living by the Scout Law?"

Attendance and participation combined is one of several important ways to "earn your way."

Now, let's talk about priorities. I read a story regarding a coach talking to his freshman team about all the distractions for a new student on campus, away from home, girls, Mom and Dad, and all their rules. So the coach placed a very large, empty, glass container on a tarp along with a large stone, some coarse gravel, pebbles, sand, and a water cooler filled with water. He asked the freshmen whether all those items would fit into the glass container, most of them said no, so he proceeded to fill the large glass container. First with the large stone which occupied most of the empty container, then he filled it with gravel, then he took the pebbles and poured them in and they filled spaces as they fell through the gravel and large stone, then he poured the sand in and it filled all remaining empty spaces, then he asked his team if the glass container (you) was full, and they said yes, so he took the cooler of water and poured its contents in to the glass container. When he finished he told his young freshman team that what you fill your day with has everything to do with priority. First and most important is God (large stone), second is Family (gravel), third is school (pebbles), fourth is Scouts, school organized activities, and organized sports (sand), and fifth is girls, movies, video games, dates, etc. (water).

So to sum it up, I as a parent of two active boys understand that today's Scout needs to be well rounded, and you accomplish this through different experiences, in this case sports, band, karate, and Scouting (sand). But if you miss a meeting or a campout, because you have a date, want to watch a movie or any of those other low priority reasons, attendance will count against your advancement, the choice is, has always been, and will always be yours.

For those of you participating in organized events I need to see your schedules at the beginning of the season, otherwise as they say at Camp Pioneer "Be There."

As our committee chairman Mr. Pesek points out, Troop 713 has a great outdoor program planned, it is what you requested, so it should be fun.

I am looking forward to another year of new experiences, challenges, fun, and time for reflection with all of you. Don't forget that you are a wonderful person, your contribution is significant, and one of these days you will lead our country; so prepare yourself today.

Leonard Pelky, Scoutmaster

Committee Chairman's Corner**New Scouting Year**

Welcome to another exciting year of Scouting with Troop 713. When we recharter in March of 2004, our Troop will mark 35 years of serving youth in our parish and community. That's a record to be proud of and a challenge for us to uphold in the future.


Our calendar this year is full of exciting outings like water skiing, snow skiing, backpacking, and mountain biking. These will be new experiences for many of the boys. These outings will also be a little more expensive than our typical outings. We have always encouraged the Scouts to earn their own way for summer camp and these high adventure outings. Parents should not feel obligated to cover all the costs themselves.

The Scouts have several opportunities to earn money for their Troop accounts. We always sell fertilizer in January and February and the Scouts can earn \$3.00 for every bag they sell. Many Scouts have made hundreds of dollars on these sales. Popcorn sales before Christmas are also an opportunity. Scouts have always earned a nominal amount for participating in the fall and spring Dog Shows. These are primarily fund raisers for the Troop budget. However, since the Troop account is currently in good shape, it has been suggested that all proceeds from the September 21 Dog Show be distributed to the Scouts who participate. This will be discussed at our next Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 20. All Troop parents are welcome.

This will be my 10th year with the Troop and the outings this year are the best I have ever seen. I would appreciate assistance from all of you in the Committee functions and especially ask for your support of our Scoutmaster and his assistants.

Larry Pesek, Troop Committee Chairman

August – Eagle Mountain Lake Outing

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Religious award leaders training
17	18 Troop Meeting (elections) First day of school (MIS, CFB)	19	20 Troop Committee meeting	21 First day of school (Jesuit)	22	23 One-Day outing, Eagle Mountain Lake
24	25 Troop Meeting <u>Youth protection training for all parents</u>	26	27	28	29	30
31..Mary Immaculate Parish Blood Drive 8 a.m. -4 p.m. 2- hour shifts, one adult, 2 scouts each						


September – Orienteering and Water Skiing*

	1 Labor Day	2 Jesuit Parent night	3	4	5	6 Orienteering, first of three, one day, Arbor Hills Park
7	8 Troop Meeting (water Safety)	9	10	11 North District Boy Scout Leader Roundtable	12 Troop weekend outing, Water Skiing at Ray Roberts Lake	13 weekend outing
14 weekend outing	15 Patrol Leaders Council	16	17 Troop Committee meeting	18	19	20
21	22 Troop Meeting	23	24	25	26	27 Jesuit Freshman retreat
28	29 Troop Meeting Court of Honor	30				*But not at the same time.


