

EAGLE'S NEST

A QUARTERLY TROOP NEWSLETTER

JANUARY ~ FEBRUARY ~ MARCH • 2022



TROOP 398 & 3982

The first three months of the year have come to a close and our Scouts, Scout Families, and Friends were busy in their community putting their skills into action - We are greatly appreciative of You and all of Your support, and proud of all our Scouts. We especially want to thank Mike and Renee for all of their dedication and outstanding service to our Troop and the Scouting Program - THANK YOU! Our bylaws and code of conduct are the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

January 2022

Martin Luther King Day - Jan 17
Super Coyote Award-Recipients - Jan 27
Cooking Competition - Laechelin Ranch
Jan 28-30

February 2022

Scout Sunday - Feb 6
Scout Birthday - Feb 8
Blue and Gold - Feb 19
Court of Honor - Feb 22
Wilderness Survival - Elrod Ranch
Feb 25 -27

March 2022

Council Wide Campout - Bear Creek
Mar 4-6
Friesenhahn Service Project Mar 26



The Mission and Vision of the Boy Scouts of America

Mission Statement

"The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

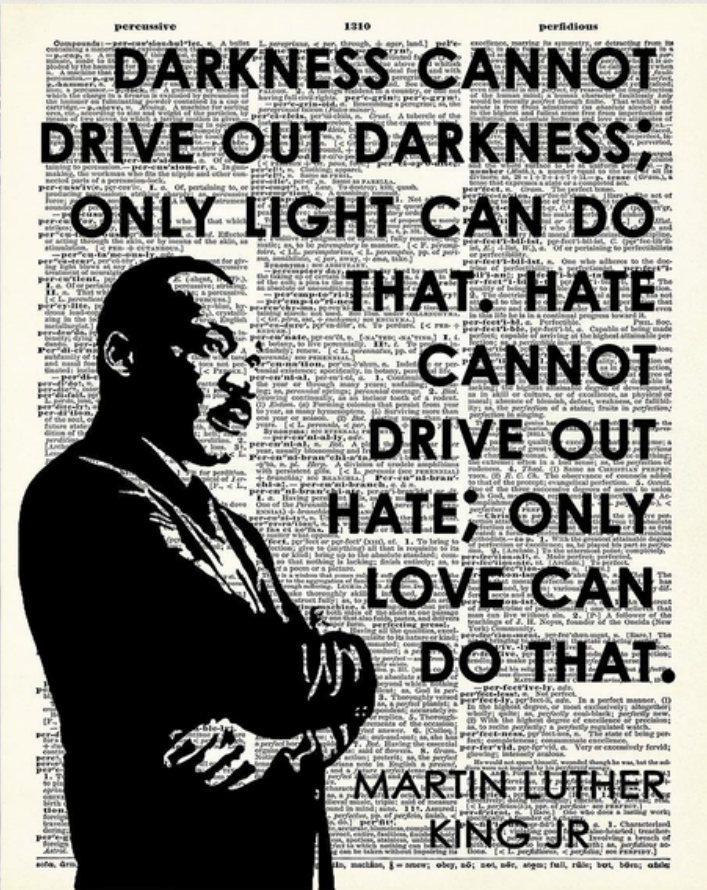
Vision Statement

"The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law."



JANUARY 2022

JANUARY WAS BUSY AND A GOOD TIME TO RESET GIVEN THE PAST 2 YR STRETCH. TROOPS CELEBRATED THEIR COMMUNITY LEADERS, RECOGNIZED OUR COYOTE DISTRICT AWARD RECIPIENTS AND HEADED OUT FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL COOKING COMPETITION



As we celebrate and recognize Martin Luther King Day - His legacy and inspiration underscores our responsibility to be the positive Leaders in our Community - To uphold the tenets of the Scout Oath and Scout Law and to recognize that ALL people are deserving of Love, Dignity, and Respect.

Did you Know? Dr. King was a Boy Scout. He was registered in Troop 151, chartered at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta from the age of 11 to 13, and his father, MLK Sr. was the charter representative-

Citizenship in Society Merit Badge
- The goal of the Citizenship in Society merit badge is to help educate Scouts on what diversity, equity, and inclusion are; why they are important; and how to lead ethically and inclusively to contribute to the cultivation of an environment of belonging for all Scouts.



