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SCOUTMASTER CORNER

By Jeff Page

We've all heard the expression, "Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking." Adults face temptation right now as we fill out our tax returns; or maybe our character is tested when we make a rolling stop through an empty intersection.

Scouts have their own character tests:

1. When we make a police line before leaving camp, do you walk past a piece of trash because it's easier, and, after all, who wants to pick up a sticky wrapper?
2. You'd like a snack on the campout. Do you grab a couple of Pop-Tarts from your patrol box and then plead ignorance when there aren't enough for everyone at breakfast the next day?
3. If you find a \$10 bill, do you stuff it in your pocket without trying to find out who lost it?

A primary goal of Scouting is to instill character in its young men. I am never more proud of our Scouts than when they report something they know isn't right. Or when they 'get caught' helping a younger Scout. When our Scouts turn 18, I hope that as adult men of character they agree with Theodore Roosevelt, who said, "I care not what others think of what I do, but I care very much about what I think of what I do!"

IT'S BACK! - THE NEWSLETTER RETURNS

By Stephen Hotz, Editor

After an extended absence, the Troop 890 Newsletter is back, reporting on Troop activities and keeping you up to date on what's going on. We are planning on publishing four issues per semester. Fall issues will begin at the end of August with a big report on summer camp, Jamboree, high adventure, first year camp out, and other summer activities. At the end of the next three months, September, October, and November, a newsletter will review the camp out, other troop activities, and other areas where Troop 890 Scouts are involved. Spring newsletters will come out at the end of January, February, March, and April.

We need your stories! Any scout can submit a story. Adults are welcome to contribute, too. And most importantly, we need two to four Troop Scribes to go on assignment and report on Scouts, Scouters, and BSA activities. This is a leadership position and counts toward upper-level rank advancement. If you are an older Scout needing a leadership position you should consider writing for the newsletter and telling your story. Don't forget pictures! Dick Barr can't be everywhere, so take some pictures and send those with your article. If you have questions, are interested in being a Troop Scribe, or to see your story in print, contact Stephen Hotz at shotz@dallassummermusicals.org.

CAMPOREE - FIRST YEARS' FIRST CAMPOUT

By Jerry Barrett

This was my first Boy Scout Camp Out and it was really fun. The games were great and camping out was awesome.

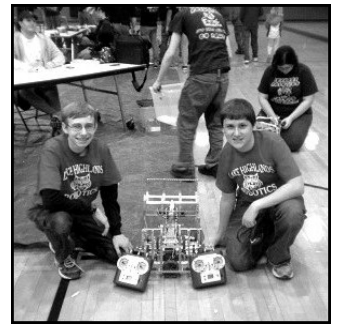
Setting up our tent in the dark was fun! I especially enjoyed getting my Troop 890 neckerchief. My friends Collin Pittman and Henry

Roden had a great time too.

I'm really looking forward to summer camp at Camp Constantine.



ROBOTS



By Phyllis Bradshaw

The Lake Highlands Robotics Club recently made a great showing in the Tyler, TX VEX Competition. Freshmen Nathan Bucki and Jeff Bradshaw made an impressive showing by maintaining a ranking of #1 through round 5 of the qualifying matches. During round 6, their robot became entangled with an opponent and lost the match to end up in 3rd place overall, qualifying us for the elimination matches. The team placed 3rd overall for the competition.

COMING UP

April 9-11: Venturing Rendezvous

April 10: Shoreline Cleanup (Bat, Eagle, Shark)

April 16-18: Backpacking Camp Out

May 1: First Year Field Day

May 8: Scout Show

Camp Promotions. Jared received Troop 890's "Arrowman of the Year" award in his freshman and sophomore years and the "President's Volunteer Service Award" from President Bush in his junior year. Based on this outstanding service to Scouting, his lodge and his community, Jared was recognized with the Vigil Honor, an honor that is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered with a lodge each year. Jared's service to the lodge as Vice Chief of Inductions will continue through January 2011.

