



The Old Man

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UPCOMING TROOP EVENTS

Apr 11 th	Scout Meeting
Apr 13 th	Jamboree Parent Makeup Meeting - 7:00 PM at the school
Apr 16 th	Advancement Makeup
Apr 18 th	Scout Meeting
Apr 25 th	Scout Meeting
Apr 30 th	Jamboree Shakedown
May 2 nd	Scout Meeting
May 9 th	Picnic and COH
May 16 th	Scout Meeting
May 23 rd	Scout Meeting
Jun 5 th	Depart - Summer Camp
Jun 11 th	Return from Camp
Jun 25 th	75 th Anniversary Celebration
Jul 20 th	Jamboree Departure
Aug 3 rd	Jamboree Return

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

Leader Awards

The last edition of *The Old Man* announced the selection of leaders **Jim Phillips** and **Bob Pospick** to receive Scouting's most distinguished volunteer award presented by a local council, the **Silver Beaver Award**. The troop family is so proud of these two Scouters for all their service to Scouting and Troop 70. The awards were presented at the council annual dinner on March 17th. Please congratulate both of these men on their recognition.

At the last court of honor, Jackie Brewer, Troop 70's Troop Committee Chairman, presented **Hudson Lockett**, the **Scouters Training Award**. This is an award earned by adult leaders for going the extra mile by taking training courses to better prepare them as Scouting leaders.

Please take the time to congratulate these leaders, as well as all of our leaders, for the great job they do as volunteers in Scouting.

JAMBOREE 2005

Well, the clock is counting down to the day we leave for the Jamboree. As of this writing, we have a mere 105 days to our departure for New York City, Washington, DC, and Ft. A.P. Hill. So many days, yet so much to do.....

One of the things that should be on everyone's "to do" list is completing the following by April 16th. **First**, the completed, signed Jamboree medical form needs to be turned in to **David Baxter**; please use the instructions given to you at the parent/Scout meeting. Also, the same medical form can be used for summer camp.

Second, please give **Bill Knapp** or **Bob Pospick** your social security number. This is a requirement for a tour that we are working on to enter the White House.

Next, the Jamboree Code of Conduct form needs to be signed by the Scout & the parent, and then turned in to **Mr. Knapp** or **Mr. Pospick**.

Finally, the Troop fee for the Jamboree has been set at \$60 per Scout and the checks need to be made out to "Troop 70". This fee covers 2 special Jamboree T-shirts, 2 special Jamboree shoulder patches, cap & fanny pack.

For those parents and Scouts that did not make the first Jamboree meeting, there is a make up meeting scheduled for **April 13th at 7:00 pm** at University Park Elementary School.

Besides April 16th, another date which should already be highlighted on your calendar is the weekend of April 30 - May 1. This is the mandatory pre-Jamboree encampment at Camp Wisdom. We will be issued all of the equipment that we'll be taking to the Jamboree. And this is our only chance until we arrive in Caroline County, Virginia to assure that all of our equipment is in working order and we practice using it. It's far better to learn 30 miles from home than 1300 miles when we're at the Jamboree!

Be on the lookout for additional Jamboree information from Bill & Bob in the near future. An additional parent/ Scout meeting is being planned to share more information on the trip. If you have any immediate questions on the Jamboree, please contact **Mr. Knapp** or **Mr. Pospick**.

TROOP 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Seventy-five years ago Troop 70 was formed by a Group of Concerned Citizens of University Park. The early history of the troop is somewhat hazy now, but we do know the leaders and members for all of those years.

On June 25th, the troop is hosting a 75th Anniversary Celebration. The event will be held at the school in the gym and outdoors. It will begin at 11:00 am and conclude about 2:00.

Events planned include

- S Alumni visiting time
- S Tour of topside
- S Lunch
- S Eagle Court of Honor
- S Troop 70 memorabilia

You will be receiving a special mailing soon that has all the event details. There is special pricing for current troop members. This pricing is in recognition of the setup and cleanup efforts that will be needed.

Please reply with your reservations promptly to assist the Celebration Committee's planning efforts.

Not many Scout troops can say they have been in continuous operation for 75 years. It is quite an accomplishment that deserves your attendance.

