

TROOP 895

Volume 1, Issue 3

November 2011

Oh, those marvelous moms!

Hello Scouters-

Boy Scouts is a manly pursuit – you camp, you hike, you shoot – normally with male adult leaders and sometimes with your dad. A lot of times you don't bathe and/or brush your teeth (sometimes the men don't either!) Feminine touches are few and far between in Boy Scouts. But boy! Are those females important! Critical to the workings of Troop 895 are the moms that handle paperwork behind the scenes. Therefore, you need to know these ladies:



Mrs. Waters

Mrs. Broad

Mrs. Kauloka

Mrs. Waters (Aaron's mom) and Mrs. Broad (Charles's mom) are technically known as "ADVANCEMENT". They are the ones that make sure you actually get that badge. When you complete something in your Boy Scout Manual, make sure you show it to either of these ladies so that they can mark it in the official log. When you reach a milestone (and have shown it to them), don't worry! They know and will make sure that the Senior Patrol Leader gives you that badge at the end of the meeting.

Continued on page 2

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Kaboom Campout
- 1 Thanks to our Moms
- 2 Emails sent; Popcorn Sales; Scout Reporter
- 3 Upcoming events; summary of campout; Winter Camp
- 4 Knots

KABOOM CAMPOUT IS COMING!!!!

Bruce Kile

bruce.kile@sbcglobal.net

Troop 895 Committee Chairman

Our annual Kaboom Campout at Murphy's Ranch is approaching November 18-20. If you have never been to the Kaboom Campout, this is the event you want to make sure and not miss. It is an exciting weekend with archery, pellet guns, shotguns, and 22 rifles as well as rockets made by the scouts. And then of course there is the "MONKEY BRIDGE OF DEATH" available all day followed by a massive bonfire at night (burn ban permitting).

It's really a great weekend for all scouts and scouters. So, every scout in Troop 895 needs to plan on coming for Kaboom. This year, we will also have the pleasure of hosting a smaller troop to join us as our guests for the weekend.

This campout is also a very important event for recruiting in that we invite Webelos 1 and Webelos 2 scouts and their parents to come for all or part of the weekend. The Webelos have a great time and get to see what Troop 895 camping is all about. Generally, the Webelos come Saturday morning and camp with us Saturday night. If you have connections with any Webelos groups, please extend them an invitation to participate in the weekend. Murphy's Ranch is near Bonham Texas only about 1 hour away from Richardson.

Webelos and parents interested should contact Jay Maxwell (Jaymaxwell@tx.rr.com or 972-690-6544) for more information or to sign up. If you are a parent of a Troop 895 scout thinking about coming to a campout to see what it is all about, this would be a great one to sign up for to attend.

NOTE: All scouts and adults planning to attend need to sign up on the sheet on Monday night. Furthermore, all scouts are REQUIRED to attend the one hour gun safety program on one of the two sessions in the Monday nights leading up to Kaboom campout.

*****OOPS!*****

Correction from the last newsletter - the Winter Camp cost was incorrect. The exact cost will be communicated by Mrs. Kauloku via email.

Also, they provide the merit badge blue cards. You turn the blue cards into them also once you get your merit badge counselor and the Scout Master to sign off on all your work. These two ladies are normally found in the back room with a big plastic box in front of them.

Mrs. Kauloka (Alex's mom) is in charge of the OUTDOOR PROGRAM. She is the one with all the campout information. She knows where the signup sheets are, takes the consent forms, reminds you about MONEY MONDAYS, and a whole host of paperwork that surrounds the campouts. You didn't think that the Troop just packed its trailer and drove off did you? Maybe a hundred years ago. Nowadays, there are doctors, lawyers and insurance agents that have to have paper work filed for those 48 hours of "roughing" it once a month. Mrs. Kauloka is also in charge of the Order of the Arrow for older scouts, so if you have any questions about that, ask her.

There is also Ms. Richer (Brian's mom). She goes to Winter Camp with you and has done Twilight Camp for ages. She is the Grub Master for this year's Winter Camp so you DEFINITELY want to know her. Mrs Torma (Nathan's mom) is keeping up with medical forms – a MUST if you want to go on campouts. Plus, we have moms that are great merit badge leaders, like Mrs. Bailey (mom of Luke, David, Daniel and Bradley) who does First Aid and Mrs. Snyder (Former Eagle Scout Matthew's mom) who taught Swimming. Both of these are EAGLE REQUIRED MERIT BADGES so hats off to them. {Sorry no pictures...I didn't have my camera all the time!}

So when you get your **EAGLE BADGE**, and you are at your **COURT OF HONOR**, along with all those males you thank, be sure to thank the marvelous MOMS!

