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Troop 839 January Newsletter



Boy Scout Troop 839 Positions

*Congratulations
Troop Leaders!*

Troop Positions

SPL	Sean S
ASPL	Alex L
ASPL	Tyler L
ASPL	Andrew W
Quartermaster	Nate M
Chaplain's Aide	Morgan L
Scribe	Josh Y
Historian	Andrei B
Librarian	Cade S
Webmaster	Scott S
Bugler	Christian T

Patrol Leaders

Badgers	Brody R
Dragons	Seth S
Junkyard Dogs	Oliver B.
Viking	Matthew Lym
Texas Bandits	Hayden C
Wolverines	Leo S

Troop Guides

Tyler P,
Noah K,
Seth G

IMPORTANT DATES



<u>Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bark Mulch Packets Distributed	1-3-22
OA Chapter Meeting	1-13-22
Winter Camp @ Lake Houston Park	1/15/22 - 1/17/22
MLK Day	1/17/22
Scout Fair Kick-off	1/20/22
Bark Mulch Sales Day Blitz	1/22/22
Scouting for Food Hanger Distribution	1/29/22
Scouting for Food - Pick-up	2/5/22

Mark your Calendars!

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



Upcoming in January



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Rank Advancements

Carter D



December And January Merit Badges

The Merits of Scouting



Aidan L. Camping 12/6/2021

Scoutmaster Thoughts



Happy New Year Troop!

I hope everyone enjoyed a couple of weeks celebrating with family and friends. The Troop had a year full of adventures, challenges to learn and grow from, opportunities to serve our community and new friends to share this all with. With so many great experiences, it is so hard for me to say which was my favorite. But a couple to stand out - I was really nervous to be the only judge for the Iron Chef competition, but every Patrol came up with a great desert and it was a tough decision to pick out the winner. The other event that really sticks in my mind is the Orienteering / Sealed Orders camp out. I couldn't have been prouder of how the Patrols took off on their own without adults to complete the challenge. It was awesome to see everyone use the skills they have learned to make their way through the trails using compass and map to decipher coded instructions. Now it's time to look forward to a new year and all that it has to offer; new Troop leadership, getting back to our shooting camp out, returning to Big Bend, finally getting to complete a tubing trip down the Guadalupe River and summer camp in Colorado. Who knows what the PLC will plan for the fall, but I do know it will be memorable!

YIS,

Jorge Piñón
Scoutmaster Troop 839

SPL Thoughts



Hey Troop!

The last campout was out of this world.. sadly not literally. I was so grateful that we got the opportunity to go to the Observatory at the park, but a little disappointed that we didn't see too much with the clouds rolling in. I felt like the field games and all the activities went great! The upcoming campout is Winter camp so be prepared for some cold weather out there! I'm hopping that we have a great time and that we eat some always amazing food while we are there.

YIS,
Spencer Elliott

Advancement Notes

I hope had a wonderful Christmas and New Years. Winter Camp is a great opportunity to earn merit badges. Also, for scouts working on rank advancements to hold Scoutmaster Conferences and Board of Reviews. Note that Winter Camp will be held at Camp Holy Wild on January 15-17, 2021 which goes from Saturday through Monday. Note that Monday is a school holiday. Our next Court of Honor (COH) is February 14, 2022 (Valentine's Day). All Rank and Merit Badge information will need to be completed by January 31, 2021 to be recognized at this COH. On January 2, 2022, new parents that did not have access to Troopmaster before were given access. This permits you to see your scouts Troopmaster records via a computer or your cell phone. This will be mostly a read only access, but does permit the parent to update their personal information and their scout's using the computer access. You should have received an email from me, CarlTorres.TM2739@troopmaster.email entitled "Troopmaster Web Account Settings" on January 2, 2022. If you are a new parent to the Troop this year and did not receive an email entitle above, please contact me at Advancement@troop839.com. It maybe that I do not have your email in the system. The new scouts will, in the future, get access to their information as well. If the Scout does not have an email address the information will be sent their parent. The scout account will be read only access but they will be able to review their scout digital data via a computer or their cell phone. 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

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.

Committee notes

Welcome to 2022!

We are starting off this new calendar year with Scouting every weekend through the end of the month. From the bi-annual PLC planning to Winter Camp to Bark Mulch, the District Recognition Banquet, and finishing off with an Eagle Scout Court of Honor, we are a full month planned.

It is very important that every Scout in the troop communicates with their newly elected patrol leaders about what they want to do in the fall. Where to camp, activities, etc. will all be planned next Saturday.

Bark Mulch is the only fundraiser facilitated by the Troop and allows our troop to go places that other units and Scouts can only dream about. If we are to continue with facilitating the dreams and goals of our sons, we must sell bark mulch. Every Scout must CALL the people on their contact list to sell mulch. These are existing customers and are as close to a guaranteed sale as you can get. Remember, this year the minimum for delivery is 10 bags, but the price remains the same at \$5.00 per bag. You cannot get a better deal even if you were to mulch your own bark!

What will the weather be for Winter Camp? According to the broken crystal ball I have, it looks like the temperatures will be in the 70s with a chance of snow. Seriously, I don't know. What I do know is that a Scout should Be Prepared. The leadership planning Winter Camp is planning for highs in the 70's, lows in the 20's, rain, snow, and abundant sunshine. Be sure to mark your calendars for the Sunday night campfire that ends with the Order of the Arrow calling out new candidates into Scouting's honor society. It will be a great weekend!

Scouting cannot happen without parent participation, and our troop is blessed to have this participation. The District Recognition Banquet is the one event in Scouting dedicated to thanking our volunteers for their countless hours of work ensuring our youth have the best youth program in the country. Several people from our unit have been nominated for different awards. We will find out on Friday, January 21st who has been selected by the District's Nominating Committee.

Scouting is about the youth, and on Saturday, January 29th we will be honoring a Scout who has reached the pinnacle of Scouting – Eagle Scout. Let's gather to congratulate Tristan for the outstanding achievement that only 4% of all Scouts ever reach, and to use this opportunity to rededicate ourselves to reaching the pinnacle of Scouting. I look forward to seeing you at the Court of Honor!

Have questions? Let us know! You can E-mail me at committeechair@troop839.com. I am here to serve both the youth and adults of Troop 839, and look forward to helping you and your Scout achieve their goals.

Yours in Scouting,

David Godell

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