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Troop 839 October News Letter

What we did This Month

This month Troop 839 went on a trip to Washington on the Brazos. We toured the Star of the Republic Museum and had a scavenger hunt then we went to the place where they signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and got to learn a lot about Texas history and how Texas won its independence.





Upcoming in November & December



November's theme is bicycling. We are going on our biking campout at Lake Houston Wilderness Park from November 13th to November 15th. We will be learning about bike safety and bike parts. Since the campout is relatively close make sure you get your bikes checked out and your helmet is in good condition and the right size. In December we are having our horsemanship campout at the Horseback Rodeo in Conroe on December 11th through the 13th.

Rank Advancements This Month



Braeden G.	1st Class	10/07/20
Andrew D.	Eagle	10/13/20
Trevor P.	Eagle	10/13/20
Cade S.	2nd Class	10/17/20
Bryan A.	Tenderfoot	10/17/20
Scott S.	1st Class	10/28/20
Nathan W.	Eagle	10/22/20
Zane M.	Eagle	10/22/20

Merit Badges

Tyler L.
Tyler L.
Peyton S.

Communications
Citizenship In The Community
Fly Fishing

10/15/20
10/25/20
10/31/20



Scoutmaster Thoughts



Hey Troop!

What a great October! We learned about the history of Texas and Houston along with the spirit and determination of the people who founded our great city and state. I grew up in Houston but this was my first time visiting Washington on the Brazos. What a phenomenal opportunity to visit where the Texas Declaration was signed. We're lucky to have this place so close to us and I look forward to going again to experience the rest of the park. The Patrols are really coming together as tight units which was on display during our camp out with everything working great. I would say one of my favorite parts was the campfire program which included some brand new skits and jokes. Now it's time to get our bikes in working order and to hit the trails at Lake Houston Wilderness Park.

YIS

Jorge Piñón
Scoutmaster
Troop 839



SPL Thoughts

Howdy Troop!

This October was an amazing month! The zoom meetings have been going very well and congratulations to your ASPL, Sean S, for winning the kahoot competition.

The PLC and the program patrol have an excellent program for November. All of us are excited about the bicycling campout on November 15th at Lake Houston park. We have OA elections coming up as well as our first court of honor in a long time. I look forward to seeing all of you in person, over zoom, and at the campout.

YIS
Spencer G

Mr. deMasi's Announcement

Wreaths Across America-Houston Service Hours: Saturday, December 19th

- Event:** The traditional wreath laying event has been changed due to COVID-19 restrictions. It is now a Drive-Thru event to maintain social distancing.
- Need:** At some point some sections of the cemetery will be filled to a point where it becomes a problem with social distancing. We need Scouts and Scout Radio Operators to help monitor the sections for crowds. You will not have to deal with the problem. Each Scout will be paired with a Radio Scout as a team. We may also have some opportunity for traffic control.
- Time:** It all starts at 8:00am and should be done by 2:00pm.
- Sign-Up:** Signing up is required. We have to let the cemetery know how many people will be on site.
- Bonus:** We will bring around snacks and drinks to your area. The day comes with a patch. Yes, all of those hours are Service Hours.

All you need to do is to let us know that you want to do it. We will be adding all the names to a list. Send the email to committeechair@troop839.com

Here is the Troop 839 for wreath fundraising if you like:
<https://waahouston.salsalabs.org/2020a/t/bsatroop839/index.html>

YIS
Mr. deMasi

Other Announcements

Hello Troop!

Now that we are meeting in-person it is very important to remember we must abide by the Church's request to wear masks at all times inside the church building and to maintain social distancing while both inside and outside the church building. It was made very clear to us that violations of these rules will cause us to lose our ability to meet in-person. Let's show them that Scouts can do it right!

Speaking of social distancing, we are making another change when it comes to arrival to and departure from campouts. Instead of limiting the number of people to three people per vehicle, we are leaving it to the discretion of the parents. That said, the Troop *STRONGLY ENCOURAGES* maintaining social distancing at all times.

It is recharter time! This is when we all pay our annual dues so that we may continue participating in the Wonderful World of Scouting. I have sent / tried to send an E-mail to every family with recharter information. If you did not receive the information please E-mail me at committeechair@troop839.com. We have a very small window to get our recharting completed and the quicker it is turned in, the sooner we can move on to more fun stuff!

If you have not expressed your interest for Summer Camp, please do so as quickly as possible. Mrs. Seay and Mr. Pinon have sent links to express your interest in attending Summer Camp 2021 at the new Camp Strake. You can turn in your first payment along with your recharter paperwork.

The Troop Committee would like to send a Shout Out to everyone who camped in September and/or October! Thanks to your efforts we have had no real issues with ANYTHING. You are getting along, you are social distancing, and you are wearing masks – all things we need to ensure we can continue to camp. WAY TO GO!

Yours in Scouting,
David Godell
Committee Chair