

EAGLE'S NEST

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AS THE BREEZE FINALLY BEGINS TO RUSTLE THROUGH THE LEAVES AND THE DAYS GROW SHORTER, WE FIND OURSELVES IN THE HEART OF ANOTHER EXCITING ADVENTURE-FILLED SEASON WITH OUR TROOP. IT'S TIME TO GATHER 'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE, SHARE STORIES, AND MAKE NEW MEMORIES.

IN THIS EDITION OF OUR TROOP NEWSLETTER, WE'VE GOT A TREASURE TROVE OF UPDATES, INSIGHTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS TO KEEP YOU IN THE LOOP. FROM RECENT CAMPING TRIPS TO MERIT BADGE ACHIEVEMENTS, LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHTS TO COMMUNITY SERVICE INITIATIVES, WE'VE GOT IT ALL COVERED.

BUT BEFORE WE DIVE INTO THE DETAILS, LET'S TAKE A MOMENT TO CELEBRATE THE CAMARADERIE AND DEDICATION THAT DEFINE OUR TROOP. IT'S THROUGH OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW THAT WE CONTINUE TO GROW, LEARN, AND THRIVE AS A SCOUTING FAMILY.

DID YOU KNOW...

VOYAGER 1: FACTS ABOUT EARTH'S FARTHEST SPACECRAFT



VOYAGER 1 IS THE FIRST SPACECRAFT TO TRAVEL BEYOND THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND REACH INTERSTELLAR SPACE.

THE PROBE LAUNCHED ON SEPT. 5, 1977 — ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER ITS TWIN VOYAGER 2 — AND AS OF AUGUST 2022 IS APPROXIMATELY 14.6 BILLION MILES (23.5 BILLION KILOMETERS) AWAY FROM OUR PLANET, MAKING IT EARTH'S FARTHEST SPACECRAFT. VOYAGER 1 IS CURRENTLY ZIPPING THROUGH SPACE AT AROUND 38,000 MPH (17 KILOMETERS PER SECOND), ACCORDING TO NASA JET PROPULSION LABORATORY.

WHEN VOYAGER 1 LAUNCHED A MISSION TO EXPLORE THE OUTER PLANETS IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM NOBODY KNEW HOW IMPORTANT THE PROBE WOULD STILL BE 45 YEARS LATER THE PROBE HAS REMAINED OPERATIONAL LONG PAST EXPECTATIONS AND CONTINUES TO SEND INFORMATION ABOUT ITS JOURNEYS BACK TO EARTH.

DISTRICT 10 FLAG CEREMONY



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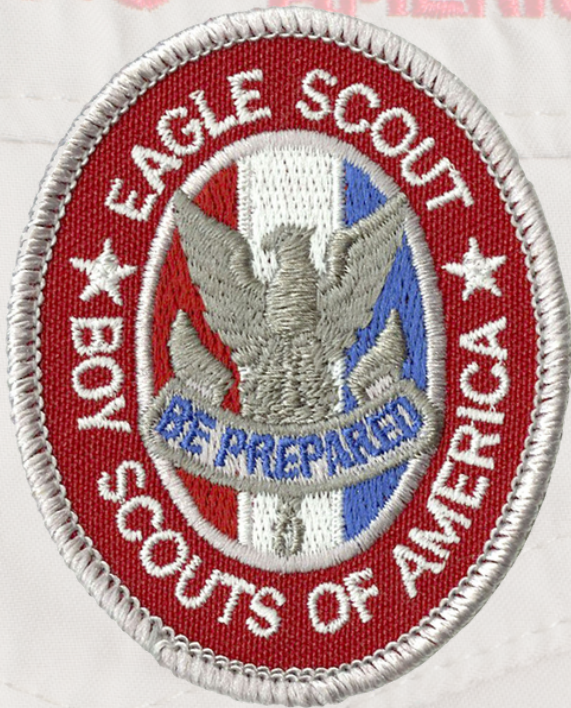
THANKS AGAIN TO ALL THE SCOUTS, SCOUT FAMILIES AND FRIENDS FOR COMING OUT AND PARTICIPATING IN DISTRICT 10 MONTHLY OPENING FLAG CEREMONY. WE ARE HAPPY TO BE OF SERVICE AND ARE PROUD TO BE PART OF A GREAT CITY.



**D10 COUNCILPERSON
MARC WHYTE**

OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS MARC WHYTE HAS SERVED AS THE DISTRICT 10 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO'S ETHICS REVIEW BOARD, BOARD OF PORT SAN ANTONIO AND THE ZONING COMMISSION. ADDITIONALLY, AT THE STATE LEVEL MR. WHYTE HAS SERVED ON THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION, AND LOCALLY ON THE BOARD OF THE NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE.

