



# Welcome Scouts 2023-2024





# Agenda

- **Opening**
- **Summer Review of Activities**
- **What's New?**
- **Administration**
- **Outings Overview**
- **Programs Overview**
- **Special Programs Overview**
- **Development Overview**





# Opening Ceremony



**“Troop attention” – join in saying Pledge**



# Summer Look Back



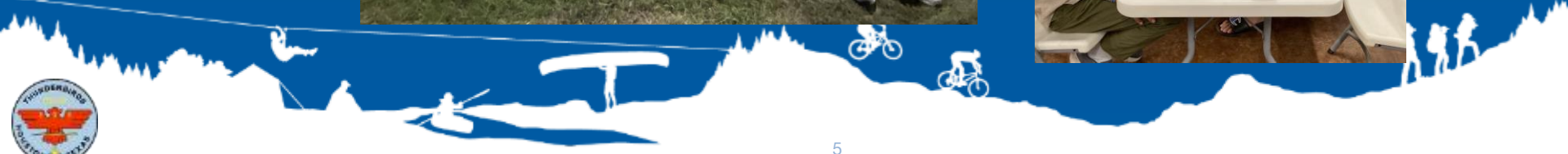
" A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room."

- Lord R. Baden-Powell





# Summer Camp – Camp Strake





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- **Number of Scouts & Adults:** 9 Scouts / 2 Adults
  - **Merit Badges – Achieved** 25 at Camp
  - **Rose:** The food was actually good!
  - **Thorn:** The Heat
  - **Favorite part of meals:** Plenty of second helpings of food
- Fun Story one of the camp cooks was also our cooks last year at San Isabel in Colorado





# High Adventure – Philmont





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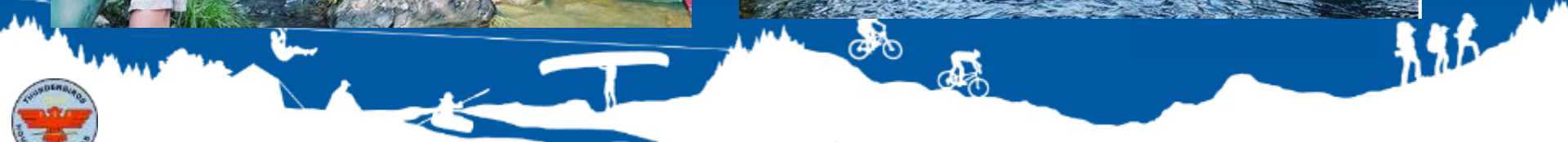
- **Number of Scouts & Adults:** 9 Scouts & 2 Adults
- **Longest Day:** 20 Miles with 3750 ft of elevation
- **Average Daily Ascent:** 1050 ft / day
- **Total trek distance:** 90+ miles, maybe a million according to Jonathan Lackey
- **Rose:** Baldy MTN, seeing beautiful country, sitting after a long day
- **Thorn:** Heat, getting lost, airport delays
- **Favorite Food:** Mac & Cheese and the chuckwagon dinner







# High Adventure – Maine High Adventure





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- **Number of Scouts & Adults:** 4 Scouts & 3 Adults
- **Miles Paddled:** 6 night trip 52 miles canoeing plus 2.5 miles of portage
- **Favorite Camp Site:** Eagle Lake - possible site of 1976 alien abduction??
- **Rose:** Amazing scenery, Whitewater, seeing moose!
- **Thorn:** Long portages thru stinky mud and airport delays
- **Favorite Foods:** Moxie Soda – "Gods gift of flavor"  
Lobster with butter and steamer clams





# What's New!





# 2023/2024 Scout Year

Theme for this year: **“Skills & Growth”**

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**“Climb the mountain not to plant your flag, but to embrace the challenge, enjoy the air and behold the view. Climb it so you can see the world, not so the world can see you.”**

***-David McCullough Jr***





# 2023/2024 Scout Year

## Theme for this year: “Growth & Skills”

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- Focus on: **Growing** the “Team” through **Recruiting** new “Members” & **Advancing** current Scouts!
  - **Fall Scout Year**
    - ✓ Recruiting through District Events
    - ✓ More Proactive in Packs & Schools
      - ❖ Need to focus on Den Chiefs
    - ✓ Advancement, Advancement, **Advancement!**
      - ❖ POR’s – Positions available
      - ❖ Merit Badges – Published on Website





