



# The Old Man

## Troop 70 Boy Scouts of America

The Jamboree Troop Since 1930

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### Important Dates

- Aug 27 - School Begins
- Sep 17 - Meeting visitors Invited
- Sep 17 - Meeting
- Sep 22, 23 - Campout
- Sep 24 - Meeting & BOR
- Oct 01 - Court of Honor
- Oct 08 - No Meeting
- Oct 15 - Meeting

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## Summer Announcements

### Troop Committee News

Troop Committee Chairman Charles Spradley announced that he was stepping down as chairman. Spradley has served for three years in that position.

Before becoming chairman, he served three years as advancement chairman, as well as a patrol dad, and chaired a special project for the troop room.

Our chartered unit representative, Charles Holmes, announced that Wade Nicolas has agreed to take the position as Chairman. Nicolas has been serving as Camping Chairman for three years.

Please see the new troop com-

mittee member list on page 4.

Over the last few months, the committee has been reviewing a proposal to adopt a position succession for key leadership roles. This type of automatic succession is used for key positions in councils, areas, regions and at the national level.

Typically the top positions are on some kind of rotation schedule. The committee adopted a plan for succession for the scoutmaster and troop committee positions.

The committee will continue to evaluate other positions and organizational structure changes in the upcoming weeks



Morning Reveille

and months.

Be sure to stay tuned to the troop website for changes as they are announced.

[www.troop70.org](http://www.troop70.org)

## Troop 70 Scouts Conquer Philmont Scout Ranch—NM

A crew of Troop 70 Scouts recently completed a high adventure wilderness trek at Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico. The trek was from June 14th to June 27th and was loads of fun for the boys involved. Multiple mountain peaks were scaled including Mt. Phillips at 11,736 feet. Along the way, the boys engaged in rifle cartridge re-loading and shooting, rock

climbing, rappelling, horseback riding, camping on a "haunted plateau", completing a team challenge course as well as many other interesting and fun activities. The trek was also physically and mentally challenging for the boys as they covered approximately 80 miles at an average altitude of 9,500 feet.

Henry H was our crew leader

and did an outstanding job providing overall leadership and direction for the scouts. The boys also completed their "Duty to God" requirements under the leadership of J.D. as Chaplain and our "Wilderness Pledge" requirements under the leadership of Wade as Wilderness Guia. Ben served as crew medic and administered aid to

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*Use your skills,  
Follow the path*

## Notes on the Uniformed Leadership

Troop 70 is blessed to have qualified trained adults willing to share their time and talent to provide a quality Scouting program.

Scoutmaster John Shipes stepped down from the position and Charles Cochran has accepted the challenge. Along with this change, other adults have stepped forward to serve as assistant scoutmasters.

Greg Murray and Jason Dommer have begun to serve as ASMs.

The ASM ranks now include the following adults: David Baxter, Tim Clow, Jason Dommer, David Eisenlohr, Jim Hamby, Dan Herndon, Carson Holmes, Hudson Lockett, Greg Murray, Bob Pospick, John Shipes, Roger Smith, and Jim "Big Wheel" Whorton.

Being an ASM is more than just putting on the uniform. It includes becoming trained.

Training includes Youth Protection, Scoutmaster Fundamentals, Position Specific Training, among many other training op-

portunities.

Being a leader provides the opportunity to meet and work with other volunteers from around the council who are all there to deliver the program.

Wood Badge is the highest volunteer training BSA offers. Carson Holmes and Charles Cochran have just completed that training. Please congratulate them on a job well done.

Attending Wood Badge training this summer is new ASM Greg Murray

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*Over 28% of Scouts who join Troop 70 earn the coveted Eagle Scout Award. The National average is about 2-5%.*

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In the words of Baden Powell, "Scouting is a game with a purpose". Scouting around the world has advancement requirements and each country has a rank system that culminates in an Eagle Scout or its equivalent.

The British rank is Queen's Scout or King's Scout depending on whether England has a king or queen at the time the award is earned.

Troop 70 has its own advancement guide for its Scouts. It provides information on all the ranks, steps to take, rank advancement, Board of Reviews, and a list of the merit badge counselors.

The guide is available for download in PDF format in the secure portion of the troop website.