JANUARY 2022

COYOTE DISTRICT AWARDS RECIPIENT



As the Chartered Organization Representative Mr. Paul Edgar is an active member of the Troop, has been a Troop Committee Member for more than 5 years, and a Committee Member for the Girls Troop since its inception in 2019. He consistently attends Troop meetings, monthly camp outs, summer camps, sits on boards of review, committee meetings, and assists with Troop planning. He has even helped the staff at summer camp - both by volunteering his time to assist teaching Scouts and helping the Camp Ranger with maintenance projects.

Paul is an educator, a Deacon with the chartered organization, and is always willing to share his life experiences to help Scouts and further the Troop program activities. He is a merit badge counselor for more than 30 merit badges, and is routinely sought out for input by the Troop leadership



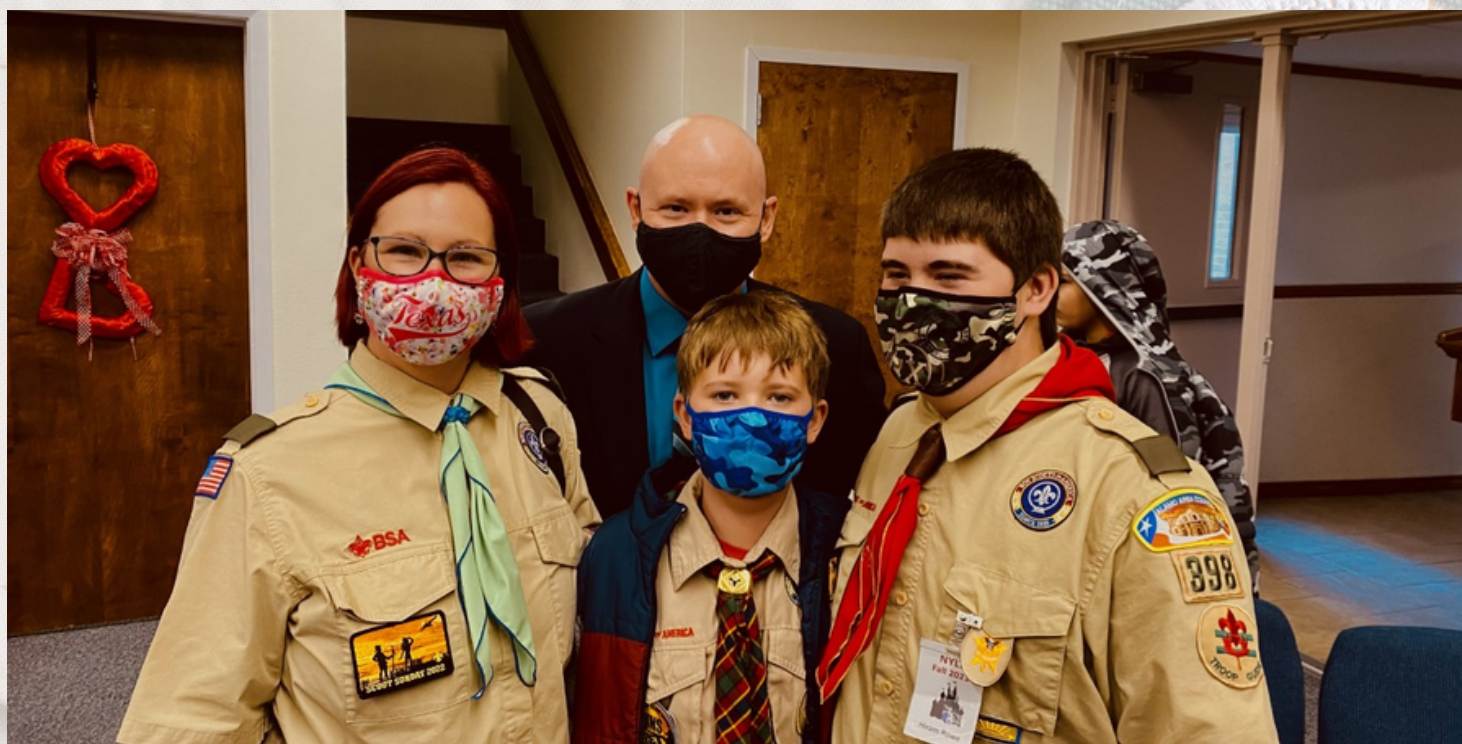
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As a Committee Member for a linked Troop, Tom is an integral part of both units. As Troop Treasurer, Tom has leveraged his professional skills to develop the current budget and reporting process for both Troops.

