

Troop 839



Summer camp Strake-2021

We're going places



Final "spl" note from Spencer

Hey Troop!

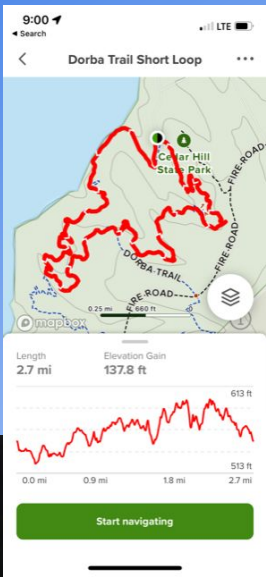
Yes I know it's a surprise that I am still the SPL, but hopefully the last time, If everything works out. I am glad to say that the biking campout in Dallas was amazing! The trails and terrain was great to bike on and interesting. We also got to go to medieval times after we biked on Saturday. For those of you that don't know, the first year we went there, we had the yellow knight picked for the troop. Let's just say that he didn't do too well and got out the first round... but finally as Mason would say "after 3 years he finally won!" So for all of us it was a great feeling to know that he has been training ever since. I believe that this campout is definitely one of the most interesting and fun campouts so I'm so glad everything went smoothly and great! So far I'm pretty sure that I'm the only SPL that served for exactly 7 months not 6 so.. take that as you will. :) Finally (if everything works) this will be my last and final report as SPL. Thanks to all!

For the last, last time,
Spencer Elliott

February Newsletter

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Northern Tier is set for Summer 2023. Remember to talk to your parents and sign up
- We've been told that the scouts have done a great job at Scout Sunday, keep it up ya'll!
- As of February 22nd there are 34 scouts / 60 spots for Summer Camp. 12 new scouts and 2 adults. 10 scouts are on high adventure
- Great job Troop 839 for selling 10,017 bags of bark mulch!
- Bark mulch delivery March 5th (6th if it doesn't work out)
- March 21st - New parent orientation meeting.
- February 28th 6-7pm patrol meeting for all patrols and 7-8:39pm troop meeting

Coming up in March

- 3/7/22: 7-8:39pm Troop meeting
- 3/11/22-3/14/22: Hiking camp out @ Big Bend State Park
- 3/12/22: Spreading mulch at the church
- 3/13/22: Daylight savings
- 3/17/22: St. Patrick's Day (wear your green)
- 3/18/22-3/20/22: camp out @ Colorado Bend State Park
- 3/28/22: 7-8:39pm Troop meeting
- 4/8/22-4/10/22: Shooting sports camp out



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

- Congratulations to Peyton S for his newly earned Eagle rank!!!

Merit Badges Earned in February

Spencer E – Personal Management (1/31/22)
Morgan L – Camping (2/7/22), Family Life (2/28/22)
Sean S – Communication (2/14/22)
Beau K – Camping (2/19/22)
Chris S - Personal Management (2/28/22)

Rank Advancements in February

1. Matthew L – First Class (2/28/22)
2. William M – Second Class (2/28/22)

Troop 839 Winter Court of Honor was held on Monday, February 14, 2022, on Valentine's Day. If you missed the Winter Court of Honor, there were 14 rank advancements, 99 merit badges, and multiple National Outdoors Awards presented. For those that missed the Court of Honor and have not pick up your awards, I will put them out on a table before each Troop meeting.

Let me remind the parents and scouts that received their award packets with specific emphasis on the merit badge packets and what is in them. What you will find for the merit badges earned will be a Merit Badge Award Card and the merit badge patch. These patches are typically sewn on the Scout's Sash. If the merit badge was earned during Winter Camp, in the packet there will be the completed blue card for each merit badge earned. If a scout did not complete a merit badge at Winter Camp, there will be a partial blue card showing the requirements that have been completed.

Do not lose the completed blue cards! These are the official record that the merit badge has been earned and will be reviewed for the Scout's Eagle Rank. Put them in a safe place! Some scouts place the blue cards with its Award Card in plastic trading card sleeves which then go into a three-ring binder. Just a thought.

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.

Carl Torres
Advancement Chair

Scoutmaster's Thoughts



Hey Troop!

I'd like to start with a big thanks to our Chaplain's Aide, Morgan L, and all the volunteers who participated in Scout Sunday. Things went so well that the church has asked if we would also put together a second Scout Sunday in the Fall. It makes me so proud to hear great feedback about our Scouts. Keep up the great work!

It's been nearly 25 years since I got a chance to have a great mountain biking ride, and this streak ended at our recent camp out. Cedar Hills State Park has phenomenal and well-maintained bike trails. The entire Troop had a blast tackling the hills, winding through sharp turns and taking on some jumps. The weekend was topped off with the Yellow Knight winning at Medieval Times. There were several Scouts who cheered so loudly that they almost lost their voice. We now move on from 2 wheels to 2 feet. I am looking forward to the Texas Bandits leading this month's Backpacking / Hiking program. This is a must event for those going to Philmont this summer so they can get practice miles under their belt. Colorado Bend State Park is a beautiful place with multiple trails to choose from, one of my favorite places. Speaking of favorite places, we also have a trip planned to Big Bend Ranch State Park. For those of you who have never gone, you don't want to miss the chance to experience a magical part of our State. Don't forget to sign up for these camps during the upcoming Troop meetings.

Committee Notes

Senior Patrol Leader Update Sean Sullivan

a. Biking / Medieval Times, Cedar Hill, Texas. Spencer Elliott was leading the troop as Sean was @ a band event.

b. Big Bend & Colorado Bend are upcoming campouts: Backpacking/Hiking over Spring Break.

c. Programs for upcoming events have two speakers lined up. Sean will get with Haydn Crump to have the next meeting's agenda ready to go. The committee suggested that Sean have a backup plan if a speaker cancels. Sean needs to remind the scouts about all hands on deck for bark mulch delivery on March 5.

2. Scoutmaster Update

Jorge Pi'nōn

a. Cedar Hill State Park was a great place for biking! We had 18 Scouts and 6 adults attend. The troop had options to bike a 3, 8, or 12-mile loop. The camp had a great lake and would be a nice place for a watersports campout, but the drive is too far for parents to haul their boats. The yellow knight won at Medieval Times. For biking campouts, we need more adults to attend. One scout had an ankle problem but was ok that day after having ice and Ibuprofen. Parents voiced some concerns about grub food and fees. One patrol's fee was \$26 and one of the patrol's fee \$20 for three meals. Bacon is expensive and all food prices have increased. Breakfast sausage is another option for the scouts. On the way home from camp, a trailer puller ran out of gas.

b. The troop has extra tickets to Medieval Times. Scouts owe for the four tickets. We have 6 tickets to use in one year. We can offer the tickets to the troop family.

c. Haydn Crump will have the agenda for next month's program.

Summer Camp Stacy Seay & Kasey Collette

a. 34 scouts / 60 spots. 12 new scouts and 2 adults. 10 scouts are on high adventure

b. Merit Badge classes are Monday – Thursday, Friday is make-up.

c. White water rafting possibility cost is \$95 on Friday leaves at 7:15. 36 spots available. Class 2&3

d. Life Time – Swim Test needs be booked. 3 days to complete: Tuesday: 2hrs., Thurs. 2hrs., Sat. 1 hr. Mr. Godell has an instructor.

e. March 31, 2022, selection for merit badges are due.