



# Eagle Quest

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## Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
 To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;  
 To help other people at all times;  
 To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



## WELCOME TO TROOP 840 NEW SCOUTS!



## Scout's Uniform Goes Green!

Yes, for the Centennial BSA has changed the uniform to be more green, in color anyway. Go to [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org). The troop will change to green shoulder loops, troop number and Trained patches in the 1st quarter of 2009. Update the rest as your scout grows out of his current uniform.



**2010 National Jamboree!**  
**Spots still open.**  
<http://www.circle10.org/>  
**for information.**

## Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.



JAMBOREE 2010

July 26th - August 4th 2010

# 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

*Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey*

## Troop 840 Yahoo Group

To sign yourself up to the troop840 yahoo group, use this link: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/troop840/join>

or email Thomas Snawder at [tomsna@microsoft.com](mailto:tomsna@microsoft.com) and he will add you to the group

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## ***Committee Meeting Information***

### **Reflection of Recent Events**

- **Scout Sunday:** February 8, Valley Ranch Baptist Church. Mr. Griffiths reported that this event went very well; 22 - 23 scouts attended, greeted church members and distributed programs.
- **Scouting for Food:** Mr. Wilkinson reported that Troop collected 488 cans of food which was delivered to the food bank at the Living Hope Church. The Troop needs someone to help with this event next year.
- **February Campout:** February 20 - 22; Backpacking at Davy Crockett National Forest. Mr. Paroski reported that the campout went very well, the hike was uneventful, and the light rain cooled the temperature. Mr. Wilkinson reported that the campsite had not been cleaned up since Hurricane Ike, so the scouts found and cleared a new campsite. The trail had been cleared since the hurricane, and most scouts were prepared for the rain and the backpacking.
- **Coppell Webelos Crossover:** February 21, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Valley Ranch Baptist Church. Mr. Smith and several scouts and adults stayed in town to help with this event. Mr. Smith reported that the Crossover went very well. 63 of the 97 eligible scouts crossed over, and also boys who did not cross over have joined the Coppell Troops; totaling 39 to Troop 840, 18 to Troop 842, 11 to Troop 841 and 4 to Troop 807. Mr. Smith reported that, historically, 25% of the new scouts will drop out within a year.
- **Recharter:** Mr. Smith turned in the paperwork for 71 scouts and 40 adults, which does not include the new scouts. The Troop has 100% Boys Life and made Quality Unit. The Troop will pay for OA dues for the scouts who paid for it when they rechartered.

### **Coordination of Next Events**

- **March Campout:** March 13 - 15; Camporee at Camp Wisdom. Mr. Hymer reported that we have 11 scouts and 5 adults signed up; additionally, several members of the Troop will staff this event. Mr. Smith reported that the District is considering moving Camporee to April next year.
- **Spring Break:** March 14 - 22. No Troop meeting.
- **March Campout #2:** March 27 - 29; Camp Meisenbach at Camp Clements in Athens. Mr. Hymer reported that he reserved two large campsites. Mr. Tarleton recommended that the Troop bring a weed trimmer. Mr. Hymer will reserve the fish hatchery for Saturday morning. The current plan is to drive and set up camp on Friday night; visit the fish hatchery on Saturday morning; work on new scout advancement (including Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chip) and have free time on Saturday afternoon; have a campfire Saturday night; and return to Coppell on Sunday. Mr. Smith is working with OA to have a callout Saturday night. The fish hatchery provides fishing gear.
- **Court of Honor:** The next Court of Honor will be held on a Tuesday night in April or May and will be scheduled once the swim tests are set.
- **April Campout:** April 17 - 19; Isle du Bois at Lake Ray Roberts. Mr. Hymer reported that Hawthorne has been reserved. Mr. Griffiths will go early to reserve the camp sites. The scouts may bring bicycles and helmets (they will not be allowed to ride the bicycles without a helmet). Mr. Wilkinson has a trailer that can be used to transport bicycles.
- **Swim Test:** Ms. Ormond reported that swim tests will be held in late April. Roma Stiff is coordinating with the YMCA. Joy Scott will work with the Coppell Aquatic Center to reserve lanes for the scouts to practice. Chuck Scott will see if the Flower Mound Aquatic Center has an appropriate facility for the swim test. Mr. Smith reported that Troop 842 is also coordinating swim tests.

