

Troop 839



Summer camp Strake-2021

We're going places



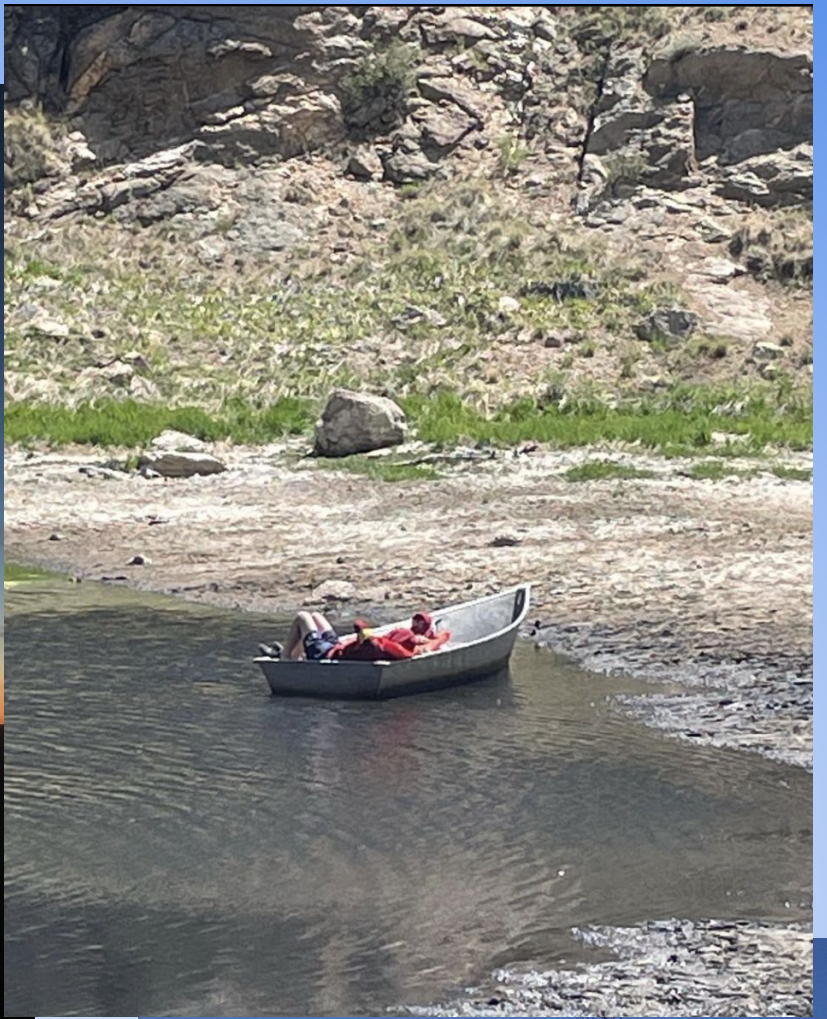
final SPL note from Sean

Hey Troop!

Our troop went to summercamp at Camp Alexander in Colorado. We had a blast working on merit badges and doing other fun activities. Some scouts got the chance to go on a high adventure trip where they hiked up many challenging mountains. I was excited to show our newest scouts what summercamp is all about as they went on their first ever summercamp. We've had a great year, troop. I have been honored to serve as y'all's SPL and I look forward to reading Peyton Seay's first SPL thoughts.

June Newsletter





Announcements and Upcoming Events

- Helping clean up after the July 4th parade
- **Have a good summer!**

Coming up in July

- July 4th: Independence day!



Positions of Responsibility

SPL
ASPL
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Quartermaster
Chaplain's Aide
Scribe
Historian
Librarian
Webmaster
Bugler

Troop Guides:

Patrol Leaders:

Badgers
Dragons
Junkyard Dogs
Viking
Texas Bandits
Wolverines

Rank Advancements and Merit Badges

Who earned merit badges: Bryan A, Oliver B, Samuel B, Gabe B, Andrei B, Dominic C, Jackson C, Hayden C, Isaac D, Carter D, William E, Matthew F, (Jimmy) F, Seth G, Braeden G, Colton G, Ethan H, Logan K, Nathan K, Lars K, Noah K, Nicholas Km, Alex L, Morgan L, Matthew L, Keegan L, Colton P, Wyatt R, Simon R, Brody R, Cade S, Randall S, Leo S, Seth S, Scott S, Gray S, Sean S, Owen T, Jonathan T, Joshua Y

Ranks earned: **scout rank:** Ethan H | **tenderfoot:** Colton P, Gray S, Wyatt R, Gabe B | **second class:** Randall S | **first class:** William M | **life:** Andrei B

[Sheet of merit badges and ranks earned at summercamp](#)

Mr. Torres note on ranks and merit badges

Weather at Camp Alexander was fantastic! Temperatures during the day was mid-70s with a couple mornings in the mid-30s. You couldn't ask for better weather. It was a very busy week for the scouts in this wonderful weather. Our scouts participated in 144 merit badge classes during the week at summer camp. By the end of the week, 80 merit badges had been earned. Excellent work!

Summer Camp is not the only time in the summer you can earn merit badges. This can be done anytime throughout the summer. The list below provides the 10 steps for earning merit badge. So, if you have time, review the merit badges you may have an interested in. These can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>. Once you have selected a merit badge or two, email me at Advancement@troop839.com with your selection. I will inform you who the Counselor is for the merit badge(s) and work with you getting you the blue card for the merit badge.

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 Advancement@troop839.com.

Have a great summer!

Carl Torres
Advancement Chair

Scoutmaster's Thoughts



Hey Troop!

It's only been a week, but I am already missing the cool Rocky Mountain weather. After years of sweltering summer camps, we needed warm sleeping bags to get through the cold Colorado nights. Along with the great weather, the Troop was treated to beautiful mountain views, challenging hikes and a 2 hour white water rafting trip down the Arkansas River. Over 80 Merit Badges were earned and 7 Scouts advanced in rank during our week at Camp Alexander. 10 of our Scouts participated in the Outback program, spending the week completing high adventure activities. I was proud as I saw each one of them come over the ridge, completing a 7 mile hike, gaining 4,000 feet, to the top of Pike's Peak. Apparently, they are all ready to do this again in 3 years to celebrate my 55th birthday. I guess I need to start getting in practice hikes. A huge thank you has to go out to Wyatt Reese's grandparents who let us spend the night at their home on the way to camp. I am so thankful for their generous hospitality.

I am looking forward to closing out our Scouting year with the annual Kingwood 4th of July parade back on. This is one of my favorite events with the Troop closing out the parade and providing a service to the community. Before you know it, the ice cream social will be here in August and the fun will start all over again!

I hope everyone has an amazing summer!

YIS,

Jorge Piñón
Scoutmaster Troop 839

Committee Notes

Attending: Jorge Pinon Tom Steinhilber Fred Jackson Kevin Kabel Stacy Seay
Bill Spijkerman David Eastwood David Godell Todd Kammerdiener

The next committee meeting will be August 16, 2022.

[Committee notes here](#)