Each individual Scout now has online access to his advance-

ment records via a secure login. Site and login instructions have been sent via the US mail. If you have not received one or have questions, please contact Charles Holmes.

Please do not share your login identification with anyone outside of your family.

If you have any questions on advancement, contact Susan Fletcher.

## Troop 70 Involved Leaders

Many of the uniformed adults around the troop are involved in Scouting activities outside of Troop 70. Those activities include council, region, and national level responsibilities.

Here are those that are involved elsewhere:

Joe Crafton - serves on the council executive board and just joined the national board;

David Eisenlohr - serves as the district chairman for West Park

district in Circle Ten;

Charles Holmes - serves on the council executive board, the regional board as the jamboree chairman, and on the 2013 Jamboree Operations Committee. He will also be serving as a base camp chief at the jamboree.

Carson Holmes - is serving on staff for the Wood Badge course this summer at Philmont Scout Ranch. While

this is a council course, the position is regional.

Jim Phillips has served as the district advancement chairman for many years. Jim is a former Troop 70 Scoutmaster.

Others before have provided leadership outside of Circle Ten. There are many from times past but ones that you will know include Hudson

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*A Scout is Thrifty*

## 2013 NATIONAL JAMBOREE— 1 Year to go

The 2013 National Jamboree will be an exciting time. This jamboree is being held at the new Summit Bechtel Reserve in Beckley, West Virginia.

Troop 70 will be part of the Circle Ten Council contingent attending the jamboree. The troop will fly to New York City, bus to Washington DC, and then on to the jamboree for 10 days of high adventure Scouting fun.

The new site is nestled in the mountains just outside of New

Hope, West Virginia close to Beckley.

Activities at the site will be very different from prior jamborees. The program will be more high adventure based with events that will challenge even the more adventurous Scout. There are a total of 15 zip lines, 5 of which are 3,200' long, mountain biking, mountain boarding, white water rafting, shotgun range, pistol range, high power rifle range, rock climbing, scuba,

skate boarding, tree top canopy adventure, archery, as well as other traditional Scouting activities.

A special activity that has been added is A Day of Service. Scouts will travel into nine surrounding counties to work on local service projects. This event is typical for a world jamboree event.

Thirty-two Scouts and leaders from Troop 70 will be attending this exciting event.



*The council contingent departs for the jamboree on July 10th, 2013 returning on the 24th.*

## Leader Profile

David Eisenlohr—

- Troop 70 Eagle Scout - 1971
- Senior Patrol Leader - 1972
- Became ASM - 1993
- Married - Shelley
- Two Troop 70 Eagle sons

David Eisenlohr has been active in Scouting since he joined the troop in 1967. Even when he was in college or working out of the city, David stayed in touch

with the troop and its activities.

David has participated in all phases of the troop activities. He has been to Philmont, Northern Tier, Colorado high adventure trips, and national jamborees.

Recently, he was asked to extend his service to Scouting by accepting the position of District Chairman for the new West Park

district in Circle Ten.

Other areas of service have been as Eagle advisor, merit badge counselor, greenery support (married to the chairman), and troop reunions, and cubmaster.

Please extend to David a hearty thanks for 20 years of service as an adult volunteer for Scouting and our youth.



## Just for First Year Scouts

We are so excited that you are ready to start your Scouting adventure with Troop 70 and we plan to jump right in to fun, adventure, and advancement.

At Troop 70, we believe in the core values of Scouting, and we emphasize leadership and character in all of our programs. We follow the BSA Patrol method,

which strengthens boy leadership and personal responsibility.

Please acquire your uniforms and remember to bring your Boy Scout Handbook to every meeting. Check out the troop website for all information about uniforms, troop calendar and announcements.

Aside from being a great source of information, as you progress towards First Class rank, your advancement will be recorded in your book.

Be sure to check the troop website for announcements.

[www.troop70.org](http://www.troop70.org)

From: Charles Cochran



*Scouting is a value based character building program to last a lifetime.*





Citizenship  
Service  
Duty to God  
Duty to Country  
No where else but  
Scouting

## Meet Your Troop Committee

Changes in the troop committee were announced at the June 12th meeting.

