



TROOP 714 NEWS



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Boy Scout Troop 714
Mountain View UMC

A SCOUT IS REVERENT

February Events

Prog: Thrashers Svc: Dragons

- 1st Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
Order of the Arrow Elections
- 5th-7th Battleship USS Alabama Trip
- 8th Troop Meeting
- 11th OA Meeting/Roundtable
- 14th **Scout Sunday**
- 15th Troop Meeting
Scouting For Food Kickoff
- 16th Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
- 18th Eagle B-o-R's
- 19th **Scout Sabbath**
- 22nd PLC
- 26th-28th **Patrol Campouts**

March Events

Prog: Timberwolves Svc: Thrashers

- 1st Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
- 6th CPR Training
- 7th Wolf Creek Shotgun Shooting
- 8th Troop Meeting
Scouting for Food - Goal Date
- 11th OA Meeting/Roundtable
- 12th-14th Backpacking Trip
- 15th Troop outings (by patrol)
- 18th Eagle B-o-R's
- 22nd Troop Meeting
Scouting for Food - FINAL TURN-IN
- 23rd Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
- 29th PLC
- 31st **Pine Straw Orders Close**

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During the month of February Troop 714 will participate in Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath. All Scouts should plan to attend both services. All Scout leaders and parents are encouraged to attend as well!

Scout Sunday will be held on **Sunday, February 14th** at Mountain View UM Church. Assemble in the Lobby at 10:40 am sharp. The service will be from 11 am to Noon. Come and show your respect for our Christian Scouts and your appreciation for our charter organization. Please bring peanut butter and boxes of cereal to donate to MUST Ministries.

Scout Sabbath will also be held **Friday, February 19th** at Temple Kol Emeth (corner of Old Canton & Sewell Mill.) We will meet at the temple at 7:45 pm and the service will be from 8 to 9:15 pm. Come and show your respect for our Jewish Scouts.

Please remember – Class A uniforms are to be worn for these services.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Troop 714, here is your opportunity to personally help the many people in our community that do not have enough food to feed their families, Let's get out and begin collecting non-perishable food (boxed or canned). We will compile your collections and donations each week on Monday evening during the Troop Meeting. Collecting food for school or church also counts.

We will then take the weekly donations to MUST Ministries.

The 2010 Scouting for Food Goal is to collect 100 cans per Scout to represent the 100th year of scouting.



April Events

Prog: Gladiators Svc: Timberwolves

5th	No Troop Meeting
8th	OA Meeting/Roundtable
10th	Troop Leadership Training
11th	Den Chief Training
12th	Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting
15th	Eagle B-o-R's
16th-18th	New Scout Campout
19th	Troop Meeting
20th	Adult Leader & Committee Meeting
23th-25th	Large Boat Sailing
26th	PLC

**** SPECIAL THANKS ****

Terri Anne Paguiban for printing our newsletter.

**** REMINDERS ****

- Newspaper Recycling: Bring newspapers to recycling bin in back of MVUMC. Benefits our Troop.
- Ink Cartridges Recycling: Bring in used printer ink or copier toner cartridges to Mr. Morris for recycling. Benefits our Troop.
- Merit Badge Counselors' List in back of Library Box or on Troop's Web site.
- Everyone, including adults, must go through the Quartermasters to check-out or check-in equipment.
- Uniform Closet - Outgrown part of your uniform or need new pieces, see Mrs. Schramm.

This newsletter is published monthly for the members of Troop 714 and covers events planned over the current three month period. The editor apologizes for any omissions or errors. If you have any information for the newsletter, you can either give it to Marsha Egbert or send it to newsletter@troop714.org.

ADVANCEMENT REPORT

2009 was a banner year for advancement at all levels. During 2009 7 of our Scouts earned the Scout Patch, 8 earned Tenderfoot Rank, 7 earned 2nd Class Rank, 8 earned 1st Class Rank, 8 earned Star Rank, and 10 earned Life Rank. In addition to this, the record breaking number of 11 Scouts earned the Eagle Rank. This is over double our past average of about 5 Eagles per year. A total of 159 Merit Badges were also earned along the way.

2010 could be another great Advancement year. We have 2 Life Scouts that be sitting for their Eagle Board of Review this month, and with about 30 current Life Scouts in the Troop 2010 could be another big year for Eagles. With the current distribution of Ranks in the Troop I would expect to see about 7 or eight advancements at each Rank again this year.

As part of the Centennial celebration of Scouting this year Scouts will have the opportunity to earn 4 Historical Merit Badges; Carpentry, Pathfinding, Signaling and Tracking. Carpentry and Pathfinding were both first offered in 1911 and were discontinued in 1952. Signaling was first offered in 1910 and was discontinued in 1992, and Tracking, which was first offered as "Stalker" in 1911, was also discontinued in 1952.

The requirements for the 4 Historical Merit Badges can be found online at www.usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp

In order to earn any of the 4 Historical Merit Badges the Scout must complete all requirements by 12/31/10, so if any Scout is interested in working on any of these Merit Badges please let Jerry Richstein or Wendy Peavy know so that we can try to help you find a Merit Badge Counselor.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

This week-long course features instruction in skills that can be used at home, at school, on the job, and, in particular, at the Scout unit level. Through activities, events, games, and adventures, NYLT participants will work hard and play hard together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

Course Dates:

May 23, 11 AM - May 28, 9:30 PM 2010 at Camp Jamison, BASR

May 30, 11 AM - June 4, 9:30 PM, 2010 at Camp Jamison, BASR

June 7, 11 AM - June 12, 9:30 PM 2010 at Camp Jamison, BASR

Participants must attend all days of the session for the entire six-day course.