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### **Committee Meeting Information (continued)**

- **Scout Show:** May 9, Ballpark in Arlington. The Scout Show (similar to a Scout trade show) is a Circle 10 event. Troop 840 generally cooks dutch oven pizza and cobbler and hands it out to visitors. John Hopper coordinated this event last year, and George Walker volunteered to help. Mr. Smith has the Scout Show tickets.
- **May Campout:** May 15 - 17; Ink's Lake State Park, Burnet. Mr. Hymer will look into touring the caves.
- **Scout Buck Auction:** Mr. Kersey reported that the Scout Buck Auction would be held on May 4 or 11, and he needs someone to work with him this year and to coordinate it next year. Ananth Arunachalam volunteered to help. Each year, scouts earn "scout bucks" by attending meetings and campouts, earning merit badges, advancing, selling chili supper tickets, service hours and more. Except for the new scouts, a scout must sell at least \$75 in chili supper tickets to participate in the auction. The scouts use their scout bucks to bid on and purchase camping equipment that the Troop has purchased.
- **Fundraiser:** Mr. Smith reported that this has been canceled for this year since the earliest delivery date (end of April) was too late. Janet LaCaze will coordinate this event for next year and will also look into other fundraising options. Proceeds from the mulch fundraiser which would be applied to the scouts' individual accounts to offset the cost of summer camp and high adventure camps.
- **Summer Camp:** June 5 - 15; Camp Bartle in Missouri. Mr. Hymer reported that the Troop has Session 1; a parents' meeting will be held on March 31 to discuss transportation. Currently, 20 are scheduled to attend.
- **Summer Camp:** June 28 - July 4; Camp Hale in Oklahoma; Mr. Hymer reported that a parents' meeting will be held on April 7.
- **Sea Base 2009:** July 5 - 12; Florida. Mr. Kersey reported that the Troop has four crews (24 scouts and 8 adults) signed up for this camp which will consist of 9 dives (1 night dive).
- **Northern Tier:** July 23 - August 3, Northern Minnesota and Canada. Mr. Tarleton reported that airline tickets have been reserved; 21 have signed up, and he has room for 3 more. The Troop will have 3 crews, with 3 canoes each. They will have canoe training at Ink's Lake and Lake Ray Roberts. Scouts must be at least 13 to participate in this High Adventure camp.
- **Philmont 2010:** The Troop has two treks, arriving on June 24, 2010 and departing on July 6, 2010. 13 scouts and 4 adults from Troop 840 are committed; 5 boys and 2 adults from Troop 841 will complete the treks. Additionally, one adult from Troop 840 is on the waiting list. The cost is approximately \$600 per person.
- **Sea Base 2010:** Mr. Tarleton reported that the Troop has been awarded the July 6 - 13, 2010 session, on SCUBA Live Aboard, which will consist of 15 dives (3 will be night dives). The crew is full, but Mr. Tarleton will accept names for the waiting list. Scouts must be at least 14 to participate in this High Adventure camp. The crew will live aboard a 57' schooner.

### **Status Reports**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Mark Tepper distributed the Treasurer's Report which reflected that the Troop is solvent. Mr. Tepper is beginning to transition the Treasurer duties to Deb Trejo (treasurer) and Ken Towle (assistant treasurer). Mr. Smith reported that the trailer funds will be used to install shelving in the new trailer.
- **Roundtable Report:** Terry Smith reported that the district is anticipating a lower-than-normal attendance at Camporee, due to Spring Break. The DFW Dragon Boat race will be May 16 - 17, which conflicts with the Troop May campout. Win Shields is collecting names of scouts to participate - he needs a few more for the

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crew. The OA Pow Wow is March 27 - 29 at Camp Wisdom. The May Ordeal, scheduled for May 15 - 17, may be rescheduled. Mr. Smith is looking into options for the older scouts (e.g., venture crew) Many training opportunities are available for scouts and adults. See the notes on Training below.

- **Outdoor Activities & Summer Camp:** Mr. Hymer had nothing additional to report.
- **Membership:** Mrs. Ormand reported that 39 new scouts have joined the Troop, and 38 parents of new scouts have expressed an interest in volunteer positions. Craig Weaver will help John Hopper with the Troop website; Chuck Scott will work with David Hymer on Outdoor Activities; Joy Scott will help with the swim tests; Ananth Arunachalam will help with the Scout Buck Auction; Benjamin Gutierrez will help with transportation.

Mrs. Ormand reported that Roma Stiff is coordinating mentors to work with the new parents. Additionally, we need to make sure that we have talent release forms for all scouts (this is included on the new health forms). Janice Coberly is working on the Troop 840 picture directory.