The new committee is:  
Chairman - Wade Nicolas  
Advancement - Susan Fletcher  
Treasurer - Grant Holmes  
Publicity - Dennis Burns  
Camping - Scott Smith  
Membership - Madeline Smith  
Parent Involvement - Charles Spradley  
Fund Raising - To be Announced  
Records/website—Charles Holmes  
Secretary - Chantal Mara

Every parent is needed to contribute to the troop. There are many ways for parents to contribute. Besides being on the committee, parents can serve as a patrol parent, merit badge counselor, summer camp “in camp” adult, uniformed leader, or chairman of a special committee.

**Factoid:** Founded in 1930, 1537 young men have joined the troop. Of those 435, or 28%, have attained the Eagle rank. The national council does not have a precise number for boys who join a Boy Scout troop and who reach Eagle but it is thought to be between 2 and 5 percent.



*The uniform is part of the Scouting experience. Wear it; embrace it; and enjoy the experience.*

## THE SCOUT UNIFORM

Scouting was founded in 1907 by Lord Baden Powell. Shortly after its creation a Scouting uniform was adopted.

As Scouting has evolved in the US, so has the Scout uniform. BSA has just updated the fabrics, designs, and options.

Individual troops and councils are not allowed to change the uniform, like only wear some parts and not others. What troops do is adopt the uniform pieces that work for their group, climate, and activities.

The full class A uniform consists of a Scout shirt (with proper patching), Scout shorts, Scout belt, and Scout socks (crew preferred).

Troop 70 has only worn Scout shorts since the late 1950s. Before then there were parts of the South where shorts on older boys and men was a religious faux pas.

Due to our climate, shorts can be worn almost year round. When it gets too cold the Scoutmaster will make the call for long pants.

Our boys grow so fast and uniform prices continue to rise, keeping them in long and short Scout pants is an unnecessary expense.



Scoutmaster Cochran

## Scoutmaster's Corner

As the new Troop 70 scoutmaster, I would like to first say that I am honored and flattered to have been considered for this position. There is such a great history of leadership and tradition associated with Troop 70, and these are big shoes (hiking boots in our case) to fill.

For the last 3 years I have learned a tremendous amount

from John Shipes and cannot say enough about his tireless work ethic and dedication to our movement. I will do my best to continue to carry the banner.

In terms of the program for the boys we will do some evaluation and tweaking as we do before the beginning of each school year, but we will generally have the same

By: Charles Cochran

focus areas. Things like having a strong outdoor program, continuing our high adventure treks, leadership development amongst our scouts, etc. will continue to be very important within our troop.

Finally, if anyone has any questions or would like to talk to me about any troop matters please feel free to call me direct or email me.

## Seventy Inc. - a 501 c (3) supporting T-70

Seventy Inc is a not-for-profit organization. It holds a 501 c(3) tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service

Its charter is to support the Scouts in Troop 70. Since its formation in early 1998, it has made several grants to support the Scouts in the troop. These have been in providing scholarships for summer camp, high adventure trips, and national jamborees. It also provides funding for training for both

youth and adults. The new high adventure tents were provided by 70 Inc. And both troop trailers were acquired from donations made to Seventy Inc.

If you would like to provide additional support for the current and future Scouts in the Troop, this would be a great way to show that support. Many of the troop's alumni have remembered the troop with their gifts and also asked for donations in memory of a loved one.

Acknowledgements are provided to the donor for tax purposes and the honoree's family is mailed a notice of remembrance.

Bob Pospick, Jackie Brewer, or Charles Holmes can assist you or answer any questions.

Any donation to Seventy Inc, should be in addition to your annual donations to Circle Ten Council.



*Every Scout deserves a trained leader and to be trained themselves.*

## Youth Protection - A Requirement

Protection of our youth is a paramount concern for all parents who have children participating in any organization. The Boy Scouts of America share that concern.

BSA has been and continues to be a leader in youth protection training for its registered adults. Its program has evolved since its inception and now for an adult to become a registered leader, they must provide evidence of having

completed BSA youth protection training.

This requirement extends to all uniformed leaders, troop committee members, merit badge counselors and parents who stay overnight at summer camp.

