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Troop 839 Newsletter - Fall 2023



Mustang Island State Park

For more pictures of what we do
checkout the Troop 839 Facebook page

Boy Scout Troop 839 Positions

*Congratulations
Troop Leaders!*

Troop Positions

SPL	Dominic C.
ASPL	Seth G.
ASPL	Cade S.
Quartermaster	Leo S.
Quartermaster	Wyatt R.
Chaplain's Aide	Simon R.
Scribe	Oliver B.
Historian	Open
Librarian	Owen T.
Webmaster	Randall S.
Outdoor Ethics	William M.
O.A. Rep	Matthew L.

Patrol Leaders

Badgers	Mason P.
JYD	Nate M.
Viking	Bryan A..
Sasquatch	Nathan K.
Wolves	Gray S.
Leviathan	Brayden P.
Psycho Sq.	Hudson W.

Troop Guides

Morgan L.
Keegan L.

IMPORTANT DATES

Topic

Date

11/10-12/2023	Biking/Medieval Times
12/8-10/2023	Wilderness Survival Camp
12/16/2023	Wreaths Across America
1/13-15/2024	Winter Camp
2/11/2024	Scout Sunday @ FPCK
2/16-18/2024	Shooting Sports Camp
3/9-12/2024	Guadalupe Peak/Caverns
3/15-17/2024	Hiking/Backpacking
4/19-21/2024	District Camporee
5/10-12/2024	Schlitterbahn Camp
6/15-23/2024	Summer Camp

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

Mark your Calendars!



SPL Thoughts

Hi Troop!

Thank you to the Sasquatch, Vikings, and Junkyard Dogs patrols for all of your hard work putting together the meeting programs over the past 3 months - you've all done a great job. The Mustang Island campout and the canoeing campout were great activities with perfect weather! I'm really looking forward to participating in the Wilderness Survival skills training that the Wolves patrol will teach us during our November meetings, in preparation for the December Wilderness Survival campout. Get your bike ready! Next up is Medieval Times and Biking at the Cedar Hill State Park November 10-12. I hope everybody can make it! Your SPL, Dominic

Advancement Notes

I hope everyone enjoyed the Canoe Campout. Winter camp is just around the corner. It will be at Camp Holy Wild from January 13 – 15, 2024. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there. The weather will be great! (fingers crossed). This is a great time to get those Scoutmaster Conferences and Board of Reviews done.

Our next Court of Honor is coming up. So, get those nearly completed merit badges done, signed off, and turned in. 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 JarrodReese@yahoo.com.

Jarrod Reese, 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.

Fall 2023 Merit Badges



Rank Advancements

Jackson S.	Tenderfoot	9/23
Nathan K.	Second Class	10/23
William E.	First Class	10/23
Harrison Q.	Tenderfoot	10/23
Colton P.	First Class	10/23

Merit Badges

To many to list

Scoutmaster Thoughts



Hello Troop,

Our scouts have been working hard on merit badges, building essential outdoor skills, and developing friendships. Recent camping trips to Mustang Island SP and Martin Dies SP were a huge success, with scouts demonstrating camping expertise and teamwork. Surprisingly, the Scouts were surprised at how much sand there is when you camp at the beach....and having lunch in our canoes on the water while observing the solar eclipse was awesome!

As we head into the upcoming months, there are an array of exciting adventures planned, including a service project assisting with parking at FPCK during the Festival of Angels on Nov 4th as well as camps each month on the calendar through July, 2024.

Thanks for your ongoing support, and remember, the journey of scouting is filled with invaluable life lessons and unforgettable memories. Keep up the excellent work, Scouts!

Yours In Scouting,
Bill Spijkerman
Scoutmaster Troop 839

Eagle Rank Court of Honor

Congratulations to Josh Y., Tommy A., Dominic C., Brody R., and Alex L.
Special thanks to their parents and the adult leaders that helped along the way.