Tom is also responsible for reserving all campsites for the Troop's monthly campouts - dedicating his time and experience to support the youth leaders and help to execute the Troop program. He routinely offers advice to youth leaders to help them make decisions about camps. He is also responsible for tracking mandated training (e.g., YPT), and leading all aspects of the re-chartering process, including helping the Troop earn the Journey to Excellence streamer. He took on the re-charter role in 2020 and has been an integral part of ensuring the seamless transition from year to year





Over the past year, Angelica has stepped up to help the Troop with membership and fundraising activities. She has been a great advocate for both Troops and has consistently helped by volunteering at Troop Open Houses, talking with Cub Scout parents about transitioning to Scouts BSA, and other events, which has helped increase membership for the Troop.

Angelica attends Troop campouts, meetings, fundraising events, annual planning sessions and routinely provides input to facilitate the success of the Troop. She volunteered to step in as Fundraising Chair, including taking over coordination of popcorn sales, camp cards, etc., and has been a key player in shaping future fundraising/membership events.

JANUARY 2022

2ND ANNUAL COOKING COMPETITION

COOKING COMPETITION

Huge THANK YOU! to the Laechelin Family who opened their homestead to the Troop in support of this campout. Scouts had an opportunity to show off their creative cooking skills in this year's annual cooking competition where 4 Teams of Scouts worked together to serve up a wide range of dishes to include two secret ingredients pineapple and brussel sprouts. Dishes ranged from Tex-Mex to deconstructed kabobs -

Engineers have invented a Brussels sprouts battery that can light up a Christmas tree. The battery is powered with over 1,000 sprouts which light up 100 LEDs.



Pineapples contain an enzyme called bromelain, and when we chew pineapples, bromelain starts to break down proteins in our mouth. Fortunately, by the time it reaches our intestines, the enzyme is broken down, so we don't have to worry about the pineapple eating away at us.

FEBRUARY 2022

FEBRUARY WAS A SHORT MONTH PACKED WITH PLENTY OF FUN AND ADVENTURE - SCOUTS WERE REVERENT DURING SCOUT SUNDAY, CELEBRATED 112 YEARS OF SCOUTING, AND DUTIFUL DURING THE YEARS FIRST COURT OF HONOR BEFORE HEADING OUT INTO THE WILD



THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA DESIGNATES THE SUNDAY THAT FALLS BEFORE FEBRUARY 8 (SCOUTING ANNIVERSARY DAY) AS SCOUT SUNDAY, WHICH IS THE PRIMARY DATE TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS TO SCOUTING



THE FIRST DUTY OF A SCOUT IS TO GOD: AS SUCH WE ENCOURAGE EACH OF OUR SCOUTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY AND FAMILY FAITH FOLLOWINGS - IF SCOUTS HAVE YET TO DEFINE THEIR PARTICULAR REVERENCE, WE ENCOURAGE EVERY SCOUT TO DISCOVER OR REDISCOVER THEIR GOOD ORDERLY DIRECTION WITH THEIR PARENT AND OR GUARDIAN - PLEASE HELP RECOGNIZE MS. ASHLEY HAUGH AS OUR TROOPS NEW RELIGIOUS EMBLEM COORDINATOR AND FAITH-BASED LEADER WHO HAS ACCEPTED THE ROLE TO HELP US ALL IN OUR FAITH BASED JOURNEY

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ON FEBRUARY 8 WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL BOY SCOUT DAY TO HONOR THOSE WHO ARE TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN AND REVERENT. FOUNDED IN 1910, BY AMERICAN W.D. BOYCE, THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA HAS HELPED SHAPE MANY OF OUR NATION'S LEADERS. ACCORDING TO LEGEND, BOYCE WAS LOST ON A FOGGY STREET IN LONDON WHEN AN UNKNOWN SCOUT HELPED HIM BY GUIDING HIM BACK TO HIS HOTEL. WHEN THE BOY REFUSED A TIP, EXPLAINING THAT HE WAS ONLY DOING HIS DUTY AS A SCOUT...

FEBRUARY 2022

BLUE AND GOLD - WE WELCOME THE NEWST SCOUTS FROM PACK 70 AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR SCOUTING ADVENTURE IN THE TROOP



The Blue and Gold banquet is the most exciting event on the Cub Scout calendar. It is the birthday celebration of Cub Scouting. Every family in the Pack can take part in its planning and execution. The banquet is held in February, as this is the anniversary month of the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts of America began in 1910 and Cub Scouting began twenty years later. The BLUE AND GOLD gets its name from the Cub Scout colors -- blue and gold.



FEBRUARY 2022

THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL COURT OF HONOR AS WE GATHERED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO RECOGNIZE SCOUT'S ACHIEVEMENTS, INSTALL NEW LEADERSHIP, AND LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR OF FUN AND ACTIVITIES



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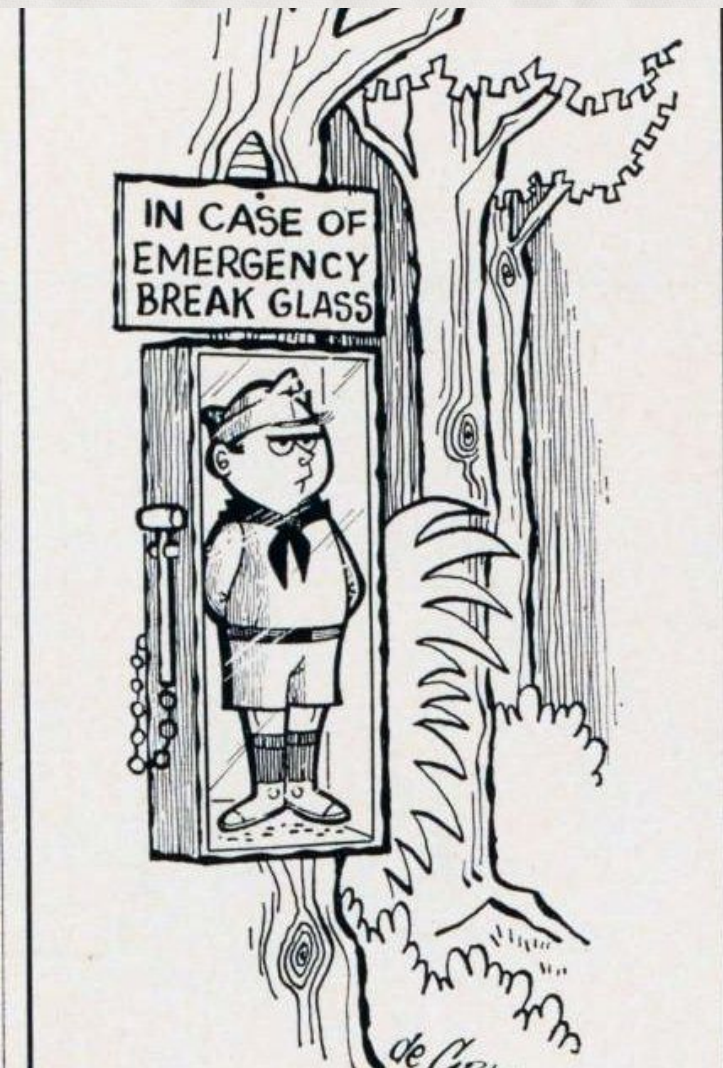
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LEADERSHIP

FEBRUARY 2022

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL - SCOUTS HEADED OUT TO THE BACKCOUNTRY TO TEST THEIR WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS



WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

Hats Off to the Elrod Family who opened their homestead to our Troops as they headed out to the backcountry in the annual Wilderness Survival Campout. Scouts were allowed a shoebox size container filled with essential resources and a tarp for a shelter construction. Weather was wet and freezing but our Scouts pushed on and had a great time creating various tarp shelters and demonstrating their Scout Skills. Upon Return to base camp - Scout Leaders prepared a hearty Waffle Breakfast Bar and our Scouts ate to their hearts content.