The training program includes how to identify sexual abuse and bullying in a variety of forms. The program is available online for all parents to take and review

at no cost. Just go to [www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx)

Violation of the YPT policies may result in the violator's expulsion from membership in the BSA

BSA's program has been offered to Scouting organizations around the world. BSA values its youth membership and their protection.

*Adult training is a requirement for the Scouts to have an organized safe Scouting experience*

## Scouting Payments Now On-line

Troop 70 has added the ability to make payments for troop activities online at the troop website via PayPal.

Payments that may be made online include - Summer Camp, New Scout Registration, Annual Registration, as well as being able to donate to Seventy Inc.

Just so families can anticipate Scouting expenses, the payments and amounts for 2012-13 school year are:

Annual Registration \$35 - Jan  
New Scout Registration \$40  
Summer Camp 2013 - TBA

Other recurring expenses are:  
Patrol Dues—\$0.25 Mondays

Campout - \$10 the Monday before the campout.

If you have any questions, please direct them to an ASM or the troop treasurer, Grant Holmes at [grant@holmestx.com](mailto:grant@holmestx.com).

Thank you in advance for your support of the program and your son's participation.



*A Scout is Reverent*



Every Scout  
deserves a trained  
leader. Will you be  
one of them?

We're on the Web  
[www.troop70.org](http://www.troop70.org)

*Troop 70 is a Boy Scout troop organized in 1930 and has been in continuous operation. The troop is Chartered by a Group of Concerned Citizens of University Park.*

*The troop meets at University Park Elementary School where it has met for the last 82 years. The troop has had a great partnership with the Highland Park School District.*

*Known as the "Jamboree Troop", the troop has attended each of the national jamborees beginning in 1950. Its membership regularly attends World Jamborees held in different countries. The next World Jamboree will be held in 2015 in Japan.*

#### Factoids:

The 2013 National Jamboree will be the 18th BSA national jamboree. It will be the 1st jamboree held at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in WV. It will become the 4th largest city in West Virginia with a population of over 40,000, all arriving by bus. There will be over 8,000 adult staff volunteers who pay to work to provide program, medical, food, etc. for the Scouts for two weeks. The jamboree will have its own radio station, fire department, medical services, cell towers, and hazardous weather alert system. The site will have high speed wi-fi for all those smart phones.

Troop 70 has dedicated adults who go to jamborees to serve on staff. Those committed to serve on staff at the 2013 National Jamboree are, Hudson Lockett, Carson Holmes, and Charles Holmes. Jamboree staff arrive several days before the Scouts and travel at their own expense.

## Circle Ten Council 100 Years and Counting

Circle Ten Council is celebrating its 100 year anniversary in 2012. To celebrate this event, the council has commissioned a commemorative table top book.

The book is being written by David Scott. David is a Scouter in Circle Ten and attended the 1981 National Jamboree with Troop 70. Other troop members involved in the project are John Shipes and Charles Holmes.

John is involved with photographs for the book and Charles has provided some background on era contacts.

Another way the council will be celebrating is by issuing a special Council Strip Patch ("CSP"). It is holding a design contest for this patch.

Details are on the Circle Ten website. All entries must be received by **Friday, Sep. 14, 2012**. If submitted in person at one of the Council Scouting Centers, the

entry must arrive before 5 pm on Sep. 14, 2012. If mailed, the entry must be post-marked no later than Sep. 14, 2012.



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Lockett, Bob Pospick and John Shipes is now the Activities Chair for our district.

Charles Cochran continues to serve as VP of Finance of the district having held that position in our old district, North Trail. This position runs the Friends of Scouting campaign with the highest goal of any other district in the council which was exceeded for 2012.

The *Old Man* is published by Troop 70 BSA. Articles are contributed by parents and leaders in the troop. The editor is Charles Holmes. Electronic copies of the newsletters can be downloaded from the troop website: [www.troop70.org](http://www.troop70.org).



Preparing today's youth for  
the next 100 years of  
Scouting leadership.



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countless blisters, cuts and scrapes. William served as the crew historian. The crew also consisted of the following Scouts: Cameron, Zach, Stuey, Stephen, and Emory. Crew advisors were: Tim Clow (lead advisor), Charles Cochran and Jason Dommer.