Please give Leslie Melson and Shelley Eisenlohr a big "THANK YOU" for all their work in planning the event.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

One of the goals of Scouting is to teach young men the joy of personal responsibility. Throughout the Scouting program are opportunities for Scouts to learn just that.

Take a look at the advancement requirements for all of the ranks. This goal is present in all of them in one way or another. Pitching your own tent; cooking a meal for yourself and patrol; starting a fire; learning how your community government works; an Eagle project to help others less fortunate; financial management, are all areas that teach parts of personal responsibility.

The behavior of some of the Scouts in our troop has been deteriorating for several years. Uncontrollable talking during meetings, picking on younger Scouts, hitting, ignoring instructions by youth and adult leaders, bad language are just a few of the noted poor behaviors.

Our Scouts are like most others in many respects. They are teenagers, most of them, that are trying to figure out who they are and where they fit in.

Previous generations (you and I) have gone through the same life challenges but without the disrespectful rudeness our kids are exhibiting at almost every event.

Each year, the incoming troop junior leaders are excited about serving in higher leadership roles. They do their best to set a positive example for the younger Scouts. The one universal comment of those young leaders has been of their disbelief of how the younger Scouts misbehave. Life is different in a leadership role than just a follower.

It is just a part of growing up for teenagers to be up and down emotionally, to test the limits, and just complain about everything. However, when it comes to their participation in Scouting, **enough is enough.**

Parents, friends, and countrymen, please sit your Scout down and have an old fashion "how the cow ate the cabbage" talk about respect of others, appropriate behavior at Scout meetings (or anywhere for that matter), proper language (without cussing), and not making someone else's time in Scouting unpleasant. They do not like it when

their life is made miserable so why would it be any different for the target of their misdeeds.

The adult and junior leadership can not police and control every moment of every event, despite our efforts. Boys need the freedom to be boys. However, getting quiet when asked the first time and controlling their behavior towards others is just common decency and a requirement. Continued misbehavior can not (and will not) be tolerated.

Thank you in advance for having a heart to heart with your Scout. If you would like to join in and lend a hand, let the Scoutmaster know and you will be welcome.

MAKE-UP ADVANCEMENT DAY PLANNED

The last Troop 70 scheduled outdoor advancement opportunity is planned for April 16th. This day will be at a camp location close to town. It is for those who are trying to **finish** any remaining requirements for cooking or camping merit badges or for Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class ranks. Merit badges that can be done in town should be done in town.

To better plan adult resources for the day, the Scouts signed up at the April 4th meeting and can do so again at the 11th troop meeting. Space is available on a first come first serve basis. Please see Mr. Holmes to sign up.

JOINT CAMPOUT WITH TROOP 914 A SUCCESS

Troop 914 joined the March 19th campout with Troop 70 and several Cub Scout visitors. 914 brought 18 Scouts and three leaders for the weekend. Their troop is sponsored by St. Lukes Methodist Church in East Dallas. You may know of the long time preacher at the church, Zan Holmes, who was active in the Dallas community for many years.

Allen Avery, Tim Gassaway, and Randy Lester were the leaders present. They watched Troop 70 use the patrol method of operation and they are working with their Scouts on how to implement it in their troop.

The Scouts mixed well together and

our Scouts cooked for them on the campout. Discussions are underway about having some Troop 70 Scouts join Troop 914 on one of their troop camps next year.

SUMMER CAMP

It is hard to believe that summer camp is right around the corner. Dates for camp this year are June 5th thru June 11th.

The cost for camp this year is \$225 if paid by April 1st. After then, the cost goes up to \$250.

The extra funds are charged by Circle Ten, not the troop.

The cost of camp includes round trip transportation via an air-conditioned motor coach from UP School and back.

Who should attend summer camp? - Every Scout in the troop should attend. Advancement, cool breezes on the lake shore, great food, water skiing, sailing, field sports, hiking, etc. are all there. It is one great week to focus on advancement in a safe environment.

Think there is nothing for you to earn at camp? - how about you learning about leadership first hand and providing leadership for the younger Scouts. There is no better place to test your leadership skills than at camp. Remember: when you were younger there were older Scouts there for you. Now it is your turn to do the same. **Parents,** your input (aka -prodding) is needed.

