



# The Old Man

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## UPCOMING TROOP EVENTS

Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Meeting
Jan 15 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Campout
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCOUT MEETING</b>
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meeting - Jamboree
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Meeting
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Board of Review
Feb 7 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Meeting
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Campout
Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Troop Meeting
Feb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ski Trip
Feb 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>NO SCOUT MEETING</b>
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Review
Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Court of Honor PARENTS ATTEND!!</b>
Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Council Annual Banquet
Mar 21 <sup>st</sup>	Scout Meeting
Mar 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO SCOUT MEETING</b>
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Tuesday Meeting</b>

The troop calendar is posted on the troop website. Please visit the site and download a PDF file for either a monthly or yearly version. Visit early, visit often.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Quality Leaders

In previous additions of *The Old Man* you have read about the leaders of Troop 70. One of the hallmarks of the troop is the quality and consistent unit leadership.

It was recently announced that Bob Pospick and Jim Phillips were nominated and selected for the top volunteer award for leadership presented at the council level. Both of our leaders will be receiving the **Silver Beaver Award** at the Council Annual Banquet on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

There were only 18 council award winners this year out of 15,000+ registered adult Scouters in the council. Please extend a sincere congratulations to them for their service to Scouting and Troop 70.

Other adults from the troop who have received the award include: Dan Herndon, Lon Sailors, Louis Adin, Jim Marshall, Bill Hubbard, Tom O'Dwyer, Turner Baxter, and Charles Holmes.

## JAMBOREE 2005

Time is getting closer towards departure for 2005 National Jamboree. The final payments were due December 31, 2004. By now, \$925 should have been paid to the council. You should have received a letter in the past couple of weeks with any remaining balance information.

Just a reminder of the **January 20<sup>th</sup>** meeting date for parents and Scouts to learn more about the jamboree and the event details. The meeting will be at McCulloch Intermediate School.

There have been a few questions about conflicts and the jamboree. Jamborees usually come every four years. The next one after 2005, will be in 2010 (5 years) to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of Scouting in the United States. So for most Scouts, this is their only chance to attend a jamboree.

Planning an event where 35,000 Scouts will attend takes a lot of planning. Planning was underway just as the last jamboree ended. As of now, fees have been paid, plane tickets booked, and hotel space paid for all the Circle Ten Scouts attending.

Every effort should be made to rearrange schedules so each Troop 70 scout can attend. The event is a once in a life time opportunity for the boys and with the troop able to pay one-half of the cost, it just can't be passed up. There will be other baseball games, more years at camps, vacation chances.

## DECEMBER BANQUET

This year's annual banquet was a super event. There were 275 guests at the banquet.

Deborah Holmes, Patty Brewer, Amy Wesner, Kathy Lockett, and the patrol leader moms all played key roles in making the event a success.

Over the years the banquet has changed. Back in the 1950's, 60's, and 70's, the moms cooked all the food. Then the menu was strictly turkey, dressing, and all the traditional fixings.

During the late 70's and early 80's, more moms began working and things changed. The troop ordered cooked turkeys and the school fixed the vegetables.

During the late 80's and early 90's the menu changed again to the current holiday BBQ menu. Peggy Sue's has been catering the event since the move to the Texas BBQ fare.

Thanks to all who decorated, organized, cleaned up, served, etc. It is a great tradition of the troop all the efforts are appreciated.

## TROOP 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Seventy-five years ago Troop 70 was formed by a group of concerned citizens of University Park. The rest is history.

To celebrate that history, the troop is planning the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary for June 25, 2005. This is right after summer camp and before packing for the jamboree occurs. Please mark your calendars.

Leslie Melson and Shelley Eisenlohr are co-chairing the anniversary committee. If you are interested in working with them on the event, please contact them directly. If they call you to assist, please step up and lend a hand.

The celebration will be held at the school with events for troop alumni planned. Dinner, visiting, and viewing troop history will all be a part of the afternoon celebration.

Stay tuned for more details.

## VENTURE SCOUTING

Seventy, Inc. is the sponsor of Crew 70, a BSA venture crew. To be in the crew, you must be at least 14 years old and not yet 21. Membership is open to both boys and girls that meet the age requirements.