The main feelings coming from the boys during our nightly devotionals were that

Philmont is the type of experience that can not only hone your outdoor skills but can give you confidence for the challenges that will be faced throughout life. Most said that they were nervous about taking on such a daunting trek, but at the end were brimming with confidence and a renewed commitment to the outdoors. The boys will be wearing their Philmont belt buckles and dis-

tinctive arrowhead patches with pride this fall at Troop 70 meetings. Congratulations to all involved.

Click here for a few pictures.

[Pics](#)

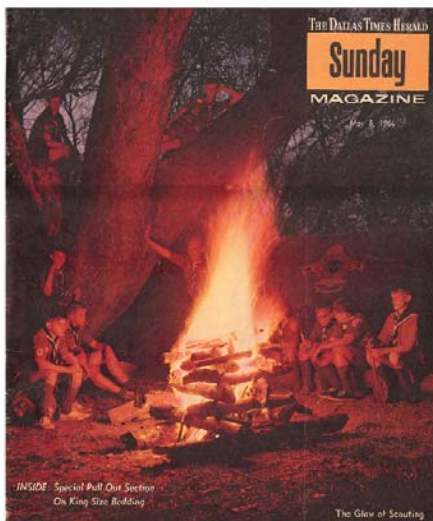
## From the Archives -

Troop 70 has some limited archives. This includes articles from former Scoutmasters. For this edition of The Old Man, two such pieces are presented.

The first is a "Member's Obligation" agreement. This is circa 1960. Even then, there were challenges for Scouting time. This "agreement" does a good job in outlining the efforts of the troop leadership. Click on the hyperlink to download the PDF.

The second piece is from May 1966. Troop 70 Scouts made the cover shot of the "Sunday" magazine. As you can see, it was produced by the Dallas Times Herald. Dallas had two daily newspapers at that time. Click on the picture to enlarge.

The scouts in the scene are as follows from left to right: on the logs—Jack Eades, Bobby Crotty, Leaning on the tree, Paul Lee (I think) - former HPISD board member), and Lon Sailers, Scoutmaster just behind the fire. On the right log, behind the fire, unknown, Guy Gray, unknown, Rick Cody (holding the shovel). In the tree, David Baxter, current ASM, and Bill Peavy, former SPL and ASM.



Click on these to activate the hyperlinks for larger views.

### EACH MEMBER'S OBLIGATION TO TROOP 70

To avoid any misunderstanding later, we desire that each boy and his parents who contemplate becoming members of the Troop 70 family understand the operation of Troop 70 with its many and varied activities, and the responsibility of each Scout and his parents to the Troop. The activities are carried on and directed entirely by volunteer adult leaders who are busy business and professional men. Your utmost cooperation in participating in all functions of the Troop is necessary; for to "give" Scouting to the boy, the boy must be there.

In the fall there is published a schedule of the Troop activities in addition to the weekly Troop meeting and patrol meeting; this is to assist you in planning for your boy to be present.

The Scoutmaster and the Assistant Scoutmasters time and again put Scouting in Troop 70 before other activities, - both business and social, - and each boy and his parents that desire to join this Troop must understand that their boy is expected to do likewise. If a boy and his parents want social activities or athletics more than Scouting, then they should not take a place in Troop 70 from others who want Scouting more. Other programs are fine, - perhaps of more value to your boy than Scouting. If you feel that this is so, he should participate in them, and either not join a Scout Troop or join a Scout Troop that is less active than 70.

The decision is yours to make and we will be happy with your decision; but if it is for your boy to be a Scout in Troop 70, then we want to help him to become the best Scout in Texas.

The agreement below must be turned in to the leaders of Troop 70 prior to your son's being initiated in the Troop.

(Tear Off)

To the Leaders of Troop 70, Boy Scouts of America, Dallas, Texas:

We desire for our son to become a member of Troop 70; we have read and studied the above memorandum on "Each Member's Obligation to Troop 70" and we and our son are willing to accept this obligation and agree to do our best to have him participate in all Troop activities except in case of illness, or in case of his being out of town. Dated \_\_\_\_\_.

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Father

\_\_\_\_\_  
Son

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother