

Troop 839



Summer camp Strake- 2021

We're going places



SPL note from Sean S.

Hey Troop!

We had a great month learning about firearms and going on our annual shooting campout. We welcomed some of the newest scouts in the troop to their first campout with the whole troop. I look forward to a great month ahead of us as we go on our watersports campout.

April Newsletter

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Shotgun, Rifle, and Bow competition results

Shotgun

- 1st Spencer E.
- 2nd Jackson B.
- 3rd Alex L.

Rifle

- 1st Christian T.
- 2nd Leo S.
- 3rd Bryan A.

Archery

- 1st Noah K.
- 2nd Lars K.
- 3rd Leo S.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Get your swim test done, all Scouts and Adults that want to participate in any water activities at summer camp or our monthly camp outs (think tubing) need to pass the BSA swimmer test. Tests will be held at the Lifetime Fitness in Atascocita (Lake Houston Pkwy & Will Clayton)
- Sign up for the May tubing camp out, sign up sheets will be out at the Monday meetings

Coming up in May

- Swim Tests
 - Saturday May 14 - 10am - 11am
 - Tuesday May 17 - 6:30pm - 8pm
 - Thursday May 19 - 6:30pm - 8pm
- May 7 - Tyler Luttrell's Court of Honor
- May 15- Peyton Seay's Court of Honor
- May 2 - Troop Meeting
- May 9 - Troop Meeting
- May 16 - Troop Meeting
- May 30 - Troop Meeting
- May 23 - PLC
- May 20-22 - Tubing camp out
- May 8 - Mother's Day
- May 30 - Memorial Day



Positions of Responsibility

SPL	Sean S	Troop Guides:		
ASPL	Alex L			
ASPL	Tyler L	Tyler P		
ASPL	Andrew W	Noah K		
Quartermaster	Nate M	Seth G		
Chaplain's Aide	Morgan L	Patrol Leaders:		
Scribe	Josh Y			
Historian	Andrei B			
Librarian	Cade S			
Webmaster	Scott S			
Bugler	Christian T			
			Badgers	Brody R
			Dragons	Seth S
		Junkyard Dogs	Oliver B	
		Viking	Matthew L	
		Texas Bandits	Hayden C	
		Wolverines	Leo S	

Rank Advancements and Merit Badges

Rank Advancements

Jimmy F	Scout - 4/4/22
Colton P	Scout - 4/4/22
Cade S	Scout - 4/4/22
Gray S	Scout - 4/9/22
William E	Scout - 4/25/22
Nathan K	Tenderfoot - 4/9/22
Simon R	Second Class - 4/9/22
Seth G	Life - 4/3/22

Merit Badges

Dominic C	Communication*	1/3/22
Carter D	Shotgun Shooting	4/8/22
Forrest H	Citizenship in Community*	2/28/22
Forrest H	Cooking*	4/25/22
Forrest H	Family Life*	3/28/22
Beau K	Communication*	4/18/22
Beau K	Family Life*	3/28/22
Beau K	Personal Fitness*	3/28/22
Morgan L	Family Life*	2/28/22
Cody M	Communication*	2/7/22
Cody M	Personal Fitness*	4/4/22
Christopher S	Personal Management*	2/28/22

A note from Mr. Torres



Mr. Kabell had put out some important information for our Road-to-Eagle scouts recently and I am going to repeat it here. On July 1, 2022 a new Eagle merit badge will be added and required. This new merit badge is "Citizenship in Society". The total number of required merit badges for Eagle rank remains 21 however, the number of Eagle-required merit badges increases from 13 to 14 and the non-Eagle required merit badges decreases from 8 to 7. Mr. Kabell is working to confirm the following, but his interpretation is that if you are eligible for your Eagle Scoutmaster Conference or have completed your Eagle Scoutmaster Conference then this new merit badge requirement is not needed. For those that will not complete their Eagle requirements before July 1, 2022, add the new "Citizenship in Society" merit badge to your list. Also keep a lookout, for there has been some talk on setting up a merit badge class possibly in the near future. For those that have any issues with TM Mobile App on your phone or with Troopmaster on your computer, feel free to contact me at Advancement@troop839.com.

Scoutmaster's Thoughts



Hey Troop!

April sure was a BLAST! I think my ears are still ringing from a full day on the shotgun range. It was probably one of our best shooting camp outs in a while. The weather was beautiful, we had some first-time shooters show they are naturals and competitions at the end of the day were epic. And I can't forget the Chili Cook Off. Every Patrol put together some tasty chili, I even had second tastes of each, but it was a toss-up between the Wolverines and the JunkYard Dogs. It was also one of the best campfire programs this year; I couldn't stop laughing.

