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Troop 839 October Newsletter



Boy Scout Troop 839 Positions

*Congratulations
Troop Leaders!*

Troop Positions

SPL	Spenser E.
ASPL	Andrew W.
ASPL	Sean S.
ASPL	Josh Y.
Quartermaster	Christian T.
Quartermaster	Scott S.
Chaplain's Aide	Nate M.
Scribe	Beau K.
Historian	Cade S.
Librarian	Braeden G.
Webmaster	Morgan L.
Bugler	Tommy A.
Den Chief	.
Outdoor Ethics	.

Patrol Leaders

Badgers	Alex L
Dragons	Andrei B
Junkyard Dogs	Oliver B.
Viking	Owen T

Troop Guides

Texas Bandits -

Tyler P.
Peyton S.

Wolverines -

Forrest H.
Dominic C.

IMPORTANT DATES



Topic

Date

OA chapter meeting	14 October
Orienteering/geocaching	15-17 October

Mark your Calendars!

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



Upcoming in October & November



	Rock climbing camp strake 12-14		
OA chapter meeting	14 October	Orienteering/geocaching	15-17 October
Popcorn orders due	2 November	OA pow wow	5-7 November
OA chapter meeting	11 November	Rock climbing campout	12-14 November
Popcorn distribution	20 November		

Rank Advancements

Isaac B	Eagle	8/30/21
Ian C	Scout	9/18/21
Randall S	Tenderfoot	9/27/21
Leo S	2nd Class	9/27/21
Cade S	1st Class	9/27/21
Seth G	Star	9/27/21



August and September Merit

Badges

The Merits of Scouting



Tommy A	Cooking	8/13/21
Spencer G	Personal Fitness	9/27/21
Spencer G	Personal Management	9/27/21
Nate M	Personal Fitness	9/06/21
Cody M	Family Life	9/27/21
Peyton S	Camping	9/03/21
Peyton S	Fish and Wildlife	8/29/21
Peyton S	Personal Management	9/27/21
Owen T	Aviation	9/27/21
Christian T	Personal Management	7/10/21

Scoutmaster Thoughts



Hey Troop!

What a great start to our Scouting year! It was awesome to see everyone at the Ice-cream Social to kick off the year. I think Scouts need to keep track of all the mix ins Mrs. Casto provides, because Spencer Elliott's sister has won this little contest several years in a row.

A big thank you to Mr. Toole for flying his plane down to the Lone Star Flight museum and giving the Troop an in depth walk through of a pre-flight inspection. I'd love to see Owen lead this next time we have the opportunity. Everyone had a great day touring the museum and I think this could be a normal kick off for the year. Thank you to the Ward brothers for encouraging this trip.

Our first camp out of the year was a huge success, thanks to the hard work put in by Oliver B. and Spencer E. in getting everything put together for a fun month. I was proud to see all the older Scouts lead our first year Scouts in learning their lashings. The morning competitions were very close and there were some great camp gadgets built in the afternoon. I'm glad our acting SPL was paraded around the camp site in the throne instead of me. A couple of teams spent some serious time designing and building a catapult and guillotine. Luckily, the guillotine did not have an actual blade. But I have to say that my favorite event was the Iron Chef competition. Each Patrol was given a box of pancake mix, hot chocolate mix, pudding cups, graham crackers, gummy bears and bacon bits. Every Patrol did a great job and it was down to the JunkYard Dogs and Coffee Pot Patrol in the finals. Ultimately, the JunkYard Dogs having the only warm entry put them over the top.

I can't wait for October as the Scouts hone their orienteering skills to compete in the Sealed Orders event during our next camp out. I can only imagine what Mr. Godell has in store for the Troop.

YIS,

Jorge Piñón
Scoutmaster Troop 839

SPL Thoughts



The troop did an amazing job not only planning for the camp out but also not having any problems when at the campout. I unfortunately couldn't go to the camp out but from my appointed SPL it sounds like everyone had a blast! I was even a bit shocked when some of the food they actually cooked was edible and still trying to figure out how Mr. Pinon had the willpower to eat pancake mix, Hot chocolate mix, pudding cups, Graham crackers, gummy bears, and especially the bacon bits at the end all mixed together. I'm glad someone ate that because I'm not sure that I would if I was there. I'm looking forward to the next upcoming campouts, The next one being the orienteering/sealed orders should be amazing because of the challenges that Mr. Godell has set up for the scouts.

YIS,
Spencer Elliott

Advancement Notes

Keep this date in mind! Troop 839's Fall Court of Honor is presently planned to take place on Monday, October 18, 2021. If you are close to completing a merit badge or rank advancement and would like to have it recognized during the Court of Honor schedule to get it

completed soon! The last day to turn in completed blue cards or rank advancements is September 30, 2021 for recognition during the Fall Court of Honor.

If you have 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

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.

A Message from our Committee Chair

Thank goodness it is October! As the temperatures begin to cool our desires to get outdoors grow stronger. Luckily Troop 839 has the solution – CAMPING! The October campout will be like none other that we have had in over 12 years, and it promises to be fun. We will be spending minimal time in the campsite at Huntsville State Park as we explore areas of the park you may have never seen. Bring a compass, a writing utensil, and your sense of adventure!

Recharter is also starting this month. With recharter we re-dedicate ourselves to another year of friendship, fellowship, and participating in the greatest youth organization the world has ever known – Scouting! Please be on the lookout for the first of several E-mails concerning recharter. Remember – the incentive account can be used to offset the cost of recharter. If you aren't sure of your balance, please let us know.

In order to have a troop, you must have Scouts. In order to have a successful troop, you must have active parents. WE NEED YOU! Many of our adult leaders have youth that are aging out and it is time for new people to step up. Better to apprentice now instead of scrambling in May to fill gaps. Please join us at our next Committee Meeting so that we can ensure continuity in leadership for our Scouts. They depend upon us – let's not let them down!

A special shout-out is in order for the September campout. While unable to attend in-person, I was excited and impressed to see the camp gadgets and the response from the Iron Chef competition. Where do great ideas like this come from? The Patrol Leaders' Council! Our youth knew what they wanted and how they wanted it done. This is incredibly impressive! Every Scout has a voice on the PLC through their Patrol Leader. It is important our youth express their desires to their Patrol Leaders so they can bring them to the PLC. While I can assure you our youth leaders are not mind readers, they are very receptive to ideas.

Yours in Scouting,

*David Godell
Committee Chair*

“It is amazing what you can accomplish when you do not care who gets the credit.” – Harry Truman