

TROOP 608 BUGLE



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September, October, November 2003

Order of the Arrow Meeting

Greetings Arrowmen of the Panzacola Chapter, Order of the Arrow: This is a reminder of our next OA chapter meeting:

WHEN: Next Thursday, September 25, 2003, 7:00-8:00 PM

WHERE: Troop 3 Scout Hut, Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 9th Avenue in Pensacola

WHAT: Recap of the Fall Pow Wow, Guest speaker, Brotherhood sign-off opportunities, planning for Fall activities, discussion of new chapter t-shirts and other chapter items. We will also talk about Panzacola Chapter's plans to provide service to the Escalante Fall Camporee in October. A selection of items from the lodge foot locker will also be available for purchase. Refreshments will be served. If you attended our last meeting, please invite at least one arrowman who did not attend the meeting to attend with you.

We look forward to seeing you next Thursday evening. Appropriate attire for the meeting is your scout uniform and your OA sash.

Yours in Cheerful Service,
Jim Matson

Panzacola Chapter Adviser

Earn Your Religious Emblem

Catholic Scouts Interested in earning the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem are encouraged to sign up for the next round of sessions. Candidates must have been active in Scouting for at least six months and have completed the 6th Grade to begin work on the Ad Altare Dei.

- Sessions will be scheduled twice monthly from late September 2003 through January 2004 at Sacred Heart Cathedral Scout Hut. Wear your Class "A" uniform as for a troop meeting.

Call Mr. Parker at 477-7367 or Mr. Hrbacek at 438-8653 to confirm your interest or if you have any questions.

ORDER OF THE ARROW UPDATE

The annual Yustaga Lodge Fall Pow Wow was held September 12-14 at Camp Euchee. Lodge and chapter elections took place and Troop 608 is well represented in both the lodge and chapter leadership for the coming year.

Doug Watson was elected the Yustaga Lodge Chief, and Rob Godwin was elected the Lodge Secretary. Ben Marshall was elected the Panzacola Chapter Chief, Evan Robertson was elected the Chapter Vice Chief, and Chris Werre was elected the Chapter Secretary.

Several OA members from Troop 608 were in attendance at this event, including Taylor Biggs, Rob Godwin, David Hrbacek, Ben Marshall, Tyler Marshall, Aaron Oaks, Evan Robertson, Doug Watson, Chris Werre, Ted Werre, and adults Mr. Werre and Mr. Matson.

New Smoking Policy

As of 8/15/03, the use of tobacco products on Troop 608 functions will be no longer be tolerated. I realize this may vary slightly from BSA policy. However, we have attempted to address this issue over the past several years and still find that the boys are affected and take issue with adults using tobacco products. **We are sending a message that should not be sent!**

Therefore, there will be no use of presence of tobacco products at functions that Troop 608 participates in.

Thank you:

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Randy Werre

Scoutmaster

CHARTER CHAT

Service opportunities are available at the Cathedral Scout Hut. All the Scouting groups within the parish will be working on making much needed repairs and improvements to the Scout Hut. There are many merit badge requirements that can be met by working at the hut, including Painting, Home Repairs, Woodwork, and more. The fall calendar is filling up fast, but if you would like to earn some service hours or work on your "handy" merit badges, see Mr. Matson or Mr. Hrbacek to find out what you can do and when.

Q's Query

ADVANCEMENT

by: Erin Hernandez and Betsy Werre

The Scouts of Troop 608 are working on finishing up their merit badges started at summer camp. It is so great to see them finish what they have started.

Archery: Brandon Bahneman

Gregory Harrison

Canoeing: Mark Ethridge

*Cit in Community: Tyler Marshall

*Communications: Thomas Couch

Electricity: Ross Gillette

*Env Science: Daniel Danforth

Chris Welch

Chris Werre

Fishing: Daniel Danforth

Michael Jones

Samuel Ronan

Forestry: Tyler Marshall

Indian Lore: Gregory Harrison

Reptile/Amphibian: John Steele

Rifle Shooting: Brandon Bahneman

Gregory Harrison

Thomas Owens

Rowing: Mark Ethridge

*Swimming: Gregory Harrison

Wood Carving: Brandon Bahneman

Two Life Scouts passed their Eagle Board of Review. Congradulations to Ben Marshall and Evan Robertson.

Ten boys advanced in rank. They are:

Robert Vaughn- to Scout

Michael Jones- to Tenderfoot

Clifford Van Alst- to Tenderfoot

Adam Hileman- to 2nd Class

Joshua Jones- to 2nd Class

John Steele- to 2nd Class

Gio Vargas- to 2nd Class

Michael Capps- to Life

Tyler Marschall- to Life

Joe Harvill- recieved his Silver Eagle Palm.

Wow- they sure keep us busy in advancements!!!

JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING

As stated in the BSA Scoutmaster Handbook, "one of the most challenging of the Scoutmaster is to train boy leaders to run the troop by providing direction, coaching and support. They will make mistakes now and then and will rely upon you to guide them. But only through real hands-on experiences as leaders can boys learn to lead."

It is the goal of our Scoutmaster, his ASMs and all the committee members that Troop embrace this philosophy and do everything they can to make this happen.

