

MAY 2009

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TRAIL SIGN

COURT OF HONOR

**Tuesday, April 28th, 2009
7:00pm - 8:30pm**

Parents and family members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Merit badges and rank advancements will be awarded along with information about the troop's upcoming events!

Please bring snack foods (cookies, peanuts, crackers and cheese, etc.) to share.

District Camporee

May 1st-3rd @ Camp Tahuaya

Perdenales Falls

**May 15th-17th Troop Camp-out
Drop dead date for registering May 5th**



ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

May 29th setup & 30th sale

We need your gently-used donations!

Profits from the garage sale are split between the scouts who volunteer their time at the garage sale and the troop equipment fund. We will be setting up for the garage sale on Friday night, May 29th after 5:30pm and the Garage Sale will begin early Saturday morning at 7:30am. Bring your items for donation on Friday night.

Let us know if you need assistance with large items.



Memorial Day Service Project

Monday, May 25th, MEMORIAL DAY Troop 287 will be placing flags at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery. More information will be available as we get closer to the event.

New ASM Leaders needed!

We just signed up over 15 new scouts to our Troop and we are short registered leaders. If you are interested (and we really hope you are), we would be happy to welcome you to the leadership. What a fulfilling experience to assist a Scout along the path to the Eagle Rank and all the fun along the way!

**Make a difference in a boy's life!
Become an Assistant Scoutmaster!**

The Assistant Scoutmaster's responsibilities include:

1. Assists in planning the Troop program and activities
2. Works with the ASPL in administering Troop operations
3. Coordinates Troop/Webelos activities
4. Assists the SM in accomplishing all of his duties
5. Plans Troop physical arrangements
6. Works with the Troop committee and Quartermaster, as necessary, to ensure the Troop has adequate equipment
7. Is/are properly trained
8. If appropriate, serves as Patrol Advisor
9. Serves in the absence of the SM



FYI - If you are in need of camping supplies, Sportman's Warehouse in Round Rock, is going out-of-business and everything is on sale.

Summer Camp

14-20 June 2009



Please submit your information and payment to the Troop Treasurer Dawn Weller or Scoutmaster Mr. Plumlee now.

As a reminder, we will be attending summer camp at SR2 (Sid Richardson Scout Ranch) near Fort Worth, TX.

Health Forms

If you have not already received the updated health forms, please check with Mr. Plumlee for a copy. Remember, we need an updated health/physical form prior to attending summer camp and then on an annual basis.

www.troop287killeen.org

PACKING LIST AVAILABLE

Packing Lists are located in the Scout Handbook and on the Troop website (www.troop287killeen.org).

Please be aware that we are seeing Scouts unprepared for the activities. Many have continually forgotten a water bottle and this is a critical item for a Scout. Good hiking shoes and a jacket (rain gear) for Texas' changing weather are also needed.

The welfare of your Scout is dependent on their packing abilities. Please help us teach your Scout how to be prepared for each scouting activity. Many times, the permission slips will note any additional specific items that need to go with the Scout.

Please take note of this.

Space Center Houston Camp-in photos



Troop Activity Permission Slips

In accordance with BSA policy, the Troop is required to get parental permission for all of our outdoor activities. In Troop 287, we do this using our Permission Slip for each activity.

Permission slips are normally handed out at Troop meetings and are also available on our Troop 287 web site.

[Http://www.troop287killeen.org/](http://www.troop287killeen.org/)

We use these permission slips for additional purposes to include coordinating transportation and insuring we have adequate food purchased for each camp-out. We also use them for the purpose of ensuring that each scout has adequate funds in their respective troop account to cover the cost of the camp-out.

It is important that in trying to plan each camp-out, parents attempt to get the permission slip completed and turned in to us so we can plan adequate transportation and we purchase enough food for all of our scouts. For this reason, we have established a "Drop Dead Date" in which we would like to know who will be attending the camp-out. This is usually the week prior to the camp-out, although we will never turn down a scout who wants to go camping.

Please see the Parent Handbook for more information. The Parent Handbook is now posted at the Troop website.

PLEASE NOTE: If you and your Scout have signed the Permission Slip for an activity, you are committed to the expense of the activity. If for any reason your Scout cannot participate in an activity that he has signed up for, the Troop needs to be notified before the Drop Dead Date. This is especially important for the activities that must be planned and places reserved months in advance, including Summer Camp, Space Camp, USS Lexington, Deep Sea Fishing Trip, etc.

TROOP CALENDAR

MAY 2009

- 1st-3rd) District Camporee - Camp Tahuaya
- 2nd) Beaver Day - Camp Tahuaya - OA Tap-out
- 5th) Troop Meeting 7:00pm - UNIFORM & BOOKS
- 10th) **Mother's Day**
- 12th) Troop Meeting 7:00pm
- 15th-17th) Camp-out @ Perdenales Falls
- 18th) PLC Meeting 6:00pm / Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 19th) Troop Meeting 7:00pm
- 22nd-23rd) Ordeal of the Arrow
- 25th) Memorial Day - service project
- 26th) Troop Meeting 7:00pm
- 29th) Set-up for Garage Sale
- 30th) Annual Garage Sale!!!!
- 30th) Mow grass for St. C's

JUNE 2009

- 2nd) Troop Meeting 7:00pm - UNIFORM & BOOKS
- 6th & 7th) High School Graduations
- 9th) Troop Activity
- 14th) Flag Day
- 14th- 20th) Summer Camp at SR2
- 16th) No Meeting
- 21st) **Father's Day**
- 22nd) PLC Meeting 6:00pm / Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 23rd) Troop Meeting 7:00pm
- 27th) Dedication Ceremony - Sean's Eagle Project
- 30th) Troop Activity-Round Rock Baseball

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR
ALL SCOUTS, SCOUTERS AND PARENTS**

***Please Remember, all schedules
are subject to change!!
Be Prepared!!**