# Scout Year: 2022 – 2023

## *Things We Did Well!*

- **Troop/Scout Level:**
  - Food Drive – Very successful, door hangers were a popular addition!
  - Patrols worked well together but still room to improve
  - Patrol Method – always
  - Cooking – Lots of cooking to continue
- **Advancement:**
  - 38 Advancement last year with 10 Eagles
  - 6 Scouts currently in progress to Eagle
  - 64 Merit Badges Earned
- **Greenery:**
  - Very successful (All Scouts contributed)
  - ~\$42k in total sales with over \$3.4k in commissions back to Scouts





# What we heard from Scouts: *Needs more Attention in 2023 - 2024*

- Troop:
  - Recruiting – Major focus this year; lots of events centered around Cub Scouts and recruiting
    - Rocket Day, Spook-O-Ree, Webelos in the Woods
  - Better communications Patrol & Troop (eBlast, Patrol Group Chats, and REMIND)
  - Programs will continue to work on speakers and interactive events
- Outings:
  - 3-Pot Method for Cleaning – VERY IMPORTANT
  - Patrol Boxes Cleaning, review in patrol corners
  - Language Issues - improved!
  - Electronics Policy
  - Patrol Menu's on Outings – themes and competitions





# Administration







# Administration:

## *Senior Staff 2022-2023*

- **SPL – Sam Hail / John Carney**
  - Additional Patrol Leaders
- **ASPL Outings – Sam Hail / John Carney**
  - Additional Troop Guides/Equipment
- **ASPL Programs – Nick Nedwed**
  - Additional Special Programs Non-Recruiting
- **ASPL Equipment – Jonathan Lackey**
- **ASPL Membership & Special Programs – Dustin Oglesby**
  - Focus on Special Projects (Pumpkin, Scout Sunday) & Recruiting





# Administration:

## *Troop Guides*

- **Focus on Advancement of FCE Scouts**
  - Matthew Le & Alden Binion
  - We can add more see Mr. Snell





# Administration:

## *Key Dates*

- **Courts of Honor (3):**
  - **Fall:** September 19, 2023
  - **Winter:** January 30, 2024
  - **Year End:** May 16, 2024
- **Troop Registration:** Sept 19, 2023 (due)
- **Food Drive:** Sept 26 & Sept 30, 2023
- **All Parent Meeting:** Oct 4, 2023
- **Order of Arrow:** Oct 17, 2023 (Election)
- **Scout Sunday:** February 11, 2024
- **Year End Banquet:** May 16, 2024 -Thursday





# Administration: *Greenery*

- Troop 599 will sell Greenery as our primary fundraiser for the Troop
- Same expectations from last year:
  - Sell and distribute \$400.00 worth of Greenery
  - Flat 10% Commission Rate for **all physical sales (no mail order) above \$475**
- More information at [Greenery Kickoff Sept 5<sup>th</sup>](#) with Mr. Paullo (**We need new Adults to takeover**)
  - Final Day for Sales: Oct 24, 2023 (Tuesday)
  - Distribution: Nov 28, 2023





# Administration:

## *Issues for 2023/2024*

- Language:
  - No use of inappropriate language
  - This is **unacceptable** and **repeat offenders** will have **parents called to pickup Scouts** (*we don't want to do this*)
- Class A:
  - Full Class A uniform to be worn to meetings (hat, shirt, pants/shorts)
  - Wear it correctly (tucked in shirts)





# Administration:

## *Continued Policy – 2023/2024*

- **Electronics:**



- **No electronics** on campout for Scouts (Adults drivers need to take on arrival)

- No phones out during meetings – PL to enforce

- **Menu:**

- All campout **meals approved** during Patrol Corners with PA so should not be an issue