WILLIAM EDGAR - EAGLE SCOUT



GOOD JOB WILL!

THE TROOP IS THRILLED TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON EARNING YOUR EAGLE SCOUT RANK. THIS INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT IS A TESTAMENT TO YOUR DEDICATION, PERSEVERANCE, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF SCOUTING.

AS AN EAGLE SCOUT, YOU JOIN AN ELITE GROUP OF YOUNG MEN WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS AND MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE WORLD. YOUR ACHIEVEMENT TODAY IS A TESTAMENT TO YOUR POTENTIAL, AND I AM EXCITED TO SEE ALL THE INCREDIBLE THINGS YOU WILL ACCOMPLISH IN THE FUTURE.

ONCE AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS ON EARNING THE PRESTIGIOUS EAGLE SCOUT RANK, WILLIAM. YOU HAVE MADE YOUR FAMILY, YOUR TROOP, AND THE ENTIRE SCOUTING COMMUNITY IMMENSELY PROUD.

CEMETARY STEWARD PROGRAM

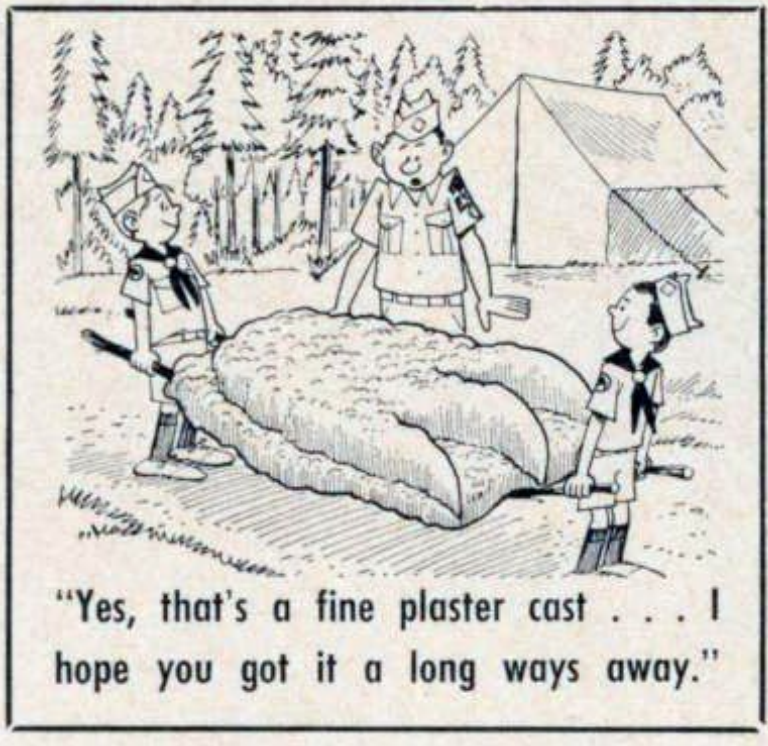


THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAVE PARTNERED TO CREATE THE CEMETERY STEWARD PROGRAM, WHICH TRAINS VOLUNTEERS IN HANDS-ON CEMETERY CONSERVATION AND DOCUMENTATION IN THE CITY'S HISTORIC EASTSIDE CEMETERIES. CEMETERY STEWARDS SURVEY CEMETERY RESOURCES, COMPLETE CONDITIONS ASSESSMENTS, AND CLEAN CEMETERY MONUMENTS AND MARKERS.



THANKS TO ALL THE SCOUTS, SCOUT FAMILIES AND FRIENDS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

BOYS OF AMERICA



TROOP LEADERSHIP TRAINING



How to help youth leaders build a Scout-led troop

Does your youth-led unit display more chaos than control?
Use these tips to help support youth leaders when

THE PURPOSE OF TROOP LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (BSA) IS TO PREPARE YOUTH MEMBERS TO TAKE ON LEADERSHIP ROLES WITHIN THEIR SCOUT TROOPS. THIS TRAINING IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM AND SERVES SEVERAL IMPORTANT PURPOSES:

DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS

YOUTH-LED TROOPS

RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

PREPARATION FOR FUTURE LEADERSHIP

SUPPORTING THE AIMS OF SCOUTING

SUCCESSION PLANNING

ENHANCING THE SCOUTING EXPERIENCE

ENCOURAGING PEER MENTORSHIP

MEETING ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS

OVERALL, TROOP LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN SCOUTS BSA PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN PREPARING YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAD, SERVE, AND MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THEIR COMMUNITIES AND THE WORLD AROUND THEM. IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SCOUTING EXPERIENCE, HELPING SCOUTS BECOME RESPONSIBLE, CAPABLE, AND ETHICAL LEADERS.