17 BASIC WILDERNESS SURVIVAL SKILLS

Everyone Should Know

Finding & Purifying Water:

Boiling water is the easiest method to purify water. To clean out the sediments simply use a cloth or bag with some gravel and sand.



Finding Food:

Finding edible plants to eat might be the easiest way to get food into your body. It's important to know which plants are safe and which aren't because some are extremely toxic.



Navigating:

The Compass is an important tool to carry with you, if you don't have one you can create one or use the sun/stars to navigate your way out.



Knot Tying:

Being able to tie a knot is a super handy skill to have. You may need to repair something, build something, or hold something up.



Mental Attitude:

Mental attitude is essential for survival. Try and maintain calm. Take some deep breaths. Assess the situation. Believe in yourself. And get to work.



Basics of Food Preservation:

Always take the weather into consideration, if it's extremely windy, you want to set up behind some trees or boulders to help block the wind. If it's snowy, you may want to dig down into the snow to create some insulation.



Forecasting Weather:

Learning to forecast weather will give you enough time to take appropriate action. Clouds will give you a good cue to what the weather will be doing.



Basics of Clothing Repair:

Knowing a few basic sewing skills will help you sew and repair clothing, shelter and shoes. Allowing you to use these items for a longer time.



Starting a Fire:

The simplest way to start a fire is with sticks. Three of the most common ways are the Hand Drill, Bow Drill and Fire Plow.



Building a Shelter:

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Basics of First Aid Treatment:

Some issues that you could come across are burns, scrapes, punctures, fractures, sprains, dehydration, stings, ad infinitum.



Sending a Survival Signal:

A few different helpful signals are a whistle, a fire, smoke, a mirror, or a flashlight.



Locating a Good Campsite:

Always take the weather into consideration, if it's extremely windy, you want to set up behind some trees or boulders to help block the wind. If it's snowy, you may want to dig down into the snow to create some insulation.



Make your Own Rope:

You can use rope for repairs, for fishing, for snares, for lashing, for first aid use and for securing different things. There are a variety of ways to create rope. Some of them are: bark, sinew from animals (tendons), the hem of your pants, dogbane, milkweed plants and tall grasses



Basic Hunting Skills:

Knowing a few basic hunting skills will increase your odds of actually succeeding in obtaining some food.



Creating Hunting Tools and Weapons:

Hunting tools and weapons can come in handy in all sorts of situations related to food gathering, safety, construction, and destruction.



MARCH 2022

MARCH HAD THE SCOUTS ATTEND THE COUNCIL WIDE CAMPOUT WITH MORE THAN 900 PARTICIPANTS, TOOK A SPRING BREAK TO RECONNECT WITH FAMILY AND WRAPPED UP WITH A CLEAN UP SERVICE PROJECT FOR FRIESENHAHN PARK

It was an amazing weekend as Scouts from all 6 Districts gathered at Bear Creek Scout Camp nestled in the hills of Hunt, Texas.

Scouts partook in an impressive array of passport activities to include: service projects, seed ball, pioneering, archery, rifle, slingshot, tomahawk toss, the forge, communication, COPE, climbing wall, rocketry, patch trading and scout memorabilia, scout legend, branding, canoeing, religious award, backcountry camping demo, first responders, Bexar county police demo, survival, knots and boating, horse rides, wilderness first aid scenario, staves games, stranded, chuckwagon cooking, Rube Goldenberg machine, slings, and splints and a Finale under the stars with over 900 Scouts around the stage show that was a roar and crowd favorite.

We want to thank all the Scouts, Scouters, and all who participated to make this fabulous annual event one to remember!



MARCH 2022
FRISENHAHN PARK SERVICE PROJECT



It was a great morning and beautiful day to be out in service to the community Saturday March 26, Scouts and Families gathered at Friesenhahn Park for a day of clean up and fellowship - Scouts worked hard combing the grounds for trash and debris and one lucky Scout earning the "Look what I found Mom" award. Please do your part to continue to keep every place better than you found it!




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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.