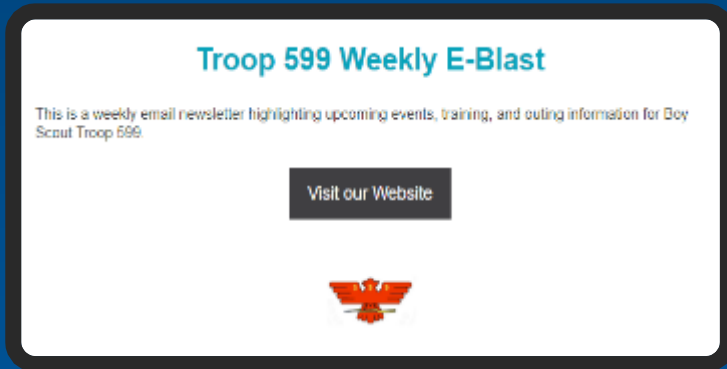
- **Cooking breakfast** on Sunday mornings





# Administration:

## *Communications - eBlast*

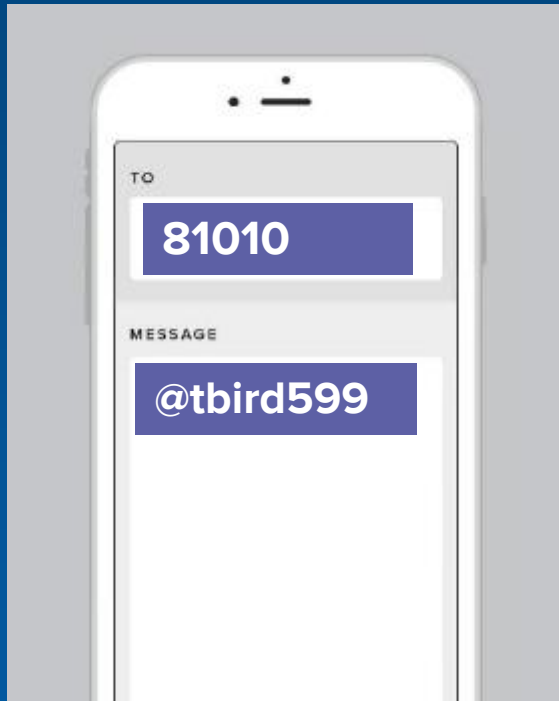


- This is our **primary communications** for the troop!
- eBlast will have all upcoming activities and Merit Badge class announcements
- This is going to be very important for **ALL FALL COMMUNICATIONS** as we have to be flexible
- To subscribe:
  - Go to [ScoutTroop599.org](http://ScoutTroop599.org)
  - At the bottom, click “Sign up to receive troop emails”
- **Everyone should be subscribed including SCOUTS!**





# Administration: *Communications - Remind*



- **Everyone should subscribe to REMIND**
- **We will use this for **last minute communications** and to REMIND everyone about **upcoming events****
- **Please text “@tbird599” to “81010” to receive important texts from the Troop!**
- **Trouble using 81010? Try texting @tbird599 to (516) 874-3612 instead.**
- **After you register, you will be entered into our database to receive immediate notices and updates**

**\*standard text message rates apply\***







# Administration: New from BSA & Troop 599

- **New BSA Membership Fee System**
- **Effective August 1, 2023**
- **Annual Membership Fees will no longer be paid by the Troop with its Recharter.**
- **In October, all current T599 scouts and adults will receive an email from BSA concerning renewal of their membership.**
- **The new BSA fees must be paid on-line to BSA by December 31**





# Administration: New from BSA & Troop 599

- Failure to pay the BSA fees on-line by December 31 will result in the lapse of membership.
- A lapsed scout will NOT be allowed to attend meetings or outings or to complete any advancement.
- A scout or adult can be reinstated without completing a new application during January by payment of their fees (and, possibly a late fee).





