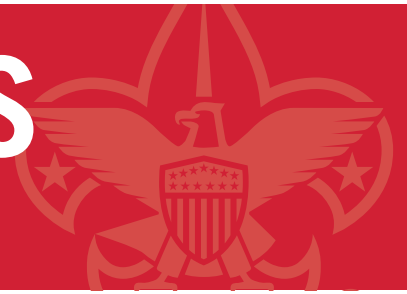


TROOP 895 NEWS

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Church of the Epiphany



Dedication. Service. Friendship. Tom Murphy.

As we close out the 2014 School Year, Tom Murphy is retiring from the Treasurer position. One of the great attributes about our Troop is the tremendous leadership from adults. This is definitely the case with Tom.

Tom has been an active Scouter for over 40 years with Troop 895, contributing to the success of the Troop in many capacities including Scoutmaster and Treasurer.

Tom has served as Treasurer for the Troop for over 6 years. He has been very generous with his time and also the famous Murphy's Ranch. A highlight each year for our Kaboom! Campout. He received the Award of Merit for his time and dedication to the Boy Scouts in 2013.

During his time, Tom has seen more than 125 scouts attain Eagle rank. We are very fortunate to have had Tom part of the Troop 895. He will be missed.

Thank you, Tom, for your dedication, service and friendship.

Yours in Scouting.

Fred Kersting

Troop 895 Troop Committee Chair

Dennis Macy

Troop 895 Scoutmaster



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New Troop Website — T895.net

We have been hinting about it for a while — it is about here.

We've been working on getting a website update for a couple of months now. I'd like to ask your help in checking what we have so far in terms of information, ease of navigation and missing parts.

There is no way to hurt my feelings so if you have constructive criticism please let it fly. No need to include the whole list unless you feel so led, but please do not hesitate to let me know anything we could do better - from major renovation suggestions to punctuation... The site is at t895.net. We will soon be redirecting the t895.org traffic to similar or identical places on the new site, but for now the two remain mostly separated.

One of the added benefits of the new site is our ability to accept credit card payments. The first such convenience is directed at the flag program subscriptions and can be accessed at t895.net/flags form where any JJPHOA member who wants to order flag service may do so. We do charge a processing fee for credit card orders to cover the cost of the transactions, but anyone may still order via check as well, all from the same place. We can all thank Brian Hauber for his help and support of this part of the website project. He and I have tested the order form fairly extensively in test mode, but we need the first "real subscriber" to validate our belief that we are 100% ready for prime time. Anyone need to renew?

If any of you are interested in adding content yourselves please let me know. Many hands make light work, and updating the event calendar and other content is super simple and can even be done from phones and tablets.

Thanks.
Joe Torme
Troop 895 Historian/ Webmaster

Upcoming Events and Campouts

MAY

- 5 Troop Meeting 7-8 p.m.**
Founders Hall East/West
- 9 Camp Card Sales End**
- 10 Oscar Barkis Eagle Court of Honor**
- 12 Troop Meeting 7-8 p.m. \$\$\$ Monday**
This is our last regular meeting.
- 16-18 Troop Campout - Boating Sports; Cypress Lake**
If you have not completed the BSA Swim test you cannot go out on the boats/crafts at this campout.
Talk to Scoutmaster.
- 19 Troop Patrol Leaders Meeting 7-8 p.m. PLC1**
- 26 Memorial Day — No Meeting**
- 31 Jake Manning and Michael Terry
Eagle Court of Honor**

June

- 2 Troop Court of Honor**
Last regular meeting for the school year

**A special shout out to
JOE TORME for his efforts
on the NEW TROOP WEBSITE!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW EAGLES!



Jake Manning



Oscar Barkis



Michael Terry



EAGLE NEWS

Jake Manning successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review on April 27th.

Jake led 20 scouts and volunteers during his Eagle Scout Project at Operation Kindness Animal Shelter in Carrollton on Saturday, February 1, from 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The project involved digging a 50-foot “bioswale” drainage ditch, adding plant fabric, 2-tons of small rock, 10-wheelbarrow loads of large rocks, and planting 30 shrubs and 25 containers of drought resistant grasses. Thanks to Mrs. Snyder for her help during the planning, approval, and completion of Jake’s project.



Operation Kindness Animal Shelter in Carrollton



Oscar Barkis Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 p.m.
Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
421 Custer Rd.
Richardson, Texas 75080

Jake Manning & Michael Terry Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Saturday, May 31 at 1:00 p.m.
Youth Center at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration
14115 Hillcrest Rd.
Dallas, Texas 75254



RENEWALS ARE COMING IN.



Troop 895 puts out flags for the JJ Pearce Homeowners neighborhood five times a year. Currently we have over 120 homeowners participating in this. Scouts share a portion of the proceeds to pay for camps and Scouting equipment.