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

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

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

- 1) Information about upcoming events (10/17)**
- 2) CPR/First Aid for ADULTS date change to 11/12. Is there enough need to schedule one for the boys? (10/18)**
- 3) FLAGS OUT for Vets Day (10/23) for dates and times look at the calendar section.**
- 4) Call again for pictures from our troop Historian, James Maxwell at: Jaymaxwell@tx.rr.com (9/22)**
–really cool ones for the newsletter go to KKennedy007@tx.rr.com
- 5) OGP Reunion in DEC @ Murphy Ranch (10/24) – ADULTS ONLY**

Got something to share? Send a write-up to KKennedy007@tx.rr.com. By the way, for the OCT newsletter, I asked "who was the scout in the tree?" It was Tanner McEwen. Question for this month – who is the scout on the right that seems to be catching the arrow mid-flight?

POPCORN SALES ARE OVER!

Fourteen scouts sold popcorn for a total of \$3983 this year. Ten percent of that money goes directly to the scouts for camp money.

- 3 Scouts earned recognition patches for turning in at least \$100 in military donations!
- 4 Scouts earned Amazon or Wal-Mart gift cards
- 1 Scout earned a bonus \$50 gift card for reaching the \$1500 threshold and
- 1 Scout earned 4 tickets to a 2012 Texas Rangers game

*Don't forget that popcorn pick up is Nov. 12
Thank you Jay Maxwell for being the Popcorn Kernel this year for Troop 895!!!*



BREAKING NEWS!!!! We have our first Scout Reporter letting us know all that happened at the NORTH TRAIL TO ADVENTURE in early October - Hi this is Nathan Torma. Some things we did at camp were: We taught cub and boy scouts. We taught them how to shoot bows and we let them shoot bows. And we had a lot of fun when we shot the bows ourselves. No blood was spilled.



PSST! Congratulations to Troop 895 Scout Yu-heng Lai for making All District Orchestra for Violin.

TO HELP WITH PLANNING

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

NOVEMBER

PLACE – MURPHY RANCH

TIME 18TH – 20TH

KABOOM CAMPOUT

DECEMBER

PLACE – CLEMENTS SCOUT RANCH (NEAR ATHENS)

TIME 26TH - 31ST

WINTER CAMP – COST APPROX. \$TBD

JANUARY

PLACE – NATIONAL GRASSLANDS NEAR DECATUR

TIME 20TH-22ND

CAPTURE THE FLAG AND WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

OTHER EVENTS

MURPHY RANCH CLEAN UP

NOVEMBER 5TH - EARN SERVICE HOURS

FLAGS FOR VETERANS' DAY

PUT OUT

PLACE- 2089 N. COLLINS

THURS., NOV 10TH – MEET AT 7PM

TAKE DOWN

PLACE – WATERVIEW @ MELROSE (THE POOL)

TUES., NOV 15TH AT 7PM

CPR/FIRST AID TRAINING

ADULTS ONLY

SAT., NOV. 12 2-5:30PM @ CHURCH

COST \$25

THE OGP REUNION CAMPOUT

ADULTS ONLY

DEC 9TH, 10TH, AND/OR 11TH @ MURPHY RANCH

NO SCOUT MEETINGS

DEC 19TH, 26TH AND JAN. 2ND

Veteran's Day Remembrance

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.

- Ronald Reagan

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/MDOrzF7B2Kg?rel=0>

(I bet some of these guys were Boy Scouts!)

Continued from page 2

THE OCTOBER CAMPOUT -

The last weekend in October saw Troop 895 take off for primitive camping at Dinosaur Valley State Park near Glen Rose. Primitive camping differs from the normal campouts as the troop must carry in all the equipment that they need. The boys (and adults) packed in all their own stuff along with what they needed for cooking. Even the Troop trailer was left behind. Also on this trip, the boys hiked in and out along with rappelled down some Texas Cliffs. Texas cliffs are relatively small compared to say the Rocky Mountains ...but still scary enough that not all scouts and only one adult scaled the drop. Mr. Bailey took a picture of all the boys that did the rappel and we hope to have these for the next Court of Honor slide show. Though the weather was clear, the temperature dropped and some scouts realized that they did NOT have all they needed, especially if they were going to do WINTER CAMP in December. With the early morning departure on Saturday and the intense workout, all but the drivers slept both to and from the site. Troop 895 only does one primitive campout a year and it is a great way to learn to prepare for camps like Philmont.



Early morning muster for the campout

SIGN UP FOR WINTER CAMP - Dec 26-31st

Great fun over the school break – along with earning merit badges and working on Trail to First Class, go for a POLAR BEAR PLUNGE or Fight the Barbarians and/or Roman Legion.

See Mrs. Richer for more information or this link below for a list of activities and merit badges.

wintercamp2011

TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS

How to work on your Knots!