Wreaths Across America
HOUSTON

Wreaths Across America - Houston

<https://waahouston.com/>

The mission is to Remember, Honor and Teach as we place a wreath upon the gravesites at the Houston National Cemetery. Last year Troop 839 helped place thousands of wreaths, **this years event is December 16.**

Our Scouts have two ways to participate, by placing wreaths and by promoting the event, which includes a fundraising opportunity. Your Scout can create a profile that family and friends can support. Each wreath sale contributes \$5 to your sons Incentive Account that can be used to pay for camps and equipment.

<https://waahouston.com/sponsorship-groups/>



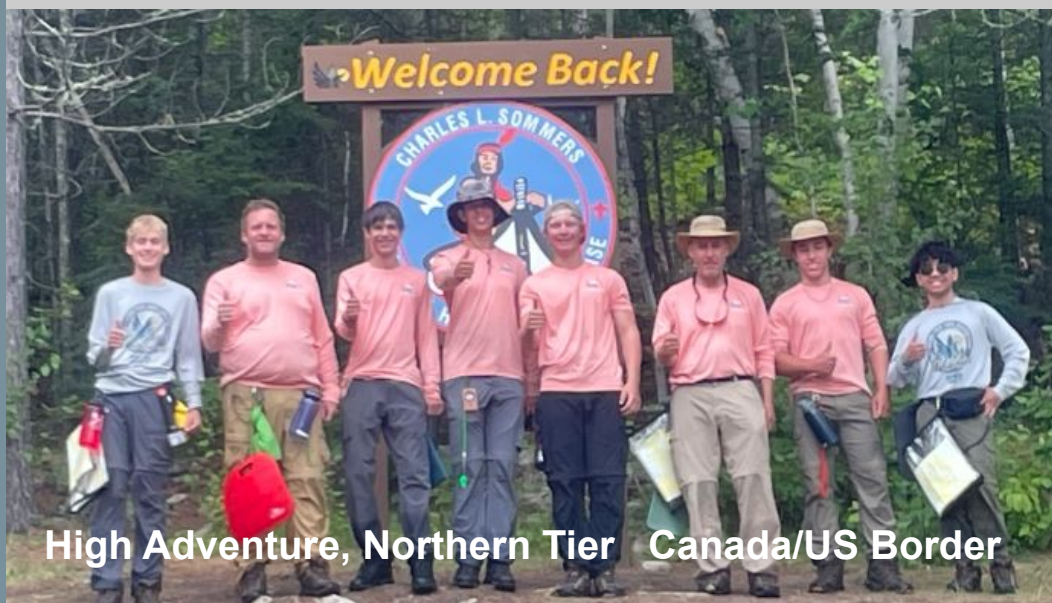
Adult Leadership & Volunteer Opportunities

Hello Parents,

Troop 839 is a Scout led troop, but the Scouts need adults to make their ideas and plans a reality. There are ongoing volunteer roles and one-time opportunities. Existing opportunities include merit badge counselor, trailer pullers, adult campers, committee members, range safety officers, and more. Sometimes it's as simple as having two adults present to comply the youth protection guidelines. Bottom line....we need parents assistance for the Troop to thrive. Talk to a uniformed adult to arrange joining us at camp or with any volunteer questions.



International Scout Center, Kandersteg Switzerland



High Adventure, Northern Tier Canada/US Border



A Message from our Committee Chair

It is recharter time for Troop 839! We have sent E-mails to every family concerning recharter. We are asking that all recharter paperwork be turned in by November 27th so that we will have an on-time recharter with the Council.

Recently a change happened where E-mails sent to Gmail addresses are being bounced back when they are sent from a troop E-mail account and are sent BCC (blind carbon copy). We do not know how or why this change was made. We encourage everyone with a Gmail account to check their settings and be sure to allow E-mails from a troop839.com or troop839.net address to come through.

Scouting activities are happening almost every weekend for the next six weeks. We want you to be involved! There are sign-ups and notices at our weekly troop meetings. Remember, Scouting is a participation activity, and we want you to participate!

David Godell

Troop Committee Chairman

High Adventure - Summer 2024



Mustang Island SP & USS Lexington



Canoeing at Martin Dies Jr. SP