# Administration: New from BSA & Troop 599

- The new fees paid on-line directly to BSA are:
  - Youth \$80.00
  - Scouts Life (magazine) \$15.00
  - Adult Leaders \$60.00
  - Youth and Adult SHAC Insurance \$ 6.00
  - MB Counselors (not also a CM or ASM) \$25.00
- The new annual fee for Troop 599 will be \$60.00





# Administration: New BSA Camping Policy

- **Effective September 1, 2023 for ALL adults camping overnight**
- **Adult campers MUST be registered as a paid, adult leader, i.e., a Committee Member or Asst. Scoutmaster.**
- **This requires: Completion of an Adult Leader application  
Payment of \$66 fee (\$60 to BSA and \$6 to SHAC)**
- **Completion of Youth Protection Training (72 min) Completion of Completion of CM Training (102 min)**





# Outings





# Outings

- **Focus 2023/2024 Scout Year (Fall)**
  - September, October and May are **single night outings**
  - Sign-up will close Monday prior to campout weekend -> Please **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- **Changes this Year**
  - Scouts will tent by Patrol this year **(No Family Camping)**
  - More cooking (Sat/Sun Breakfast, Sat Dinner)
  - All campouts will have carpools (Meet at Scout Hut)
  - Sunday 9-10am
    - Advancement Focus: ARQ's, SMC, sign-off
    - Patrol Box Cleaning
    - **No leaving early from campouts (we leave together)**





# Patrol Boxes & Tents

- **Patrol Boxes (Focus this year)**
  - Cleaning patrol boxes completely at campouts (9-10am)
  - Patrol Leaders – ensuring patrol boxes have all required materials for campout (gas, paper towels etc)
  - Patrol Corners – inspection of patrol boxes
- **Tents**
  - ASPL Outings & Equipment have gone through all tents and have orders in for new rainfly's
  - **Tent Distribution: September 5th [begin deciding]**
- **ASPL Equipment (Jonathan Lackey): primary Point of Contact for issues [Patrol Method]**





# Outings: *September*



- **September 16-17, 2023**
- **Event: Aquatics / Swimming / Canoeing / Fishing**
- **Location: Wolf Creek Park, Coldspring TX**
- **First campout of the year & close to Houston**
- **Further details as plans are finalized for the outing**







# Outings: *October*



- **Date: Oct. 28-29rd, 2023 (one night)**
- **Event: Mustang District**
- **Location: Bear Creek Park, Houston, TX**
  
- **IMPORTANT: Our Second Recruiting Event for the Year**
- **Each Patrol will lead Scouts (Tiger thru Webelos) through activities similar to King Ranch.**
- **Class A Event**
- **Scouts will be representing the Troop through leadership, engagement, and participation**





# Outings: *November*



- **November 10-12th, 2023**
- **Event: Visit the Presidential Library**
- **Location: Lake Bryan Park, Bryan TX**
- The mission of the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum at Texas A&M University is to preserve and make available the records and artifacts of George H.W. Bush, 41st President of the United States. We promote civic literacy and increased historical understanding of our national experience, and foster a community of public service and volunteerism.





# Outings: *December*



- **December 8-10th, 2023**
- **Event: Stealth / Iron Chef**
- **Location: Fickes Ranch, Flatonia TX**
  
- **Are you ready for the mystery ingredient?**
- **How stealthy are you?**
  
- **Lets find out in December**





# Outings: *January*



- **Date: January 19-21nd, 2024**
- **Event: Rappelling & Climbing**
- **Location: Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, Fredericksburg, TX**
  
- **Climbing, rappelling, and hiking.**
- **Climb-on Safely** class to be held on **January 11** for this event
- **We will get the same campsite locations as last year which seemed to work well**





# Outings: *February*

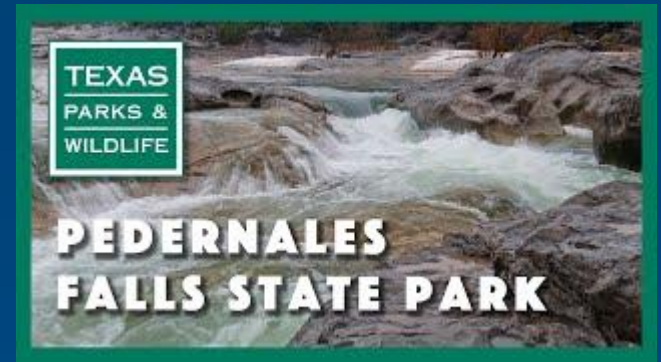


- **February 2-4th, 2024**
- **Event: Webelos Woods**
- **Location: Camp Brosig, Sealy TX**
  
- **Focus on Recruiting for Webelos for Troop 599**
- **Intended for a few older boys and Staff to attend**
- **More Information to come but we need the entire troop to show-up for the outing!**





