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# Troop 839



## Summer Camp 2019

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# Troop 839 December Newsletter



# Boy Scout Troop 839 Positions

*Congratulations  
Troop Leaders!*

## Troop Positions

SPL	Spenser E.
ASPL	Andrew W.
ASPL	Sean S.
ASPL	Josh Y.
Quartermaster	Christian T.
Quartermaster	Scott S.
Chaplain's Aide	Nate M.
Scribe	Beau K.
Historian	Cade S.
Librarian	Braeden G.
Webmaster	Morgan L.
Bugler	Tommy A.
Den Chief	Aiden L
Outdoor Ethics	Seth G

## Patrol Leaders

Badgers	Alex L
Dragons	Andrei B
Junkyard Dogs	Oliver B.
Viking	Owen T

## Troop Guides

Texas Bandits -  
Tyler P.  
Peyton S.  
Wolverines -  
Forrest H.  
Dominic C.

# IMPORTANT DATES



<u>Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>
NYLT orientation	12/5/21
OA chapter meeting	12/9/21
OA ordeal weekend	12/10-11/21
Brazos Bend State Park	12/10-12/21
Wreaths Across America	12/18/21
OA Brotherhood	12/28/21
NYLT	12/26-31/21
New Years Day	1/1/22
Bark Mulch Packets Distributed	1/3/22
Epiphany	1/6/22

**Mark your Calendars!**

**BOY SCOUT LAW**  
A Scout is:  
**Trustworthy, Loyal,**  
**friendly, Helpful,**  
**Courteous, Kind,**  
**Obedient, CHEERFUL,**  
**Thrifty, BRAVE,**  
**Clean, & Reverent.**



## Upcoming in December



NYLT Orientation	12/5/21
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OA Ordeal Weekend	12/10-11/21
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NYLT	12/26-31/21

## Rank Advancements

Morgan L	Life	11/01/21
Simon R	Tenderfoot	11/08/21
Bryan A	Second Class	11/14/21



# October And November Merit Badges

## The Merits of Scouting



Brody R Communications 11/08/21

Mason P Climbing 11/13/21

Peyton S Climbing 11/13/21

Andrew W Climbing 11/13/21

Chris S Camping 11/22/21

## Scoutmaster Thoughts



Hey Troop!

As we close the month celebrating Thanksgiving, I am reminded of so many things the Troop should be thankful for. There are so many people who give their time, money and leadership to provide us with experiences that make us challenge ourselves, learn about the world around us and grow into strong leaders. Our climbing camp out this past month would not have been such a big success without the hard work put in by Scouts and adults in planning, training and volunteering for a fun day at the Tellepsen climbing tower. Several Scouts overcame fear of heights, and learned to put their faith and trust in other Scouts as they worked on climbing and rappelling. Part of being grateful is giving to others. In December, we have invited the Webelos 2 Den from Pack 610 to join us for our Field Games / Astronomy camp out. I am looking forward to seeing the Scouts work with the Webelos to give them a taste of what they can expect in continuing their Scout life as they move from Cub Scout to Boy Scouts.

I am grateful for the opportunity I have been given to be the Scoutmaster to such a great group of young men. I know that I am a better person because all of you and I am thankful for each and every one of you.

YIS,

Jorge Piñón  
Scoutmaster Troop 839

# SPL Thoughts



Hey Troop!

This last climbing campout was a blast! Even with a few bumps to get there we finally made it to the “peak”. We had the whole climbing wall to ourselves for the entire morning and the scouts that need to finish up their climbing merit badges got to do the final repel. The next campout is going to be a cool one (literally) we are having the astronomy campout at Brazos Bend State Park. Can’t wait to see all of y’all there!

YIS,  
Spencer Elliott

## Advancement Notes

I hope everyone has turned in their Winter Camp Forms. These were due on November 29, 2021 to Mr. deMasi. Winter Camp is a great opportunity to earn merit badges. Also, for scouts working on rank advancements to hold Scoutmaster Conferences and Board of Reviews. Note that Winter Camp will be held at Camp Holy Wild on January 15-17, 2021 which goes from Saturday through Monday. Note that Monday is a school holiday. Mr. Godell has been collecting everyone’s emails via the re-charter form. Later in December, I will collect these forms to review and updated, if necessary, the email addresses in Troopmaster. During the Holidays for the new parents I will provide them access to your scouts Troopmaster records via a computer or your cell phone. This will be mostly a read only access, but does permit the parent to update their personal information for their scout using the computer access. So, look for an email from CarlTorres.TM2739@troopmaster.email entitled “Troopmaster Web Account Settings” towards the end of December. The new scouts will, in the future, get access to their information as well. If the Scout does not have an email address the information will be sent their parent. The scout account will be read only access but they will be able to review their scout digital data via a computer or their cell phone. If you are having any issues with TM Mobile App on your phone or with Troopmaster on your computer, feel free to contact me at [Advancement@troop839.com](mailto:Advancement@troop839.com).

Carl Torres

Advancement Chair

### WINNING AT MERIT BADGES - 10 STEPS

1. Select a merit badge.
2. Obtain Blue Card from Mr. Torres (Advancement Chair).
3. Contact the merit badge Counselor.
4. Begin work on the merit badge.
5. Review with the Counselor.
6. Finish the merit badge.
7. Review with the merit badge Counselor.
8. Obtain the Scoutmaster’s signature.
9. Turn in the signed blue card to Mr. Torres.
10. Received the merit badge.

# Committee notes

*Hard to believe another year is coming to a close. Looking back we have enjoyed a great year. We overcame adversity in February, had our own Olympics in April, sailed the Florida Keys, celebrated Camp Strake's inaugural summer camp, visited a flight museum, completed lashings, had our own Iron Chef competition, hiked around Huntsville State Park with maps and compasses, and honed our climbing skills. What a great year!*

*Thank you to everyone who turned in their recharter paperwork before the end of the month! Our Troop is one of the top two by size in our District, and you can honestly say "We're Going Places"!*

*The topic for the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Parents Meeting will be Merit Badges. If you are facilitating a merit badge at Winter Camp, assisting with a merit badge at Winter Camp, or have a Scout who might some day earn a merit badge, this meeting is for you!*

*We have Scouting activities three weekends in a row starting with Payton's Eagle Scout Project refurbishing a butterfly garden followed by the astronomy campout at Brazos Bend State Park, and then Wreaths Across America. While it can be difficult to attend everything, if you have to skip one of the activities, I recommend doing them all and take the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup> off!*

*Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader elections are coming up and every Scout needs to participate in the elections. Just like adults need to participate in local, state, and national elections, Scouts need to participate in Troop elections. Every vote counts and every vote matters.*

*Wreaths Across America is not just a Scout event, but a family event. Scouts, siblings, parents, and extended family are all encouraged to join us at the National Cemetery on Veterans Memorial to help place wreaths among the over 50,000 tombstones of our fallen heroes. Rain or shine, this event is a great way to recognize the sacrifices our fellow Americans have made so that we may enjoy the freedoms we have today. A couple of trivia items about Wreaths Across America for you. First, did you know that Wreaths Across America – Houston is the largest Wreaths Across America function outside of Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia? It's true! Second, did you know that Wreaths Across America – Houston was started because a member of our troop was watching a show about Wreaths Across America and asked why they only did it in Arlington? Not only did he ask why it wasn't done, but he and his dad started Wreaths Across America – Houston. It's true!*

*Please enjoy the holidays and have a safe and festive New Years'!*

David Godell

"It is amazing what you can accomplish when you do not care who gets the credit." – Harry Truman