Two of Troop 70's leaders also serve as leaders of Crew 70. Hudson Lockett and Marshall Weaver work with the crew. Elizabeth Pospick also works with the crew and the female members.

Venturing is not the same old Scouting program. The crew members set the goals, plan the activities, along with all the details.

The crew has gone on campouts they have planned to places the troop has not been. They have a good time and have meetings less frequently than the troop so boys can participate in both crew and troop.

If you are interested in finding out more about the crew and the opportunities it offers, please see one of the adult leaders.

## SKI TRIP ON!!

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual ski trip is on for February 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>. This trip only happens due to the extra effort and commitment of Jim Phillips.

If you are interested in sending your Scout or going with him, please contact Jim. There are options of flying and driving to Taos, NM.

The lodging is just a bit down from the slopes and the entire trip is fun and laid back.

Time is of the essence. Contact Jim very soon.

## ADVANCEMENT DAY

North Trail District is planning a day for merit badge advancement. It will be held at the University of Texas - Dallas in Richardson.

Details about what will be offered will be coming out soon. The anticipated date is March 26<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday before Easter.

Final details with fees, exact times, and locations will be coming out soon. It is an excellent chance to take one day and concentrate on a merit badge. Most of them can be completed that day.

## MORE IMPORTANT DATES

There are just a few more dates that definitely need to be marked on each Troop 70 family calendar. Please note the following:

Apr. 30 - May 1<sup>st</sup> - Shakedown for the jamboree  
June 5-11 Summer camp  
June 25<sup>th</sup> 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Jul 20<sup>th</sup> **Depart** for Jamboree  
Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> **Return** from Jamboree

## KNAPP EARNS BEADS

Congratulations to Bill Knapp. He was recognized at the last Court of Honor for completing his Wood Badge Training.

Wood Badge is the highest level of leadership training offered for adult Scout volunteers. The course consists of two, three-day weekends and then a period of time to take what was learned and apply that in their Scouting job.

Bill worked on five different projects that benefitted the Scouts. Way to go BILL!!!!

Many of the troop leaders have also taken and completed Wood Badge training. Those include: Bob Pospick, Hudson Lockett, David Eisenlohr, Jim Marshall, Jim Phillips, Jim Whorton, Stan McDaniel, David Baxter, Marshall Weaver, and Charles Holmes.

## A LITTLE MORE HISTORY

During the fall of 1930, a group of citizens got together and formed Troop 70. A. P. Rollins, was the first troop Scoutmaster. He served in that position for two years.

The troop was formed with just 33 youth members and just a small number of adult leaders. Meetings were held at University Park Elementary School. The school was brand new as it opened its doors for the fall class entering that year.

Other troops were formed at two of the other elementary schools in the HPISD district. A troop was formed at both the Armstrong and Bradfield schools. The Armstrong troop is still in existence, although not meeting at the school and has not been in continuous operation. The troop at Bradfield is no longer in operation. Troop 70 has the

longest tenure of continuous operation of any of the Park Cities' Scout troops, not to mention most Scout troops across the country.

After A. P. Rollins stepped down as Scoutmaster, Ira Russell became the second scoutmaster. Of the first nine scoutmasters, Mr. Russell served the longest with 4 years as Scoutmaster. He was served in that position from 1932 - 1936 and presented four of the first five Eagle Scout awards.

To date, here are the number of Eagle Scout awards earned in the troop by decade.

Decade	# Presented
1930s	5
1940s	14
1950s	72
1960s	72
1970s	63
1980s	40
1990s	56
2000s	45

Note: that if the pace in the 2000s can be maintained, it will be the highest decade in the troop history. The number shown is just for the first five years.

## SEVENTY INC.

Seventy, Inc. recently presented the troop with a brand new portable sound system. The system has been used for skill presentations and has made a great deal of difference in the Scouts being able to hear in the gym.

You may have heard the system at the December Banquet playing holiday music. The wireless microphones really help the audience hear the presenters and brings focus to the Scouts. Ok, well, sometimes it brings focus.

Thank you Seventy, Inc. for your support.

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