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# Troop 839 January Newsletter



Winter Camp 2020



Winter Camp 2019



Unfortunately our Winter Camp was canceled due to COVID. Reflecting back on past Winter Camp outings, the planned weekend turned out to be the best weather we have seen in years. Usually it is freezing cold or raining or both for Winter Camp but this year the weather would have been beautiful. It's also very unfortunate that Winter Camp was canceled, because more merit badges are earned during this event than any other time with the exception of Summer Camp. Here are some pictures from previous winter camps.

Bark Mulch sales kicked off this year on January 23, 2021. Despite COVID, the preliminary estimate for the number of bags sold that day was 3,400. This puts our Troop at about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of our goal for this year. Keep up the hard work and we will make our goal!

# 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



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### Date

Scout Sunday	February 7, 2021
School Holiday	February 8-12, 2021
Wilderness Survival campout	February 12-14, 2021
Last Day To Sell Bark Mulch	February 17, 2021
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

**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 February is Wilderness Survival. The Wilderness Survival Campout is scheduled for February 12-14, 2021. The Shooting Campout that normally is held in February has been canceled due to costs at using local facilities.

As a result of the canceled Winter Camp, the number merit completions during this period is greatly reduced. Therefore, the normally planned Court of Honor scheduled for February 8, 2021 has been moved to the campout on Friday, February 12, 2021. Also, the Order of the Arrow call out will also be held the same day. We also have Scout Sunday which is scheduled for February 21, 2021.

In March, the merit badge theme will be Backpacking and Hiking. The Backpacking and Hiking Campout is scheduled for March 19-21, 2021 at Lone Star Trail. 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



Forest H.	Life	1/4/21
Chris S.	Life	1/4/21
Tyler P.	Life	1/11/21
Cody M.	Life	1/25/21

**Congratulations on a job well done!**

# December Merit Badges



Matthew L.	Horsemanship	1/2/21
Nate M.	Horsemanship	1/3/21
Beau K.	Cooking*	1/4/21
Morgan L.	Cit. Community*	1/4/21
Nate M.	Cit. Community*	1/4/21
Dominic C.	Camping*	1/11/21
Tyler L.	Cooking*	1/11/21
Aidan L.	Horsemanship	1/17/21
Aidan L.	Golf	1/25/21
Tyler P.	Cit. Community*	1/25/21

\*Eagle Merit Badges

## Scoutmaster Thoughts



Hey Troop!

I would like to start off by thanking our SPL, Spencer G, and the rest of the Youth Leadership. They all did a great job working through the transition from all virtual meetings, to hybrid activities to now getting back to all in person meetings and camp outs. Spencer and the rest of the leadership deserve a round of applause. I would like to congratulate Cody M. as our incoming SPL and the rest of the Troop leadership for the Spring. I know that they will all do a great job!

I am disappointed that we had to cancel Winter Camp but understand the concerns about so many people getting together over a weekend during Covid. Even though we lost the opportunity to work on Merit Badges during Winter Camp, I hope everyone takes advantage of all the Merit Badge Counselors the Troop has to get caught up before Summer Camp comes around.

I'm looking forward to February's activities with our Wilderness Survival camp out and having a Troop campfire for our Court of Honor and Order of the Arrow Call Out. Our PLC is working hard to finalize plans for the Spring programs and planning our activities for the Fall. It's going to be a great year!

YIS

Jorge Piñón

Scoutmaster Troop 839

# SPL Thoughts



Howdy troop!

First things first I would like to thank you guys for an amazing 6 months as SPL. I am sad that we did not get to have winter camp this year, but At least we can look forward to the wilderness survival camp. And finally I would like to wish our incoming leadership team goodluck with their upcoming term.

YIS,  
Spencer Godell  
Senior Patrol Leader Troop 839

## Advancement Notes



*Add this  
to your to  
do list!*

If you are using the TM Mobile App to view your data in Troopmaster, remember to you will need to sync the database on your phone. To get the most recent information about your record, you will need to tap the Sync icon in the top right (2 circled arrows) and then tap on Sync on the following screen. This will pull down you current information from the Web.

This may be a great time to sync your phone for many of the Troop leadership positions have changed. These have all been updated in Troopmaster.

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).

YIS  
Carl Torres  
Advancement Chair Troop 839



TM Mobile App

### 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