For more information contact the AAC Program Center:

*** Announcements ***

NEW BADGES THIS YEAR:

Scuba Diving is a new merit badge offered. Merit Badge books are available at the Scout Shop. You also may view the badge requirements online by going to www.usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp

Three more new badges will become available this year.

GPS/GIS = early 2010

Robotics = spring of 2010

Scouting Heritage = later this year

Watch future newsletters for updates.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS NEEDED:

We have no counselor for the following merit badges. It is important that we have counselors in place for all merit badges. Please contact Wendy Peavy to register.

Archery	Painting
Coin Collecting	Pottery
Dentistry	Rowing
Farm Mechanics	Safety
Fingerprinting	Scuba Diving
Geology	Sculpture
Golf	Textile
Horsemanship	Theater
Model Design and Building	Whitewater

PARENT MENTORS NEEDED:

New Scouts and parents will soon join Troop 714. We're starting a mentoring program to help their new experience run smoothly. Please let Wendy Peavy know if you are interested in being a parent mentor.

What would you do if a loved one suddenly collapsed?

Even if you call 911 immediately, Emergency personnel may not arrive for 10-20 minutes or longer.

Loved ones need you now!

CPR Saturday is March 6th at the Volunteer Service Center go to www.goodturn.net and sign up for this life saving training.

Please report completion of your training to Ivy Moultrie at records@troop714.org.

OA Members:

Parents of OA members,

For a measly \$16 you can get your scout out of the house for 40hrs. He will have fun and be well fed the entire weekend at **Spring Pow Wow** March 12th to the 14th at Bert Adams Scout Reservation. There will be many Native American events and fun activities for him to participate in.

If a Scout or Scouter is not a Brotherhood member of the OA then they need to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by walking the Brotherhood Trail at Spring Pow Wow. To prepare for the Brotherhood Trail one needs to memorize the OA Obligation (in OA Handbook). Registration forms can be found at aacegwa.org and need to be turned into Volunteer Service Center no later than March 3rd.

If you have any questions see your OA Troop Representative - Brandon Jacquet.

The logo for "Scoutmaster's Corner" features the text "SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER" in a stylized, blue, outlined font with a 3D effect. The text is set against a red, arched background that resembles a banner or a stylized archway.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

Ferrell Moultrie

Order of the Arrow Elections

Troop 714 will be holding elections for the Order of the Arrow (O/A) this Monday, February 1st. The mystique surrounding the O/A sometimes leaves parents with questions about the O/A, its purpose, and its ceremonies. The O/A is not a secret organization. If parents or leaders have any questions about the Order, its purpose, methods or ceremonies, please see the Scoutmaster or an adult member of the Order and we will be happy to answer any and all questions. Parents and leaders are welcome to attend the O/A encampments and ceremonies if that would be useful to you. We do intentionally try to keep the details slightly mysterious for non-members in order to enhance their anticipation of the process and their respect for the tradition and ceremony which is involved. For this reason, we ask that you not tell your Scouts more than they need to know about the details of the ceremonial process.

The Order of the Arrow (O/A) was founded by Dr. E. Uner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948, the OA was recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers and became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. Today, the OA is recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- * To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives;
- * To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit;
- * To promote Scout camping;
- * To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Membership in the O/A is a three-step process. First, a Scout must be elected by his peers as a candidate for the Order. Second, he must participate in a time of silent reflection and service referred to as the Ordeal. Finally, at least ten months after completing his Ordeal, he may complete his membership by participating in the Brotherhood experience. The adult membership process is similar except that we are limited to only two candidates and they are selected based on their ability to help the Order fulfill its purpose, not as recognition of other service.

To be eligible for election as a candidate for the O/A, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping during the two years before his election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow troop members, following approval by the Scoutmaster. Adult candidates must meet the same tests except for the rank requirement.

In the election process, every Scout, whether a member of the O/A or not, gets to vote for every candidate. Candidates are elected if they receive a "yes" vote on at least one-half of the ballots cast.

Candidates thus do not compete against each other. All can be elected, or none could be elected. This is not a popularity contest, and that point, as well as the qualifications for membership, are stressed during the election preparation.

The votes cast are counted by the election team and the results are certified to our Lodge (Egwa Tawa Dee, Lodge #129) but otherwise kept secret. Candidates who have been elected will be called-out during a special ceremony (date/details pending at this time). The call-out ceremony is not required for membership but it is a memorable event in the Scout's life and so candidates should be present if at all possible.

Candidates not available to be called-out that night will be informed of their election at the next meeting following the Camporee.

Candidates elected to the O/A must participate in an Ordeal experience in the year of their election or they cannot become a member of the Order. The two primary Ordeal experiences for our Lodge will be April 30-May 2 at Woodruff and November 5-7 at Bert Adams. There will *not* be a make-up ordeal at Allatoona this year - only the May and November opportunities at Woodruff and Bert Adams.

Congratulations to all the Scouts who have met the qualifications to stand for election to the Order of the Arrow this evening. Those few who are elected will be those who have distinguished themselves in service and commitment to Scouting. Those not elected should continue working to live the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, be active in the Scouting program, and cheerful in service to others, so that they may be elected in a future year.