# Outings: *March*



- **Date: February 23-25th, 2024**
- **Event: Hiking – Pedernales State Park**
- **Location: Johnson City, TX**
  
- **Hiking and Backpacking will be the focus**
- **Further details as plans are finalized for the outing**

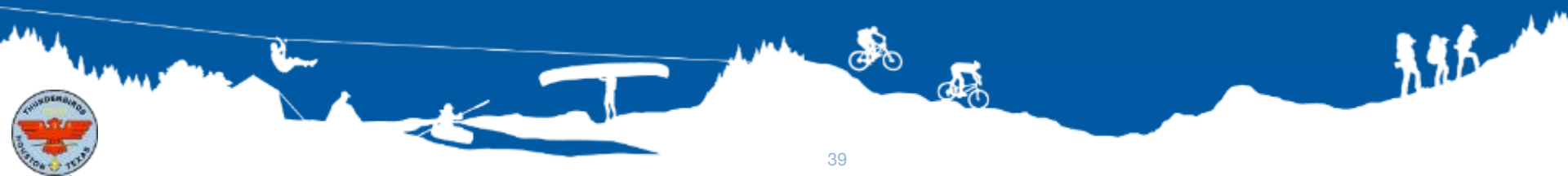




# Outings: *March*



- **Date: March 2, 2024**
- **Event: King Ranch Work Weekend**
- **Location: Lazy K Ranch, Lockhart, TX**
- **This outing is not for the FCE's but older scouts (13+) due to the nature of the work**
- **We need quite a few older scouts to help with cleaning and setup of the various ranges for the weekend**

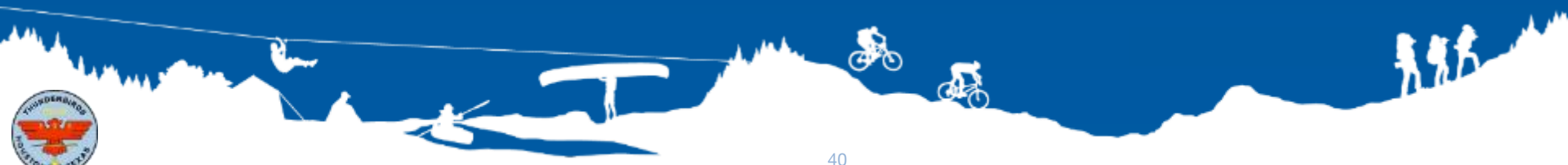




# Outings: *March*



- **March 22-24th, 2024**
- **Event: 55<sup>th</sup> Mountain Man Rendezvous**
- **Location: King Ranch, Lockhart TX**
- **Lots more shooting and having fun**
- **New FCE Scouts will be with us so lets show them a good time!!**
- **Who is going to be Mountain Man this year??**



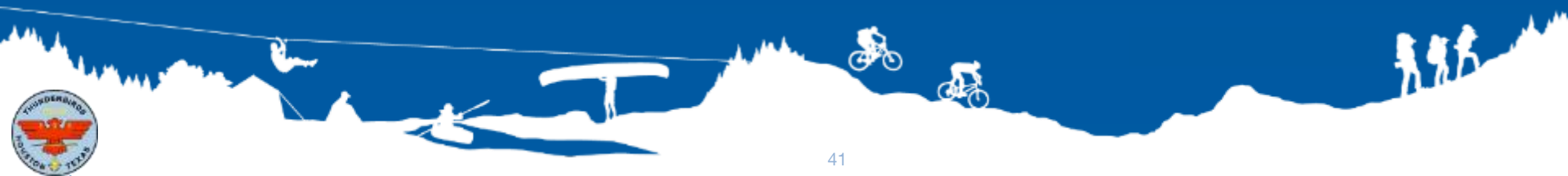




# Outings: *April*



- **April 19-21st, 2024**
- **Event: Mt Biking / Hiking**
- **Location: Buescher State Park,**
- **Smithville, TX**
  
- **Mt Bike on state park trails and potentially next door at Rocky Hill Ranch**
- **Further details as plans are finalized for the outing**





