

# TROOP 895

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## Welcome 2012

*This newsletter will be short and sweet as most of the month had few scout activities due to the holidays.*

We will hit the year with a bang with all the plans we have for the first of the year. Since the weather can be so dicey in January, the troop has planned a **LOCK IN** at **GROUP DYNAMIX** for the campout this month. Team building activities and an all out work out will take place. Be sure and sign up at our first meeting of the year Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> so that we have a good head count. We will be meeting on MLK day (Monday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>) even though this is not a school day due to this being the **MONEY MONDAY** for the Lock-in. We also have our **Winter Court of Honor** at the end of the month (Jan 30<sup>th</sup>).

In **FEB** there is a lot of service activities planned. Be sure to come to Scout Sunday on the 5<sup>th</sup> at the church. **Scout Sunday** is one Sunday a year (a national BSA event) to recognize BSA. Our troop (those who can) will be attending church that Sunday morning in uniform with our chartering organization - Episcopal Church of the Epiphany. Our camp out will be at **Fort Hood** this month ( Feb. 10-12) where we will be hosted by the soldiers. Last time, we visited the museum and saw the tanks, attended a demonstration of the military police dogs who hunt for bombs and take prisoners, and we shot laser M16's (no bullets) in the indoor simulation ranges. Our exact events at Fort Hood will be announced in a few weeks. Also, Troop 895 will be **SCOUTING FOR FOOD** again on Sat., 18th. We will man the drop off site at the Tom Thumb parking lot. Help up get a record amount of

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## A note from our outgoing Senior Patrol Leader David Bailey-

This fall semester was great and maybe one of the best. We had some awesome campouts that were attended by a large number. On the topic of advancement, the troop had many boys earn several new ranks; all now farther on their path to eagle. The senior staff worked hard this semester to get things done and we now have got the new trailer setup. Our transition to the new location took a few hours but plenty of scouts and adults showed up to aide in the process. I believe that we have a bright future at Epiphany due to the willing support of the elders there. Upon our first meeting with them they were very excited to host the troop in their facilities and the setup that we used as far as where we have done our activities has been good. I also see Aaron as an excellent choice of SPL for the spring semester.



Sincerely,  
David Bailey

*Next newsletter – a note from incoming SPL Aaron Waters.*

**THE WEBSITE -<http://www.t895.org>**

**If you think of info that needs to be on it, let us know!**

goods for North Texas hungry. Finally, we will again **put the flags** out and take them down in celebration of Presidents' Day around the weekend of the 20th. Look for an email asking for help with the flag. Remember, flag duty earns you money toward Summer Camp. Before you know it – it is time for **SPRING BREAK!!!**

Below are the upcoming Troop Campouts so that you can make your plans in advance. The campouts for 2012 are set and will be in future newsletters.

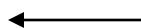
### UPCOMING CAMPOUTS

#### JANUARY

PLACE –GROUP DYNAMIX (INDOOR LOCK-IN)

WEEKEND OF 20<sup>TH</sup>

\$TBD



\$40

#### FEBRUARY

PLACE- FORT HOOD

TIME – 10TH-12TH

MILITARY TOUR

#### MARCH

CAMPOREE

TIME – 23-25

### OTHER EVENTS

#### COURT OF HONOR

JAN. 30<sup>TH</sup>

@ THE CHURCH

FORMAL RANK ADVANCEMENT AND MERIT BADGES AWARDED

#### SCOUT SUNDAY

FEB 5<sup>TH</sup>

#### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

FEB 18<sup>TH</sup>

#### FLAGS FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY

TBD (BUT AROUND THE 20<sup>TH</sup>)

#### OAK LEAF TRAINING FOR FIRST CLASS SCOUTS

MARCH 31- APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>

#### SCOUT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE

ON MONDAY, JAN. 16<sup>TH</sup> (EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY)

**No Scout MEETINGS** - FEB 20<sup>TH</sup>, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>

*In the DEC newsletter, I asked "who is the scout firing what looks like to be a machine gun in the Kaboom pictures, and, WHAT IS THAT THING???" Nathan Torme responded that it was TAYLOR SWALLOW shooting a skeet launcher.*



### Notes from WINTER CAMP - Dec 27-31<sup>st</sup>



Where is our 12<sup>th</sup> Man? And who is he?

Could there be any more perfect weather for a winter camp out than that our boys had for WINTER CAMP this year? Highs in the 60s, lows in the high 30s – no rain, no bugs, no worries! Oh, but it was still COLD and a frost was present every morning. The food was great – thank you Ms. Richer. Making fires was the chore of the day (and who was it that “liberated” kindling from neighboring troops?) We had scouts from another troop join us and they blended in just fine. Boys worked on all types of merit badges – from Camping to Computers, Climbing to Communications. No one did the polar bear plunge and all came back healthy. General consensus was that the patch was kind of creepy though....

For more pictures of the campout, see this link -

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/barbricher/sets/72157628684598385/>

#### IMPORTANT EMAILS sent this month (date in parentheses is the date the email was sent)

1. Extra Popcorn is still available! See Jay Maxwell for more information. At last count, \$317 worth of popcorn was still unsold. (12/21)
2. The web site was updated with links to pictures along with the calendar being updated.
3. The riddle for the DEC newsletter was won by Eric Tait. He was the first (and only scout) to respond that H2O2 was poisonous! Eric won a re-usable water bottle. Be sure and read the newsletter for future fun contests! (12/27)