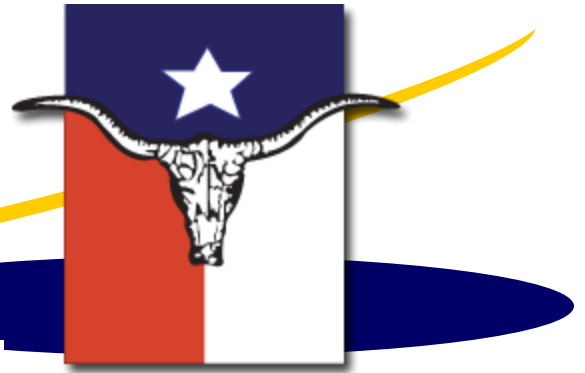




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FEBRUARY 12, 2012

A Scout is Reverent

Each February Scouts celebrate Scout Sunday as a part of their founding celebration. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledge. Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God." These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith.

To show appreciation for United Methodist Church in all they do to support Scouting, please consider attending one of their worship services next Sunday, February 12th even if this is not your "church home." Service times are 9:00 a.m., 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

BACKPACKING

Most of us are accustomed to a certain living standard and comfort level. However, when we begin backpacking, climbing and hiking in the backcountry, we often attempt to take that standard and corresponding comfort with us. Traveling light will increase your enjoyment level significantly. It will allow for increased awareness and enjoyment of the surroundings while enroute to your destination. Once you get there you'll still have energy to celebrate your arrival, as well as explore further. Also, a light pack decreases the risk of fatigue-related injuries from falling, exhaustion, etc. and injuries from undue stress on back, legs, knees and feet. Scrutinize your pack in order to fine-tune minimum packing needs and be aggressive in seeking the smallest, lightest-weight, highest-quality gear available to satisfy all your needs. Think multi-purpose!

The most important item to take with you weighs nothing! It's "common sense." Having the right gear is one thing, knowing how and when to use it is quite another. Most often it's not a person's equipment that saves them but their experience, know-how and good judgment. Cultivate the knowledge and wisdom of those in experienced in your group.



A Scout is KIND...

We may not always realize that everything we do Affects not only our lives but touches others, too, For a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care It creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share. Yes, every time you offer someone a helping hand, Every time you show a friend you care and understand, Every time you have a kind and gentle word to give, You help someone who helps others in the precious lives they live. For happiness brings happiness, and loving ways brings love, And giving is the treasure that Scouting is made of.

Valentine's Day





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- February 11 Scouting for Food
- February 12 Scout Sunday at FUMC
Scouting for Food (Conclusion)
PLC Meeting (2 PM)
- February 13 Troop Meeting
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 17-19 Backpacking Campout
- February 27 Summer Camp Payment Due (\$76)
- February 27 Court of Honor
- March 4 **PLC Meeting (2 PM)**
- March 5 Troop Meeting
Committee Meeting
- March 12-16 Spring Break (No Meeting)
- March 19 Troop Meeting
Summer Camp Payment Due (\$76)
- March 23-25 Caddo Canoeing Campout

Check out the Troop website!

www.TXTROOP700.com

Information about Troop 700

Upcoming events & activities

Contact information for troop leaders.



FEBRUARY 27, 2012

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—RESCHEDULED/TBD



The uniform makes for brotherhood...Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of Boy Scouts

Please help your son remember to wear his uniform *proudly* and *properly*. Troop 700 asks boys to wear dark green uniform pants or shorts, neckerchief and slide and uniform shirt **tucked in**. If dark green shorts or pants are not available, dark blue or black shorts or pants are acceptable, however, the *uniform shirt should be tucked in at all times*. Gym shorts or sport pants are **not appropriate** to wear with the BSA uniform shirt nor is camouflage clothing. Please help Troop 700 make a great impression on our community and fellow Scouters. *Thank you!*

If you have not earned your registration and transportation fees for summer camp or high adventure, you have another opportunity coming up the end of the month at the troop's pancake breakfast. Scouts are needed to advertise the event by handing out fliers at church services in the coming weeks as well as pre-sale tickets. Scouts are also needed the day of the event to help set up tables, greet and clean up. An email with all of the details of this event will be coming soon. Please reply if you can help with this event.



Summer Camp 2012



Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch in Colorado is our destination for summer camp this year—Camp Cris Dobbins. It is not too late to register and incoming Webelos are encouraged to attend summer camp. Please check out the website for a lot of information about this event including FAQ. Contact laurie@bpaa.com to register or if you have any additional questions not answered on the troop's website. Mark your calendars for the following \$76 payment deadlines: February 27th, March 19th, April 23rd and May 14th. (January 23rd was the first one and if you missed it, please see Millie Ferri or Laurie Clower.)