2023



**NATIONAL
JAMBOREE**

**SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE
JULY 19-28, 2023**



A NATIONAL JAMBOREE IS A LARGE-SCALE GATHERING OF SCOUTS FROM A SPECIFIC COUNTRY, TYPICALLY ORGANIZED BY THE NATIONAL SCOUTING ORGANIZATION. IT IS A SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THE SCOUTING MOVEMENT, DESIGNED TO BRING TOGETHER SCOUTS FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS AND BACKGROUNDS TO PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP, ADVENTURE, AND THE PRINCIPLES OF SCOUTING.

NATIONAL JAMBOREES OFTEN FEATURE A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CAMPING, HIKING, OUTDOOR SKILLS TRAINING, AND TEAM-BUILDING EXERCISES. THESE EVENTS PROVIDE SCOUTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN NEW SKILLS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, AND DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF SCOUTING VALUES AND TRADITIONS.

MCALISTER PARK JOHNSON GRASS CLEANUP



THANKS TO ALL THE SCOUTS, SCOUT FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME OUT TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF MCALLISTER PARK JOHNSON GRASS ROUNDUP. JOHNSON GRASS IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE WORST INVASIVE WEEDS IN THE WORLD AND INVADERS WETLANDS, FLOODPLAINS, IRRIGATION DITCHES, UNDISTURBED GRASSLANDS, PRAIRIES, SAVANNAS AND RIPARIAN ZONES. BY CONTROLLING IT SPREAD IT ALLOWS NATURAL GRASSES AND VEGETATION TO THRIVE FOR A MORE ECO-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT...

KAYAKING CAMPOUT- SAN MARCOS



THANKS TO ALL THE SCOUTS, SCOUT FAMILIES AND FRIENDS WHO CAME OUT IN SUPPORT OF OUR TROOPS ANNUAL KAYAKING TRIP. SCOUTS NOT ONLY SPENT THE MORNING GOING DOWN THE RIVER, BUT HELPED BEAUTIFY THE RIVER BY DOING THEIR PART TO PICK UP DEBRIS AND TRASH ALONG THE WATERWAY



SCOUT EXPO 2023



THE SCOUTING EXPO IS AN EVENT ORGANIZED BY THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL, INVITING SCOUTS, LEADERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND FAMILIES TO EXPLORE AND DISCOVER THE WIDE RANGE OF EXCITING ADVENTURES AND PROGRAMS THE COUNCIL OFFERS. AT THIS EVENING EVENT, ATTENDEES CAN PREVIEW VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND GET THEIR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF. THE EVENT COVERS A COMPREHENSIVE SPECTRUM OF OFFERINGS, INCLUDING CUB SCOUTS, SCOUTS BSA, AND VENTURING EVENTS, TRAINING, SCOUT NIGHTS, COUNCIL CAMPS AND FACILITIES, SUMMER CAMPS, HIGH ADVENTURE, WOOD BADGE, POWDERHORN, NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING, CLIMBING, COPE, SHOOTING SPORTS, ORDER OF THE ARROW, AND MUCH MORE. IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN SCOUTING TO LEARN ABOUT AND GET INVOLVED IN THE DIVERSE ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY THE ALAMO AREA COUNCIL.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING (NYLT) IS A LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM OFFERED WITHIN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (BSA) ORGANIZATION. NYLT IS DESIGNED TO EMPOWER AND TRAIN YOUNG SCOUTS TO BECOME EFFECTIVE LEADERS WITHIN THEIR TROOPS AND COMMUNITIES. THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON TEACHING ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND PRINCIPLES THROUGH A COMBINATION OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, PRACTICAL EXERCISES, AND HANDS-ON LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES.



NYLT AIMS TO INSTILL IN SCOUTS THE CONFIDENCE, KNOWLEDGE, AND SKILLS NEEDED TO LEAD IN VARIOUS SITUATIONS, BOTH WITHIN THEIR SCOUT UNITS AND IN THEIR DAILY LIVES. BY PARTICIPATING IN NYLT, SCOUTS DEVELOP A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK, WHICH CAN BENEFIT THEM NOT ONLY IN SCOUTING BUT ALSO IN THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

SHOOTING SPORTS- NATIONAL SHOOTING COMPLEX



THE SHOTGUN MERIT BADGE IS ONE OF THE MERIT BADGES OFFERED WITHIN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA (BSA) PROGRAM. THIS BADGE IS DESIGNED TO TEACH SCOUTS THE SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF SHOTGUNS FOR RECREATIONAL SHOOTING. TO EARN THE SHOTGUN MERIT BADGE, SCOUTS MUST DEMONSTRATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND PROFICIENCY IN HANDLING SHOTGUNS, SHOOTING TARGETS, AND UNDERSTANDING SAFETY PROCEDURES.