SEA BASE REVISITED... SORTA

Chris Hewitt lead a contingent of 8 scouts to BSA Sea Base for the second time in three years. However, instead of Sailing the Florida Keys this go around, the group sailed in the Bahamas. They were not "pampered guests" on the ship, but were manning the sails, cooking meals, and swabbing the decks. Tough way to spend spring break wouldn't you say?

HIGH ADVENTURE 2006 STYLE

Summer of 2006 will see Troop 70 return with a special high adventure activity for the entire troop. Plans are underway for a week long wilderness camp in Colorado, close to Pagosa Springs.

Activities will include, fishing, hiking, photo opportunities, among other fun activities. On the last two such events the troop has been on, star and satellite watching has been a lot of fun at night.

Travel will be by bus. All food and activities will be included in the price which will be announced this fall. The cost should be around \$300-\$400 per person, a great deal for an event like this. Stay tuned to *The Old Man* for more details.

IRISH SCOUTS TO VISIT

Last summer ASM **Hudson Lockett** lead a group of Circle Ten Scouts to Ireland for 9 days. This was the first step of an annual exchange of Circle Ten Scouts and Scouts from Ireland. Phase two is this summer with a group of 12 Scouts and 3 leaders coming to Dallas to visit.

The Scouts and leaders will join Troop 70 at summer camp for 3 days of camping and then go on to Camp Cherokee for a few days there. Then they will return to town to be hosted by Circle Ten families.

If you are interested in hosting a Scout or two for two days and nights, please let **Mr. Lockett** know. Plan on showing the Scout around Dallas sights for a couple of days. This may include joining with another Irish Scout or two hosting families to split the time up and have a friend for the guest Scouts.

Historical sites, a Tex-Mex dinner, bar-be-que, and such will all be good things to share with the guests. It should be a fun opportunity to learn more about Scouting in another country.

21ST WORLD JAMBOREE IN MERRY OLE ENGLAND

Scouting will be celebrating it's 100 year anniversary of its founding at the 21st World Jamboree. It is only fitting that the celebration be in England, home of the founder, Lord Baden Powell.

The Boy Scouts of America will be

sending a contingent of Scouts and leaders to represent our country and program. The Southern Region will have 22 troops attending the event.

Troop 70 Scouts have been participants in many of the world jamborees and we are planning to take an entire troop of Scouts to this significant event.

Our own Mr. Holmes, as Jamboree Chairman for Circle Ten Council, will be coordinating this effort for the council and troop. Detailed information on the trip is not yet available but will be in the next couple of months.

A world jamboree is very different than a national jamboree. First, 30-35% of the participants are female Scouts. Scouting around the world is mostly coed.

The world jamboree activities are very different. They are more cultural and environmental oriented than our jamborees. Off jamboree site activities are usually included to learn more about the host country and its history and culture.

Patrols from different troops and countries are mixed together for all the activities. This really provides a great opportunity to visit with Scouts from all around the world.

The anticipated cost for the 14 day trip is about \$4,000. While that may seem horribly expensive, it includes all the travel expenses, 3 days of pre-jamboree touring, all meals, equipment (except for personal gear), insurance, pre-jamboree training event, and jamboree fees. Be sure to ask a Troop 70 Scout who attended the last world jamboree in Thailand, how their experience was. Those Scouts are: John Parker, Coleman Lockett, Carson Holmes, Clayton Farrow, and John Faubion.

More information will be forthcoming in the next few months. However, save those nickels and dimes now to attend a remarkable event that expands one's perspective of the world and its people.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 2005 GRADUATING SENIORS

Ten current and former Troop 70 scouts will be receiving their diplomas this May. Congratulations to each of them and here's betting they spread

their wings and become leaders in whatever direction they may take in life after high school! "Make us proud guys!"

S Chris Eisenlohr
S Bryan Newman
S Clayton Farrow
S Brec Riepen
S Trent Goldston
S William Shannon
S Chester Hewitt
S Bobby Shaw
S Michael Kaptain
S Cal Smellage

YOUR TROOP COMMITTEE

One of the unsung groups responsible for the success of Troop 70 is the Troop Committee. The members are volunteers just like a uniformed leader and spend many hours behind the scenes, supporting the troop and its operation.