October – Boulder Hopping

			1	2	3	4
5	6 Troop Meeting MIS no school	7	8 Bishop's Dinner	9	10	11 Orienteering Day outing Flag Pole Hill
12	13 Troop Meeting CFB Fair Day	14	15 Troop Committee meeting	16	17 Troop Outing Boulder Hopping in OK	18 Troop Outing
19 Troop Outing	20 Patrol Leaders Council	21	22	23 MIS early dismissal	24 MIS no school	25
26	27 Troop Meeting	28	29	30	31 Halloween	


November – Adult Leaders Cooking Campout *byot**

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2	3 Troop Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Troop Meeting Elections	11	12	13	14 Troop Outing Adults cook Hiking, nature	15 Troop Outing
16 Troop Outing	17 PLC	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Troop Meeting CFB no school	25 CFB no school	26 CFB no school MIS early dismissal	27 CFB no school MIS no school	28 CFB no school MIS no school	29
30						*Bring your own Tums


December— 🎵 *Over the river and* 🎵 *through the woods**

	1 Troop Meeting	2	3	4	5 Orienteering with campout @LBJ Grasslands	6 Outdoor Program
7 Outdoor program	8 Troop Meeting	9	10	11 Boy Scout Leaders Roundtable	12	13
14	15 Patrol Leaders Council	16	17 Committee Meeting CFB early dismissal	18 CFB early dismissal	19 MIS & CFB early dismissal	20
21	22 Christmas break	23 Christmas break	24 Christmas break	25 Christmas break	26 Christmas break	27
28	29 Christmas break	30 Christmas break	31 Christmas break			* with map and compass in hand!

January – *A military environment*

				1 Christmas break	2 Christmas break	3
4	5 Troop Meeting	6	7	8	9	10 Ad Altare Dei Review
11 Ad Altare Dei Review	12 Troop Meeting	13	14	15	16 Military base Outing	17 Military base Outing
18 Military base Outing	19 Patrol Leaders Council MLK Holiday	20	21 Committee meeting	22	23	24
25 Ad Altare Dei Award presentations	26 Court of Honor	27	28	29	30	31

February – *Oklahoma!*

1 	2 Troop Meeting	3	4	5	6	7 Camp Simpson/ Day Hike, etc
8	9 Troop Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 Scouting for Food
15	16 Patrol Leaders Council	17	18 Committee Meeting	19	20	21 Troop Adults and spouses dinner
22	23 Troop Meeting	24	25	26	27	28
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March – *Busy Month!*

	1 Troop Meeting	2	3	4	5 Catholic Retreat @ Camp James Ray —————→	6 —————→
7 —————→ Catholic retreat	8 Spring break	9 Spring break	10 Spring break	11 Spring break Skiing —————→	12 Spring break	13 —————→
14 Skiing —————→	15 Patrol Leaders Council	16	17 Committee meeting	18	19	20
21	22 Troop Meeting	23	24	25 MIS Early Dismissal	26 Spring Camporee MIS no school —————→	27 Spring camporee
28 Spring Camporee	29 Troop Meeting (Elections)	30	31			

April – Riders UP!

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4	5 Troop Meeting	6	7	8 Snow day?	9 Good Friday MIS no school	10
11	12 Troop Meeting	13	14	15	16 Weekend outing Mountain Biking	17 →
18 →	19 Patrol Leaders Council	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Troop Meeting	27	28	29	30	

May – Capping a Great Year

						1 Court of Honor At Camp Burnett
2	3 Troop meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Troop meeting	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Patrol Ldrs Cncl	18	19 Committee meeting	20	21	22
23	24 Troop meeting	25	26	27	28	29
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