From a day on the range to a day on the river. Up next is our tubing camp out. This was canceled 2 years ago because of Covid and it's great that we finally get to go tubing. A lazy day floating down the river is always a good day. Our top 10 mulch sellers this year will also get their steak dinner at the camp out. I know that Mr. deMasi is already thinking of how to fancy up those steaks.

As much as I'm looking forward to floating down the river, I can't wait for June to get here and our adventure in Colorado. No need for a homemade tent air conditioner and getting to experience the Rocky Mountains. I know the long drive is going to be worth the experience we all get to have.

YIS,

Jorge Piñón
Scoutmaster Troop 839

Committee Notes

They say that April showers bring May flowers, and I am looking forward to seeing more Bluebonnets and Indian Paintbrush along our highways and bi-ways! In addition to flowers, there are other awesome things to see and enjoy this month. Two weeks in a row we will be celebrating the culmination of years' worth of effort by two outstanding young men as they have reached the pinnacle of Scouting – Eagle Scout! May 7th, the day before Mothers' Day, we will be celebrating Tyler Luttrell and a week later on May 15 we will be celebrating Peyton Seay. Both of these young men have put in countless hours helping others to reach this goal. It is our turn to honor them and celebrate with them at their respective Courts of Honor. Want an easy way to earn money for your reimbursement account while honoring our Veterans who are no longer with us? Wreaths Across America – Houston is again offering us the opportunity to sell wreaths this year. Five dollars (\$5.00) for every wreath you sell will go to your reimbursement account. Wreaths can be sold via a link on-line so that you and/or your parents can share the link via Facebook, Instagram, Snap Chat, E-mail, or other social media method. Key dates to get the word out are Memorial Day (May 30), Flag Day (June 14), the Fourth of July (July 4), Marine Corps Birthday (November 10), and Veterans Day (November 11). This is a great way of honoring those who served and are no longer with us. Contact Mr. deMasi for more information. There is no better way to celebrate the end of school year than a relaxing float down one of Texas' most scenic rivers. May 20 – 22 the troop will be camping at Palmetto State Park with tubing excursions on Saturday to the Guadalupe River. To participate, you must 1) pass the BSA swim test, 2) sign up for the campout and 3) ATTEND THE CAMPOUT! Did someone mention swim tests? Why yes, we are having swim tests this month! Mr. Pinon has made multiple announcements about the swim tests. There may even be a separate note about it elsewhere in the newsletter! Parents – your Scouts want AND deserve the best possible Scouting experience, and we want to ensure they receive it. How do we do that? By volunteering! We have several needs that need to be filled. We need a High Adventure Coordinator who organizes our troop's high adventure activities, Advancement Coordinator who coordinates advancement and ensures advancement is uploaded correctly to Troopmaster and Scoutbook, and a Life to Eagle Coordinator who helps our Life Scouts make that final climb to Eagle Scout. Many of your current committee members are "short timers" as their Scouts are about to age out. Now is the time to step up and help while there are people around to help ease you into the position. No one wants to be thrown in without help and to avoid this, NOW IS THE TIME TO HELP. Concerned your Scout is not advancing at a pace you like? I understand! Here is how you can help your Scout: attend the Monday meetings, attend Committee Meetings, and be proactive in your Scouts' activities. In other words – BE INVOLVED! There are some changes coming to the troop that will have a positive influence upon the Scouts and adults. Our updated Troop 839 Orientation Manual is being finalized and will be uploaded to the website later this month. Once the new scout membership have been processed by Council we will be sending out a roster of all registered people in the troop. Finally, the Troop's operation manual will be reviewed and voted upon by the PLC in May. These three documents outline what we do, how we do it, and who is a member of our troop family. These have been long in coming and we are finally on the cusp of having it ready. June 1 is the traditional start to hurricane season and we are way overdo for a nasty storm. Being Scouts, we need to live up to our motto and Be Prepared. Have a plan for when a storm approaches. Whether you are staying here or bugging out, BE PREPARED! Test your generator now. Stock up on food items that don't need to be refrigerated. Replace the batteries in your flashlights. Make sure your important documents are together. Make sure you have enough medication for a minimum of seven days at all times. Verify you have the right insurance for your home and vehicles (traditional homeowners won't cover flood damage). Make sure you have a Pet Plan for our Fur Babies. Have a list of important numbers with your documents – including friends and family so that you can let others know if you are leaving and if you are safe. A little planning now will have huge payoffs later on. Stepping back for a moment, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the April Shooting Campout at the East Texas Rifle and Pistol Club in Longview. After everyone left, I had the opportunity to meet with a club officer who took the time to thank us for our behavior both on and off the range. He made a point of stating how we are a great example of Scouting and gave hope for our future. Great job!

Yours in Scouting,
David Godell,
Committee Chair, Troop 839