The group is led by **Jackie Brewer**, chairman. He has served tirelessly in this position for the last seven years, 48 Eagle boards, 14 troop committee meetings, 2 troop reunions, and hours listening to the Scoutmaster moan. He has also seen #1 son Carter receive his Eagle award and is still hopeful for son #2, Clark, to do the same.

His steady leadership has been refreshing to all the uniformed leaders.

The committee member most of the Scouts know is **John Wesner**, Advancement Chairman. His job is ongoing and has lots of record-keeping, shopping at the Scoutfitter, preparing rank award cards, and on and on. His is a most difficult job in tracking the advancement, working with the patrol dads, and getting it all ready for the court of honor. This is the busiest year round committee job.

Seasons come and seasons go and everyone knows when **Shelley** shows the greenery has to go. Ms. Eisenlohr heads up the annual fund raising efforts and is ably assisted by **Brian Riepen**. Under their guidance sales have gone over the \$64,000 level. The fund raiser pays the troop expenses and funds the jamboree efforts.

Other committee members are

- S **Louis Beecherl**, Camping Chair
- S **Leslie Melson**, Banquets
- S **Pat Faubion**, Treasurer
- S **Jim Phillips**, Equipment
- S **Bob Shaw**, Recruitment
- S **Martha Archibald**, Uniforms

Future issues of *The Old Man* will expand on their roles and how their support contributes to the success of Troop 70.

SCOUTMASTER'S CORNER

This month is an anniversary of mine. It was 30 short years ago when I returned from college, and a couple of years working for my college fraternity, to begin serving as an adult leader in Troop 70. Lon Sailors was the Scoutmaster and he never really "asked" me if I wanted to serve the troop. It was just expected.

Serving as an adult leader of the troop has been a great opportunity. I would have never predicted that 30 years would go by and that I would be lucky enough to serve as Scoutmaster for 11 of those years.

The challenges of Scoutmaster are many but continuing the rich traditions of the troop are the greatest responsibility. The troop has an effective structure for program and activities that is success proven. The troop continues to maintain a very high Eagle attainment ratio of just over 25%. Getting it all started was due to Mr. Sailors. Keeping it going has been the effort of many.

This summer I will step down as Scoutmaster. It is time to let another one of the quality troop leaders take the helm of delivering the Scouting program. I know whomever the troop committee selects will do a great job with the supporting cast of experienced quality leaders the troop is so fortunate to have.

My hope is to still serve the troop in a less demanding role. There are personal goals and activities which have been postponed that need my attention.

Please accept my sincerest "thanks" for allowing me to work with you, your sons, and the finest Boy Scout troop in the country.

SEVENTY INC.

Seventy, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt organization. It supports the Scouts in Troop 70 with program supplies, equipment, and other ways. It is sponsoring the 75th Anniversary Celebration Event this summer.

Donations are received from parents, former members, or from others in honor of someone close to the troop.

Recent donations have been received from **Chris and Sue Jones**. They have been very supportive of the troop not only with their financial support but also with their three Eagle Scout sons, Ryan, Trey, and Win.

If you would like to make a donation to Seventy, Inc., please contact Bob Pospick, Dan Herndon, or Charles Holmes.

UNIFORMED LEADERS

It is always helpful to have a list of who the uniformed leaders are. Many times Scouts and parents know a face but not the name.

So here is a list for you to know the names but not the face.

David Baxter	ASM - New Scouts
Joe Crafton	Assistant SM
David Eisenlohr	ASM - Meeting
Dan Herndon	ASM - Management
Chris Hewitt	ASM Program
Charles Holmes	SM
Oscar Hollis	ASM - At Large
Bill Knapp	ASM - Camping
Hudson Lockett	ASM - At Large
Jim Marshall	ASM - At Large
Stan McDaniel	ASM - Training
Jim Phillips	ASM - Equipment
Bob Pospick	ASM - New Scouts
Marshall Weaver	ASM - At Large
Jim Whorton	ASM - At Large

This is the best group of dedicated Scout leaders of any troop I know. Troop 70 is very lucky to have these experienced, trained men to spend their volunteer time working with your son(s).