

# EAGLE'S NEST

A QUARTERLY TROOP NEWSLETTER

APRIL - MAY - JUNE • 2021



## TROOP 398 & 3982

Scouts BSA Troops 398 (boys) and 3982 (girls), are a group of diverse youth and adults, chartered by Madison Hills Baptist Church in San Antonio, Texas. Our Troops have successfully provided Scouting for over 20 years with a focus on developing youth. The Troop provides a year-round calendar of activities, to include community engagement and service, outdoor experiences, and leadership development - metrics that become increasingly important as youth progress towards earning Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout. Our bylaws and code of conduct are the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

April 2021 -  
Wilderness Survival Campout  
Eagle Scout Project - Part I  
Woodbadge

May 2021  
Merit Badge University  
Swimming Campout  
Eagle Scout Project - Part II

June 2021  
Court of Honor  
Merit Badge  
Summer - Wehinaphay Mountain  
Camp

Next Quarterly Newsletter:  
July - August - September



### 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."



## APRIL 2021

APRIL WAS A BUSY MONTH FOR OUR SCOUTS, FROM WILDERNESS SURVIVAL, TO AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT, DOWN TO WOOD BADGE, AN ADVANCED NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COURSE FOR OUR VOLUNTEER ADULTS



### WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

Troops 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 accommodating and cool. Scouts 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. Our Troop is very grateful and thankful to the Laechelin Family who opened their homestead to the Troop in support of this campout.



Survival Tip NO.32: When in doubt and need a flammable material - Look no further than your trusty snack bag - Doritos are a carbohydrate saturated in vegetable oil making them highly flammable



### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT- Part I**

Scouts from Troops 398 and 3982 mobilized on two separate occasions in April and May assisting in the assembly and installation of three raised garden beds in support of Scout Robhea Garcia's Eagle Service Project.

The Senior Citizen Community at House of Neighborly Service was hit especially hard during the pandemic, and looked forward to being able to garden with their friends once able to do so in their new ergonomically accessible garden . Thank you to Home Depot, all our Volunteer Scouts, Troop Families, Friends and All the Donors for making this project feasible.



House of Neighborly Service - HNS

May 8 · 🌐



Thank you Robhea for your great Eagle Scout project creating raised beds for our seniors to garden in. Thank you to your troop mates and your troop leaders. We cannot wait for our seniors to see this. And we will post pictures of their efforts!



# WOOD BADGE



## WOOD BADGE

The purpose of Wood Badge is to develop skilled leaders who can strengthen Scouting units in achieving the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.

One of the purposes of Wood Badge training is to get Scouters to think about the practice of Scouting, to meet together, to exchange experiences, and to live together in the spirit of the Scout Oath.

Please congratulate Adult leaders Mrs. Frainey, Mr. Montano, and Mr. Garcia for completing weekends I and II of their Woodbadge Training - And more importantly Please encourage our newest Bobwhites to "**Work their tickets!**" as they serve to support our Youth and grow Troop awareness within Scouting.



## S3-583-21-1

- S3: Southern Region
- 583: Southern Region
- 21: Year
- 1 first class taught in 2021



# MAY 2021

MAY 2021: WAS A GOOD MONTH, AS SCOUTS LOOKED FORWARD TO SUMMER VACATION, SCOUTS ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY, PREPARED FOR SUMMER CAMP AND WRAPPED UP PART II TO EAGLE SERVICE PROJECT

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## MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

Merit Badge University (MBU) is a bi-annual event hosted by the Boy Scouts of America, Alamo Area Council that gives Scouts, ages 11-17 the opportunity to earn merit badges ranging from recreational activities like photography and horsemanship to Eagle Scout required merit badges like communications and sustainability.

Held in the months of May and November at a local college, it is MBU's intent to create an environment where Scouts have an opportunity to continue their advancement program and earn valuable merit badges that may not be readily available elsewhere. It gives youth the opportunity to earn up to four merit badges in one day, while helping them on their path to earn their Eagle Scout rank and serve our community.



Fortunately, even the Boy Scouts who fail knot-tying get to go camping.

### **Here is a list of Upcoming Merit Badge events:**

Merit Badge University Fall 21 (Nov 6th, 2021, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

Winter Merit Badge Extravaganza 2021 (Dec 27th, 8:00 AM - Dec 28th, 2021, 4:00 PM)



## **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - Part II**

Scouts from Troops 398 and 3982 gathered Saturday Morning to deliver completed ergonomically raised garden beds for the House of Neighborly Service located on the West Side of San Antonio. Scouts spent the morning preparing the area, cutting grass, pulling weeds and picked up trash around the facility, along side other Community Adult Volunteers, the Senior Community is very appreciative and thankful to the Troop. Good Job Scouts!



## JUNE 2021

JUNE 2021: JUNE WAS BUSY AS SCOUTS WRAPPED UP MERIT BADGES, SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCES AND PARTICIPATED IN THE COURT OF HONOR AS THEY READIED THEMSELVES THE REST OF THE MONTH FOR SUMMER CAMP

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### MERIT BADGE

Merit Merit badges are awards earned by members of the Boy Scouts of America, based on activities within the area of study by completing a list of periodically updated requirements. The purpose of the merit badge program is to allow Scouts to examine subjects to determine if they would like to further pursue them as a career, vocation or hobby





## JUNE COURT OF HONOR

Scouts from Troops 398 and 3982 hosted the June Court of Honor

OUR Troop holds a court of honor every three months. This is a formal recognition with families, friends, and Scouts in attendance, in recognition of Scouts who have moved up in rank, and or who have completed and earned merit badges. The Court of Honor is also an opportunity to reaffirm the tenets of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



**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 STRONG  
MENTALLY AWAKE & MORALLY STRAIGHT

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





## **JUNE 2021 CAMP WEHINAHPAY, NEW MEXICO**

Camp Wehinahpay, located within the Sacramento Mountains of New Mexico was well received. Approximately 8,000ft above sea level the altitude and weather were very accommodating. Scouts moved as a Cohort, and able to share in their experiences together as a Troop. Though it took a few days to acclimate to the altitude, the scenery of tall dense pines, peaceful environment and Wehinahpay Staff made for a great experience our Troops will not soon forget.



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.