The Troop needs more parent scarves; t-shirts have been ordered; epaulets have arrived, and we are waiting on the numerals for uniforms. The Troop will look into having the neckerchiefs monogrammed. The Troop will look into ordering Troop 840 hats (scouts cannot wear hats with non-scout insignia).

- **Advancement:** Mr. Griffiths reported that Advancement has purchased scout rank frames to be used at Courts of Honor.
- **Training:** Mr. Smith reported that many training opportunities are available and are listed on the Circle 10 website:
  - SALT (Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Training) - April 18; Plymouth Park United Methodist Church in Irving
  - IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills) - April 25 - 26 at Camp Wisdom
  - Wood Badge
  - Oak Leaf (for scouts) - April 25 - 26 at Camp Wisdom
  - NYLT (for scouts) - March 16 - 21 at Camp James Ray; several sessions in July at Camp James Ray; December 26 - 31 at Camp Wisdom
  - Wood Badge: March 26 - 28 at Camp James Ray
  - Wood Badge: April 9 - 11 at Camp James Ray
  - Wood Badge: August 24 - 29 at Philmont
  - Wood Badge: October 2 - 4 at Clements Scout Ranch
  - Wood Badge: October 16 - 18 at Clements Scout Ranch

Additionally, online training is available through [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org). or [www.circle10.org](http://www.circle10.org). Youth Protection training is required for adults camping with the Troop. Adults should give a copy of their training certificates to the ladies in Advancement. Mr. Durso is NRA trained for rifles, and Mr. Williamson is NRA trained for shotguns. NRA Rifle Course training will be April 25 - 26 at Camp Wisdom; NRA Shotgun Course training will be August 22 - 23 at Clements Scout Ranch. Powder horn training is coming soon. Mr. Smith and Mr. Wilt attend Roundtable meetings, which are the same night and place as the OA meetings (first Monday of the month).

**Swim certification will be held in April in May - prior to the May campout at Inks Lake.**

- **Equipment:** Mr. Wilkinson reported that we need to hold a "Tentfest" to inspect the tents and chuck boxes. The Tentfest will be held on March 21, at 9:00 a.m. at Valley Ranch Baptist Church. The Committee voted to purchase 10 new tents (with fiberglass poles) and some replacement poles. Mr. Wilkinson will also purchase new tires for the trailer. Additionally, the Troop needs more chuck boxes. Craig Weaver will donate camping equipment from Pack 842 (which is folding) to the Troop. The Troop will consider assigning tents and chuck boxes to patrols.
- **Communications:** Craig Weaver is the Troop's new webmaster.
- **Transportation:** Mr. Bauer is looking for someone to take over this position; Benjamin Gutierrez agreed to help.



## Troop Calendar

### March—Scout Skills

- 2 OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Committee Meeting/Monthly PLC
- 10 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Parents Meeting 7:15 p.m. VRBC**
- 13-15** Campout—Camporee
- 17 **NO Troop Meeting—Spring Break!**
- 24 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 26 OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 27-29 OA Pow Wow**
- 31 Troop Meeting 7:00 p.m.

### April—Athletics

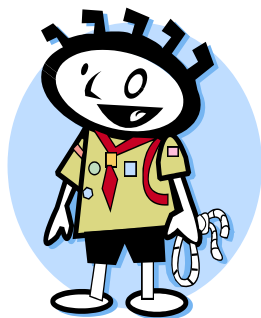
- 4 Committee Meeting/Monthly PLC
- 6 Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting
- 7 Troop Meeting 7:00
- 14 Troop Meeting 7:00
- 17-19** Campout—Ray Roberts
- 21 Troop Meeting 7:00
- 23 OA Working Meeting
- 24-25** OA Conclave
- 28 Troop Meeting 7:00

### May—First Aid

- 2 Committee Meeting/Monthly PLC
- 4 Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting
- 5 Troop Meeting 7:00
- 9 Scout Show—Dallas
- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 Troop Meeting 7:00
- 15-17** Campout—Inks Lake
- 19 Troop Meeting 7:00
- 25 Memorial Day
- 26 Troop Meeting 7:00
- 28 OA Working Meeting

## Joke of the Month

- Q. **Why did Joe Scout tiptoe past his tent?**
- A. **He didn't want to wake up the sleeping bags!**



## Eagle Quest

The deadline for the April Eagle Quest is Sunday, April 6, 2009. Please submit articles for publication to [meg\\_frantz@compucom.com](mailto:meg_frantz@compucom.com).

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