# Outings:

## *May*



- **May 11-12th, 2024**
- **Event: Merit Badge Catch-Up**
- **Location: Stephen F. Austin State Park,**
- **San Felipe TX**
  
- **Last campout of the year & close to Houston**
- **MB Instructors will be present to wrap up partials prior to COH**
- **Further details as plans are finalized for the outing**





# Outings: *Summer Camp*

- **Camp Orr**

- **Date:** June 15th – 22<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- **Location:** Harrison, Arkansas
- Located along the scenic Buffalo River on 600 acres of rugged paradise sheltered on all sides by the National Park.
- Both a Merit Badge Program and Trekking Program for older scouts.
- 40 Merit Badges offered
- The Troop will rent two 15 passenger vans





# Outings: *Summer Camp*

- Camp Orr





# Outings:

## *High Adventure Base*

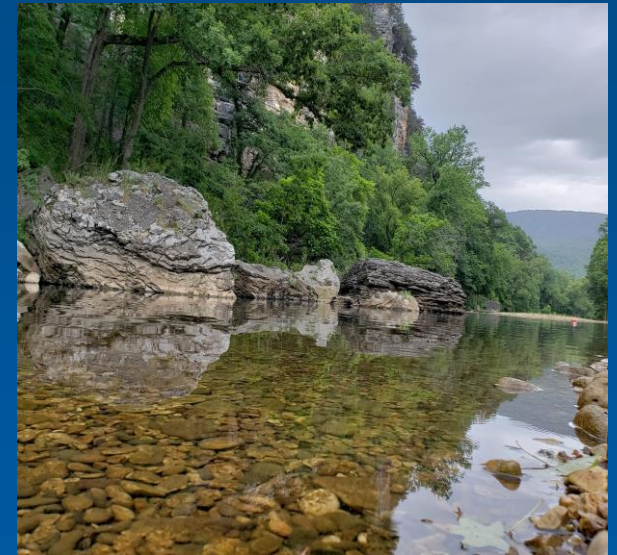
- **Camp Orr**

- **Date:** June 15th – 22<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- **Location:** Harrison, Arkansas
- High Adventure option for boys 13+ and 1<sup>st</sup> Class Rank
- Campers will be based out of Camp Orr
- 3 Day / 2 night paddle on the Buffalo River
- Other adventures 200 ft climbing / rappelling cliff
- Mt Bike riding on near by trails
- Day hiking, possible sunrise summit
- Fishing





# Outings: *High Adventure Base*





# Outings:

## *High Adventures 2024*



- **Philmont**

- **Date:** July 21 – 27th, 2024
- **Adult Leader:** Don Paullo
- **Event:** Fishing Adventure
  
- **Location:** BSA SeaBase, Islamorada, Florida Keys, FL





# Programs







# Programs:

## *2023/2024 Format*

**Continue with the traditional schedule**

- **Weekly (MDUMC Scout Hut)**
  - 6:30 – 7:15pm: FCE and Merit Badge Classes
  - 7:30 – 8:30pm: Troop Meetings
  - Programming on Patrol Corners nights too
- **During each Outing (Sunday Morning):**
  - 9am – 10am: PLC Meeting
  - Discuss Outing and areas for improvement





# Special Programs

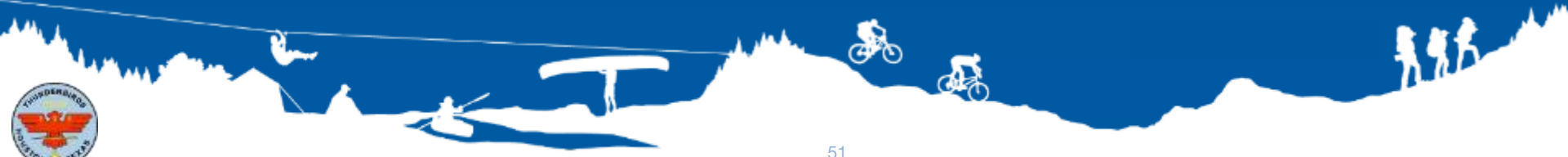




# Food Drive - 2023

## *What Success Looks Like*

- **Mr. McCord will leading this effort (thank you!)**
- **Get a bunch of Food for MDUMC Food Pantry**
  - Goal: 50% of houses donate food & 4000+ items
- **Show the Scouts the value of Community Service and the importance of effort to the community (theme for MBs)**
- **Yes door hangers are back for 2023!**