The following elected boy leaders were trained at the JLT at Paquette, September 6 & 7. Thanks to all the parents who supported their sons in the completion of this valuable training and worthwhile responsibility.

Senior Patrol Leader-	Rob Godwin
Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders-	Jay Schmitz Chris Werre
Chief Quartermaster-	Aaron Oaks
Quartermasters-	Chris Hernandez Tim Hrbacek Alex Stone
Scribe-	Chris Welch
Librarian-	Gabe Roberson
Historian-	Daniel Danforth
Chaplain Aide-	Alex Bortone
Patrol Leaders-	
Bats-	Ryan Fitzgerald
Canadian Cattle-	Jordan Harris
Moose-	Colin Fitzgerald
Hawks-	Samuel Ronan
Pedro-	Michael Capps
Assistant Patrol Leaders-	
Bats-	Chris Dampier
Canadian Cattle-	Charle Henning
Moose-	Collin Verge
Hawks-	Brendan Pepler
Pedro-	Patrick Ward
Troop Guides-	Mark Franklin Matt Jones, Ben Gardner
OA Rep-	Patrick Ward
Jr Assistant Scoutmaster-	Peter Simms Doug Watson, Ted Werre

LIFE TO EAGLE NEWS

The Miracle Camp, which is run by Sacred Heart Health Systems, is located near the intersection of Beulah Road and Nine Mile Road. This camp, which opened last September, has numerous needs for Eagle projects. Any Life Scouts who do not yet have a project in mind should consider Miracle Camp. Contact Mr. Matson for more information on these project opportunities and to schedule a time to visit the camp and discuss your plans with the camp director.

I have been a busy Life to Eagle advisor lately, and that is a GOOD THING! Are you a Life Scout who is not on the list of pending projects? All Life Scouts who have not yet done so should meet with Mr. Matson to discuss the process of planning and executing your Eagle project.

Here's what a few of our Life Scouts are planning:

Jonathan Seger will be landscaping the grounds at the Cathedral school, at the corner of 12th and Moreno Street;

Brent Nesvik will build bat houses and hang them in trees, in an effort to help control the mosquito population in the area;

Rob Godwin will build handicap-accessible mobile plant-potting stations at a local hospital, which will provide therapy and rehab for recovering patients who need to re-learn their motor skills;

...and, several Scouts, including Taylor Biggs, Alex Stone, Chris Welch, and Ross Gillette, have expressed an interest in doing projects at Miracle Camp.

Ben Marshall and Evan Robertson passed their Eagle Boards of Review on August 20. Ben's Eagle Court of Honor date is set for Sunday, November 2, 2003. Watch for more information about this great event.

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2005 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

Last month, we showed a video about the 2005 Jamboree and distributed interest flyers. The Jamboree, held every 4 years at Ft. A.P. Hill, Virginia, is a wonderful Scouting adventure. Over 35,000 scouts and leaders come together for great activities like arena shows, patch trading, scuba, pioneering, and more!

The Jamboree is open to all who are qualified. Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must be at least First Class Scouts. They must have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2005, but not have reached their 18th birthday by August 3, 2005. All Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must participate in a pre-jamboree training experience; file a complete Personal Health and Medical Record prior to the pre-jamboree training; have been active in a troop or team for at least six months prior to July 1, 2005; and be approved by the unit leader and local council jamboree committee.

There will not be a Jamboree in 2009, but rather, in 2010, to be aligned with the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Keep this in mind, because if you are going to be 13 or older at the 2005 Jamboree, this will be your last opportunity to attend as a youth.

If you will be between 18 and 20 for the Jamboree, you may want to consider applying for the 3rd Assistant Scoutmaster position. This leader position within a Jamboree troop must be an adult between the age of 18 and 20. Full details about the Jamboree, including application forms, are available at the council Jamboree website, <http://www.gulfcoastcouncil.org/jamboree>.

Applications for the Jamboree will be accepted at the council office beginning October 1. If you have any questions about the Jamboree, contact Jim Matson, Council Jamboree chairman.

DUES INCREASE ANNOUNCED

In order to offset increases in the cost charged by national for new and returning scouts, Boys' Life and other troop expenses, the Troop Committee voted at its September meeting to set dues for 2004 at \$78.00 per scout (\$6.50 per month; an increase of \$1.50 per month over dues for 2003).

In order to be able to handle our re-chartering responsibilities, we ask that all returning scouts pay their dues for the coming year during November. If this presents a difficulty for anyone, please contact the Scoutmaster (Randy Werre 474-2700) or the Troop Committee Chairman (Jeff Stone 432-

PROPOSED CHANGE TO TROOP POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The Troop Committee voted at its September meeting to propose the following addition to the official policy and procedure document of the troop. Final action to adopt this amendment to the Troop's Policy and Procedures will be taken by the Troop Committee at its next regular meeting following this publication of the proposed change. Anyone who has any comments, concerns or suggestions regarding this proposed amendment should be sure to voice them to the committee prior to or at the next committee meeting.

Policy - The use of tobacco products at Troop 608 functions is not permitted.

Explanatory Comment - As role models, we must take special steps to ensure that we do not create situations where our actions are inconsistent with our words.