



BSA TROOP 287

NOVEMBER 2009



TRAIL SIGN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SCOUTS, SCOUTERS, AND PARENTS

Notice: Volunteers are still needed!

**Committee Member,
Assistant Scoutmaster,
Merit Badge Counselor, or Chaplain.
Troop 287 would love to hear from you!
Please contact SM Gordon Plumlee
or Committee Chair Kathy Overholser
for more information.**

NASCAR Race - Nov. 7



If you have registered to participate in the trip to Fort Worth to the Texas Motor Speedway to watch the O' Reilly Challenge on Saturday, November 7th, we will meet at 7:00am Saturday morning in St. Christopher's parking lot and return to Killeen Saturday night around 11:00pm. Be sure and wear comfortable clothing, layers if necessary. Check the weather reports! Also bring money for souvenirs. Cell phones are for emergencies only. Remember, CD players, MP3 players, and/or other electronic devices are allowed in the vehicle only, not in the park. If necessary, this equipment will be confiscated until after the race if necessary.

SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY



FOOD FOR FAMILIES FOOD DRIVE

Troop 287 will be participating in the food collection for the Food for Families drive on Friday, November 20th at the Killeen Special Events Center on S. W.S. Young Drive from 6pm - 9pm. Wear official BSA uniform! This is an excellent opportunity for earning service hours.



Pick up popcorn for delivery Nov. 14th, Time/Place TBA. Deliver it quickly and collect any outstanding money.

Money is due to Mrs. Dunn not later than December 1st along with last chance for prize selection. On-line sales receive 30% Commission and it is given after Dec. 11th (one check will be sent to unit). www.trails-end.com

Cindi Dunn - Popcorn Kernal
dunnci@aol.com

Phone: 254-698-1418 / Cell: 254-423-8151



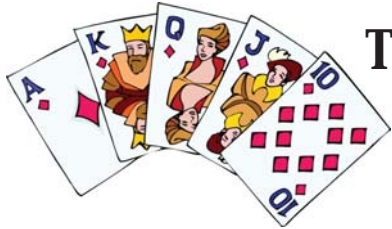
SERVICE PROJECT

Wednesday, November 11th, VETERANS DAY, Troop 287 will be placing flags at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery. Time will be announced at the Troop Meeting. Please wear Official BSA Uniform to this event.



Give Thanks This Holiday Season





TROOP 287 GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, November 24th is our annual Game Night for Troop 287. Meeting begins at 6:30pm. Scouts are allowed to bring board games, puzzles, or a deck of standard playing cards to share. Please, NO electronic games. Refreshments will be provided by the Troop Committee. We will also have song practice to prepare us for Caroling on December 12th.



MIKE PRESTA'S EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Mike Presta's Eagle Court of Honor will be Saturday, November 28th at 3:00pm at Camp Tahuaya. This is a mandatory service for our Scouts and Scouters. Please contact Mr. Plumlee or Mrs. Overholser if you cannot attend.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING SERVICE PROJECT



Troop 287 will be Caroling at Darnall Hospital, Families in Crisis, and The Rosewood Retirement Community on Saturday, December 12th. Time will be announced at the Troop Meetings. Please wear Official BSA Uniform to this event. This is an annual service event that we do for our community. We receive RAVE reviews every year! Can't wait to see you there! Remember we have singing practice at every Troop meeting until the event.

The **Annual Scout Show** on Saturday, October 17th was a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who attended and/or participated in this event. Our first aid display was very popular, especially the litter carry. The Troop retired many U.S. flags at a very respectful ceremony with the participation of many Scouts and parents who were attending the event.



Rifle Merit Badge

Attention: Scouts who started their Rifle Merit Badge at Summer Camp, we have arranged to assist you in completing your Merit Badge. We will meet at St. C's at 8:00am Saturday, November 21st and then we will travel to Camp Tahuaya where there will be a licensed instructor to help us help you complete your Rifle Merit Badge. Please see Mr. Plumlee for more information. Return to St. C's around 3:00pm Saturday afternoon.

ARCHEOLOGY MERIT BADGE PROJECT



On Saturday, December 5th, Troop 287 will be participating in a Merit Badge activity at the Gault Site. This will be the Archeology Merit Badge. It is recommended that Scouts who will be participating should go to the following site and print off the merit badge worksheet for the Archeology. The requirements for the merit badge are at the same site. <http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Archeology>



Every year Troop 287 has haunted the Cub Scouts on the trail at Camp Tahuaya and we were all excited to do it again this year. The **Haunted Hayride** was a lot of work, but a lot more fun! Included on the haunted trail, there was a graveyard with ghouls a-many, a train depot complete with a whistle/horn and spotlight, flying deathmasters, and goblins galore. The Scouts who were able to participate had a blast. Great job, Scouts and Scouters!!

TROOP CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2009

- 3rd - Troop Meeting 7:00pm - Uniforms and Handbooks
- 7th - NASCAR Busch Race 7:00am
- 10th - Troop Meeting 7:00pm
- 11th - Veteran's Day - place flags at Cemetery
- 14th - Popcorn at Mrs. Dunn's
- 16th - PLC Meeting 6:00pm
Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 17th - Troop Meeting 7:00pm
- 20th - Food For Families 6pm -9pm
- 21st - Rifle Merit Badge completion at Camp Tahuaya 9am - 2pm
- 24th - Troop Meeting 6:30 pm/Game Night
- 25th-27th - Thanksgiving / KISD Holiday
- 28th - Mike Presta's Eagle Court of Honor / Camp Tahuaya

DECEMBER 2009

- 1st - Troop Meeting 7:00pm - Uniforms and Handbooks
- 5th - Gault Archeological Site - Merit Badge Activity/Florence, TX
- 8th - Troop Meeting 7:00pm
- 12th - Caroling - Time TBA
- 14th - PLC Meeting 6:00pm
Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 15th - Troop Meeting 7:00pm
- 21st - Jan 1, 2010 - KISD Holiday - no school
- 22nd & 29th - No Troop Meetings
- 31st - Deliver food to Killeen Police Department - Time TBA

Please remember, all schedules are subject to change!! Be Prepared!!

More fun to come!

Troop Court of Honor - January 12, 2010

Orienteering Course - January 22-23, 2010

TROOP FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

USED INK CARTRIDGES

Bring in your used ink cartridges from your computers for recycling.

Turn them into ASM Gene Presta.

CLEAN ALUMINUM CANS

Bring in your clean aluminum cans for recycling. Turn them into SM Gordon Plumlee.