# Food Drive - 2023

## *Logistics and Updates*

- Limiting our area back to Memorial between BW-8 to Dairy Ashford and the Bayou and I-10 due to Troop Size ~2000 houses
- We will be using DOOR HANGERS this year so no more bags and stuffing items
- Tuesday and Saturday (9/26 and 9/30)
- T599 Adult Leadership jobs are considered “once a year, working with adults”
- Service Hours available



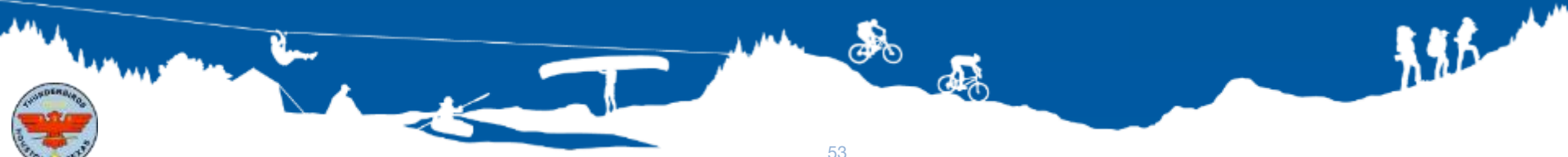


# Food Drive – 2023

## *Volunteer Needs*

- **Map Coordinator – Tuesday & Saturday; provide doughnuts (reimbursable by Troop) for participants**
- **Food Drop-Off Leaders (2) – Positioned at Food Pantry to work with Scout Leaders to facilitate unloading of food from cars and control traffic**

*Adult Leadership jobs are considered “once a year, working with adults”*





# Recruiting





# Recruiting

- **Growing the Team (Troop) is critical this year due to large number of Scouts aging out & impact of COVID on Scouting**
- **Refocus recruiting on local area**
  - Packs & Schools
  - Den Chief PoR is available
- **Expectations:**
  - Class A uniforms at events
  - Good behavior INCLUDING language





# Recruiting: *Key Dates*

- Mustang District Rocket Day: October 7, 2023
- Webelos Open House: October 10, 2023
- Spook-O-Ree (*Troop outing*): Oct. 28 - 29, 2023
- Webelos in the Woods:  
(*Troop outing*) Feb. 2 - 4, 2024
- Scout Sunday: Feb. 11, 2024







# Patrols





# Bulls Patrol

## Bulls



Patrol Advisor  
Don Paullo

- Finn Clark
- Michael Bennett
- Kyle Eagleson
- William Fast
- Levi Hirtz
- Helton Hirtz
- Andrew Hunt
- Ethan McKnight
- Zachary Parks
- Diego Restrepo
- Jake Zazueta





# Cobra Patrol

## Cobras



Patrol Advisor  
**Mark Lackey**

- Thomas Babineck
- Aiden Barrientos
- Mustafa Ezzi
- James Hampton
- Kian Jaleel-Kahn
- Scott Lillibridge
- Brennan McKnight
- Patrick Miller
- Thomas Ochs
- James Painter
- Luca Paullo





# Frontiersman Patrol

## Frontiersman



## Patrol Advisor

Hodge  
Eagleson

- Ahmed Cheena-Sait
- Cosmo Bennett
- Alden Binnion
- Nick Hendricks
- Ben Grotholson
- Matthew Le
- Scott MacCrimmon
- Ben McCord
- Nathaniel Newman
- Wyatt Smejkal
- Adam Teske
- Quinn Unger
- Diego Vasquez-Gonzales





# Knights Patrol - FCE

## Knights



- Grant Beyer
- Waytt Binnion
- Justin Mui
- Jake Prior
- Luke Smejkal

## Patrol Advisor

Alan Burnett





# Patrol Realignment

## Thunderbirds (Staff)

- John Carney
- Sam Hail
- Dustin Oglesby
- Jonathan lackey
- Nicholas Nedwed



## Patrol Advisor

Rick Snell





# Development





# Development:

## *2023/24 Format - FCE's*

**The FCE Program will continue to focus on Scout Skills and advancement towards First Class**

- Meetings
  - Meeting Time: 6:30pm – 7:15pm
  - Location:
    - **Family Life Center at MDUMC**
    - **2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in the Church**
- More to come from Mr. Burnett







# Development:

## *Board of Reviews (BoR)*

- BOR sign up sheet returning to the Scout Hut.
- Sign-ups close at the end of the Troop Meeting the Tuesday prior so we can recruit the right number of adult volunteers.
- Reminder: BOR occurs the first Thursday of each month.

