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## Troop 839 February Newsletter



Mulch Delivery 2019



Court of Honor



Our troop did an amazing job with bark mulch sales, despite Covid among other drawbacks, and we have sold way past our goal! Don't forget that bark mulch delivery day is March 6th, mark your calendars!

Congratulations to all of those who achieved recognition at the court of honor, keep up all the hard work! Along with that, congratulations to Spencer E, Austin G, Spencer G, Forest H, Beau K, Alexander L, Tyler L, Cody M, Seth S, and Sean S for being called out at the OA ceremony on February 12, 2021! Keep up all of your amazing work and maintain your dedication!

# Boy Scout Troop 839 Positions

*Congratulations  
Troop Leaders!*

## Troop Positions

SPL	Cody M.
ASPL	Seth S.
ASPL	Spencer E.
ASPL	Beau K.
Quartermaster	Austin G.
Quartermaster	Alex L.
Chaplain's Aid	Chris S.
Scribe	Braeden G.
Historian	Brody R.
Librarian	Andrei B.
Webmaster	Josh Y.
Bugler	Morgan L.
Den Chief	Aidan L.
Outdoor Ethics	Christian T.

## Patrol Leaders

Badgers	Jacob R.
Dragons	Tommy A.
Junkyard Dogs	Nate M.
Troopers	Scott S.
Viking	Noah K.

## Troop Guides

Tyler P.  
Forrest H.  
Peyton S.  
Dominic C.

## IMPORTANT DATES



### Topic

### Date

Bark Mulch Delivery	March 6, 2021
Bark Mulch Spreading	March 13, 2021
Valentines Day	March 14, 2021
Spring Break	March 15-19
St. Patrick's Day	March 17, 2021
Scout investiture	March 29, 2021
SHAC's Birthday(1914)	April 11, 2021

**Mark your Calendars!**

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



## Upcoming in February & March



The merit badge theme for March is Backpacking and Hiking. The Backpacking and Hiking Campout is scheduled for March 19-21, 2021 at Montgomery County / Lone Star Trail.

In April, the merit badge theme will be the Troop Olympics campout. The Troop Olympics Campout is scheduled for April 16-18, 2021 at Lake Houston Wilderness Park. The Orientation campout will also be in April at Lake Houston Wilderness Park from the 10-11. This would be a great way to meet and interact with the new, incoming scouts!

Do not forget that Bark Mulch Delivery will be on March 6 and we will need as many scouts as possible. We also have scout investiture on the 29th.

## Rank Advancements



Spencer E	Life	2/1/21
Noah K	1st Class	2/1/21

**Congratulations on a job well done!**

# February Merit Badges



Nate M	Signs, Signals, & Codes	2/1/21
Mason P	Cit in Community*	2/1/21
Brody R	Family Life*	2/1/21
Beau K	First Aid*	2/22/21
Zach L	Family Life*	2/22/21
Alex L	Family Life*	2/22/21

\*Eagle Merit Badges

## Scoutmaster Thoughts



Hey Troop!

I hope everyone made it through the recent winter storm with minimal impact and things are getting back to normal. The new Troop Leadership has hit the ground running and has gotten the Troop off to a great start. During our leadership training the Scouts participating in an exercise where one Scout had to lead a team of blindfolded Scouts in putting up a Troop tent. The leader was the only one allowed to speak and could not touch anything. I know that everyone participating learned a valuable lesson on the importance of communication and clear directions. It was also a blast to watch! Afterwards, the PLC conducted our planning meeting and put together great agendas for the Spring and planned out some new activities for the Fall; some of these include orienteering, pioneering and rock climbing. I can't wait for all of us to participate and learn from these experiences.

I was concerned about the weather for our Campfire Court of Honor and Wilderness Survival campout, but mother nature was kind enough to hold off on the winter storm until we were done. The Scouts really enjoyed the campfire Court of Honor and are hoping for some more events like this where families get to join us. During the campout, the Scouts demonstrated their wilderness survival skills and built some great shelters. The ones who slept in their shelters all said they were toasty and warm through the night. I already know who want to build my shelter if one is ever needed. I can't wait for our upcoming backpacking campout! This was our first campout cancelled last year due to covid and I've been waiting for a year to try out my new hammock set up. I don't know about you, but I'm ready to hit the trail!

YIS,  
 Jorge Piñón  
 Scoutmaster Troop 839

# SPL Thoughts



Howdy Y'all,

We had a great campfire court of honor! Please make sure to come to day of delivery for mulch. I look forward to seeing all of you at the hiking campout!

YIS

Cody

## Advancement Notes



We just completed a Court of Honor with several updates to ranks, merit badges, and special awards. To update / sync your TM Mobile App, you will need to tap on the Sync icon in the top right (2 circled arrows) and then tap on Sync on the following screen. This will pull down your current information from the Web.

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).

*Add this to your to do list!*

Final note, congratulations to those who have been selected for membership into the Order of the Arrow. Troop 839 is part of the Colonneh Lodge. For Scouts who were elected into the Order of the Arrow (OA) must complete an Ordeal within one year, in order to become a member of Colonneh Lodge. For scheduling your Ordeal, see the following link

<https://oa.shac.org/ordeals>.

### 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.

# Other Announcements

## Ham In A Day



We are blessed that Mr. Perez has mostly recovered from his stroke last year and is ready to begin teaching Ham Radio classes! If you have been looking at all those scouts and adults with ham radios and said, "Man I wish I could do that!" Well now is your chance. Yes, you can do this! Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup> is the day. This will take most of your day, but you will do the class and take the test all in a day. Just let Mr. deMasi know you are interested and he will send you the sign up links. [scott@sensadynamics.com](mailto:scott@sensadynamics.com).

## Ham Radio Congratulations

The Troop 839 ham radio operators have been featured in the March issue of QST Magazine! This is the magazine all the ham radio folks read across the country. There are pictures of a lot of our radio scouts in the issue. Mr. deMasi and Mr. Godell will bring some extra magazine issues to the meeting. You will be an inspiration to many other scouts to work towards their ham license. Great Job!



## Congratulations To Mr. Godell

A big shout out to Mr. Godell as a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver is the council level distinguished service award. It is one of the highest awards that can be earned at the council level. Troop 839 always has the best people! Congratulations Mr. Godell!



YIS

Mr. deMasi