Current Flag Days are:

- > Presidents' Day
- > Memorial Day
- > Fourth of July
- > Patriots' Day (9/11)
- > Veterans Day

Our next FLAG DAY will be for Memorial Day (end of May).

Visit t895.net/flags for more information regarding the Troop 895 Flag Program.

We are currently looking for an Adult Leader to take over the Flag Program. Please contact Fred Kersting or Dennis Macy for more information.

TWILIGHT CAMP. EARN SERVICE HOURS.

We are looking for scouts and scouters to staff the 2014 Twilight Camp!

When: June 9-13, 4-8:30

**Where: Breckinridge Park (east side)
Richardson, TX**

There will be a training session coming up closer to camp. It is mandatory that junior staff attend the training if they have never staffed Twilight Camp before. There will be a couple of dates to choose from. If you are 14 or older, online Youth Protection Training is required or you may take Face-To-Face YPT. There are multiple Face-To-Face YPT trainings coming up. If you can only attend part of the time- that's ok! We will worry about scheduling to make sure all program areas are covered. A report of service hours will be available after camp. Please head to www.ntrail.org/twilight to sign up! Make sure if you have a specific area you want to help out in, you put that in your online application.

If you have any questions, please see me at a troop meeting (I'm Brian's mom) or send me an email at barbara.richer@yahoo.com.



We need staff for the following areas:

- > Tiger/Wolf/Bear crafts
- > Tiger/Wolf/Bear games
- > Tiger/Wolf/Bear skills
- > Handyman activity badge
- > Outdoorsman activity badge
- > Archery
- > BB Guns
- > Obstacle Course
- > Registration

CAMPING NEWS — UPCOMING EVENTS

Troop Aquatics Campout — May

WHEN: May 16, 2014 @ 6:00 pm
May 18, 2014 @ 12:00 pm

WHERE: Lake Cypress Springs

COST: 12.00

CONTACT: Jennifer Sandidge / 214-563-8433

Bechtel High Adventure Camp — June

WHERE: The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve
Piney View, West Virginia

WHEN: June 21-28

Troop Summer Camp — July

WHERE: Camp Pioneer, Arkansas
479 Polk Road 42
Mena, Arkansas 71953

WHEN: July 6-12, 2014

COST: \$270

Summer Camp Information

- > Extra \$ may be needed for some merit badge classes, snacks at trading post and snacks or meals on road. We have given up our extra spots.
- > Leaders Brian Hauber and Chris Lozano have signed up to go. We have 12 scouts and need additional drivers.
- > DO NOT FORGET - Part C Physical form must be submitted for all campers.
- > Send in your t-shirt size and vote for your favorite color
- > Look at their web site for information- www.camppioneer.org/index.html.
- > Please send merit badge classes choices to J. Sandidge.



SLIPPERY FALLS — APRIL CAMPOUT

April 25-27th



WELCOME NEW SCOUTS!



A warm welcome to our 2014 class of New Scouts and their families.

MST Elementary School (Pack 727)

- Ben Agarwal
- Gabe Patterson
- Skyler Stoy
- Robel Araya
- Walker Turnblad
- Sam Martin

Mohawk Elementary School (Pack 893)

- Kurt Laffitte
- Joe Hoodenpyle
- Whit Flickinger
- Joshua Krawczyk

Bowie Elementary School (Pack 895)

- Braedan Franklin
- Matthew Coniglione

Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet Elementary School (Pack 129)

- Martin Davila

Canyon Creek / Prairie Creek Elementary Schools (Pack 1001)

- Henry Worlein
- Carson Roth



A special shout out to JAY MAXWELL for his efforts with recruiting!



WRAPPING UP CAMP CARD SELLS!

**Camp Card sales are almost over.
Get your money into Jay Maxwell.**

We ordered 100 more cards this year:

2013 ordered: Pack 894 - 300 Troop 895 - 700
2013 sold: Pack 894 - 157 Troop 895 - 500
2014 ordered: Pack 894 - 300 Troop 895 - 800

Dates to remember.

Camp Card sale ends Sat., 5/10

Camp Card money deadline, due to Circle 10 Fri., 5/16



PLEASE TURN IN YOUR MONEY ON MONDAY, MAY 5th

If you need more information, or to sign up for card sales, contact mailto:jaymaxwell@tx.rr.com



MERIT BADGE NEWS

Cooking and **Personal Management** groups are going strong.

Radio Merit Badge (June 14th in Plano)

<http://www.hamcom.org/attending-bsa.cfm>

Ongoing BSA Museum Merit Badge Offerings

<http://www.bsamuseum.org/Programs/Advancement/BoyScoutPrograms.aspx>

(be sure to register EARLY as these fill up fast!)

If you need a list of the Merit Badge counselors, please email kkennedy007@tx.rr.com

Interested in becoming a Merit Badge Counselor, or if you wish to start a class, please talk to the Emily Broad or Missy Shofner on Mondays.