Troop 599  
Board of Review Sign Up Sheet

Date of Board of Review: Thursday, September 2, 2021

BOR Reminders

**Read Before Signing** →

- Scouts are eligible for a Board of Review ONLY after all requirements are met and recorded in your Handbook.
- Scouts must bring the signed off Handbook, and be dressed in complete Class A Uniform at the Board of Review.
- Scouts attending for Star and Life Boards of Review must bring your individual History Report (HR) to the Board of Review.
- Scouts must complete Scoutmaster conference prior to Board of Review.
- Boards start at 7:00 PM.

BOR Coordinator: Scout Services Call: 281-627-4855 / Email: [Troop599@bmail.com](mailto:Troop599@bmail.com)

Please remove the sign-up sheet from the area to complete and vital sign-off.

Scout Name	Rank for Review	Scout Email	Scout Phone No.	Have you read the BOR Reminders written above?





# Development:

## *Advancement Review Questions (ARQ)*

- Each Patrol Advisors is responsible for performing the ARQ.
- Troop Outings are the **PRIMARY location** for all ARQ's so please use 9-10am on Sunday.
- **Reminder:**
  - Sign-off of all requirements (as shown in book or TM)
  - Schedule ARQ with Patrol Advisor
  - Schedule SMC: Star – Mr. Paullo/Lackey, Life/Eagle – Mr. Snell
  - Sign-up for BoR – First Thursday of Month





# Development: Merit Badges

---- Room D207 OR ZOOM ---- 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Merit Badge	Counselors	2023-2024	Class Times	Year Merit Badge Requirements were Last Revised
First Aid	Mr. McCord	Aug 29, Sep 5, 12 - Room D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2022
Cit in Society	Mr. Eagleson	Sep 19, Oct 10 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2021
Sustainability	Mr. Harris	Oct 3, 17 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2019
Cooking	Mrs. MacCrimmon, Mr. Paullo	Oct 17, 24, 31 - Room D207 or ZOOM and future Troop Outing	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2023
Law	Mr. Harris	Nov 7, 14 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2020
Personal Management	Mr. Parks	Nov 7, 14 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2019
Hiking	Mr. White	Dec 5 - Room D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2023
Camping	Mr. Babineck, Mr. Paullo	Dec 5 - Room D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2018
Environmental Science	Mr. Escamilla	Dec 12, Jan 9 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2023
Family Life	Mrs. Oglesby	Jan 9 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2023
Personal Fitness	Mr. Bozeman	Jan 16, 23 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2023
Cit in the World	Mr. Zazueta, Mr. Paullo	Feb 6, 13 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2016
Communication	Mr. Tittle	Feb 20, 27, Mar 5 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2019
Cit in the Community	Mr. Harris	Mar 5, 19, Apr 2 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2016
Cit in the Nation	Mr. Welborn	Apr 9, 16, 23 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2022
Radio	Mr. Snell	Apr 9, 16, 23 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2018
Emergency Prep	Mr. Balke, Mr. Bozeman	Apr 30, May 7 - Rm D207 or ZOOM	6:30PM - 7:30PM	2023



# Development:

## *Positions of Responsibility*

- **If you need a POR for rank advancement, please discuss with your Patrol Advisor ASAP**
- **Focus on Den Chief, Chaplain Aide, Bugler, and Historian (Social Media)**
- **Goal: To fill 100% by September 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **All POR's require Scouts to complete page 66 from Troop Handbook**
  - Upon turn-in (email to Mr. Bennett & Mr. Snell): POR will officially begin





Questions?





# Closing Flags





# Closing Ceremony

## Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

## Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,  
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.





Let's Have a  
Great Year!!