EARNING THE SHOTGUN MERIT BADGE IS NOT ONLY ABOUT MARKSMANSHIP BUT ALSO ABOUT INSTILLING A STRONG SENSE OF SAFETY AND RESPONSIBILITY WHEN HANDLING FIREARMS. SCOUTS WHO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS BADGE WILL HAVE A GREATER APPRECIATION FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFE AND ETHICAL FIREARM USE, WHICH IS VALUABLE KNOWLEDGE

PATROL LEADER COUNCIL

THE PATROL LEADER COUNCIL (PLC) IN A SCOUT TROOP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AND LEADING TROOP ACTIVITIES. HERE ARE THE TOP FIVE FOCUS ITEMS FOR A PLC:

1. ****TROOP PROGRAM PLANNING:**** THE PLC SHOULD PRIORITIZE PLANNING AN ENGAGING AND WELL-ROUNDED TROOP PROGRAM. THIS INCLUDES SELECTING CAMPING DESTINATIONS, ORGANIZING OUTDOOR ADVENTURES, AND SCHEDULING MERIT BADGE OPPORTUNITIES.

2. ****LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:**** ENCOURAGING LEADERSHIP GROWTH AMONG SCOUTS IS CRUCIAL. THE PLC SHOULD FOCUS ON DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS, DELEGATING RESPONSIBILITIES, AND PROVIDING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PATROL LEADERS AND OTHER TROOP LEADERS.

3. ****COMMUNICATION:**** EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IS KEY TO A SUCCESSFUL TROOP. THE PLC SHOULD WORK ON CLEAR AND REGULAR COMMUNICATION CHANNELS TO KEEP SCOUTS AND LEADERS INFORMED ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS, CHANGES, AND IMPORTANT TROOP NEWS.

4. ****ADVANCEMENT AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT:**** HELPING SCOUTS PROGRESS IN THEIR ADVANCEMENT RANKS AND ACQUIRE NEW SKILLS IS A TOP PRIORITY. THE PLC SHOULD PLAN ACTIVITIES THAT ALIGN WITH MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS AND OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCOUTS TO DEVELOP LEADERSHIP, OUTDOOR, AND LIFE SKILLS.

5. ****SAFETY AND WELL-BEING:**** ENSURING THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF SCOUTS DURING TROOP ACTIVITIES IS PARAMOUNT. THE PLC SHOULD EMPHASIZE SAFETY PROTOCOLS, FIRST AID TRAINING, AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN ALL TROOP OUTINGS.

BY FOCUSING ON THESE KEY AREAS, THE PATROL LEADER COUNCIL CAN PROVIDE AN ENRICHING AND SAFE SCOUTING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL SCOUTS IN THE TROOP.

BACKPACKING - GOVERNMENT CANYON

GOVERNMENT CANYON SITE VISIT - A BIG THANK YOU TO
SCOUTS AND SCOUT FAMILIES!

WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL
THE SCOUTS AND SCOUT FAMILIES WHO JOINED US FOR A
FANTASTIC 5-MILE HIKE AT GOVERNMENT CANYON. YOUR
ENTHUSIASM AND PARTICIPATION MADE THIS VISIT
TRULY SPECIAL.

EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS AND SHARING THIS
EXPERIENCE WITH OUR SCOUTING COMMUNITY IS WHAT
MAKES THESE ADVENTURES SO MEMORABLE. YOUR
PRESENCE AND DEDICATION ARE THE DRIVING FORCE
BEHIND OUR SUCCESSFUL OUTINGS



SCOUT OATH

ON MY HONOR I WILL DO MY BEST
TO DO MY DUTY
TO GOD & MY COUNTRY
AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW
TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES
TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY FIT
MENTALLY AWAKE & MORALLY STRAIGHT

SCOUT LAWS

A SCOUT IS
TRUSTWORTHY
LOYAL
HELPFUL, FRIENDLY
COURTEOUS,
OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL
THRIFTY, BRAVE
CLEAN & REVERENT



THE PURPOSE OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN ACHIEVING THEIR FULL PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL AND SPIRITUAL POTENTIALS AS INDIVIDUALS, AS RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS AND AS MEMBERS OF THEIR LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES.