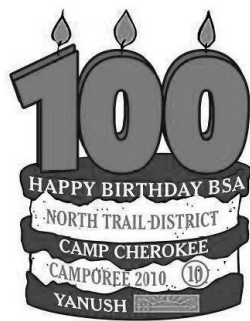
VIGIL HONOR



By Kathy Mendias

Jared Taylor, a member of Boy Scout Troop 890, was recently honored to be called to the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society. Jared was elected to Order of the Arrow by his fellow troop members in eighth grade. Jared went on to earn his Eagle Scout award at the end of his freshman year and was also elected Vice Chief of Service of the Mikanakawa

Lodge of Order of the Arrow his freshman year. During his sophomore and senior years, he served as Vice Chief of Inductions, leading the Brotherhood Ceremonies through which new members are inducted into full membership in the Order. His ceremonies team competed at the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University in the summer of 2009, earning "Merit" status. In his junior year, Jared was the Vice Chief of



CAMPOREE CONTINUED

In addition to Jerry Barrett's opinion of Camporee on the front, here you can read a description by our SPL, Nathan Ochoa and the thoughts of Richard Berry, a Troop 890 Eagle Scout and the Youth Leader of Camporee.

By Nathan Ochoa, Senior Patrol Leader
Troop 890 has been spending the last four weeks preparing for BSA's annual Camporee, where troops come together to compete in their scout skills. This year's theme celebrated Boy Scout's 100 year anniversary and contests ranged everywhere from blowing out the fire on 100 candles to building a twelve inch fire on a piece of foil. I hadn't realized before how much talent we have in our troop after

listening to the three man band, performed by Dominique Neros on drums, James Harding on what looked like a mini tuba and Travis West on the trumpet. After competing in all the events I am pleased to announce that we won two awards which are now being displayed on our troop flag. The first was won by the Phoenix patrol for their outstanding performance in the orienteering course and the second by our very own scoutmaster, Jeff Page, for his scrumptious "Scoutmaster Meal"; who knew that he could cook? Overall the troop did a tremendous job and the scouts gave it their all. I am very pleased, good job guys.



By Richard Berry
Spring Camporee this year was an absolute blast for me as the youth lead. There were some ups, some downs, and some really scary moments when things got really fouled up. However, everything worked out and I believe that everyone had a great time. The troop left the campsite better than they found it, much to the delight of the ranger. The troop competed quite well in all areas, but much to my delight in signaling, which was one of the hardest events. Some of our youngest patrols were in serious contention for top spots, and every patrol showed outstanding sportsmanship and courtesy. It was my pleasure to be your youth lead, keep up the good work.



PIZZA
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By James Harding
On my second Camporee for dinner the last night we, the Pheonix patrol, made pizza. Before we made the pizza we had to find the chefs but they were fishing! I mean, "hello," we will need to cook our food or we will starve. So, Shane and I took over. First we gathered our ingredients: 4 cans of dough, 2 jars of sauce, 3 packets of pepperoni, and 2 bags of American cheese. Second of all, we put the dough out on a cutting board. We got a jar of sauce and started rolling. Repeat four times. Third, we poured sauce on the pizzas and spread it out some with the cheese and pepperoni. Fourth, we had Mr. Bradshaw put the pizzas on hot coals in Dutch ovens to bake for 45 minutes all together. This does not go along with the pizza but I, James Harding, also made Dutch oven chocolate cherry cake with cream cheese vanilla sugar topping. When we were eating everything, everyone said "it was to die for!" It was also pretty messy. I said, "Now we are all stuffed and dirty and time for cleanup." "Ahhhh," we all said!

PATROL REPORT

PENGUINS

By Andrew Campbell
During the month of February 2010, Troop 890 scouted for food and we also finalized our fertilizer and trash bag fundraiser.

These are the people from the Penguin Patrol who sold trash bags and fertilizer:

Andrew Campbell-31
Matthew Graham-12
Will Irby-4
Matthew James-19
Zach Newman-21
Kohl Steglich-4
Martin Taylor-19
Alex Wickburg-12

We thank everyone who supported the troop by selling and buying the fertilizer and trash bags, and also the Scouts who helped deliver. Everyone showed their Scout spirit!

TROOP FUNDRAISER

By Russell May and Shippy Barr

We had a great fundraising experience this year. Over 100 Scouts sold over 2,500 units of trash bags and fertilizer, delivered by 2:00 on Feb. 27. All the Scouts and their Parents are to be congratulated on an excellent job!

Collin Lydick, our top salesman, took home an awesome Giant bike donated by Wheels In Motion on Greenville Ave. Andrew Kirsop (2nd) also received a cool new bike donated by Toys R Us on North Central Expwy. John May (3rd) was excited to win a new Mitchell acoustic guitar contributed by the Guitar Center on LBJ Fwy. Scouts Collin Lydick, Andrew Kirsop, James LeBlanc, John May, Johnathan Barr, Connor Bosch, Aaron Peterson, Noah Wilson, and Michael Wooley also receive an honorary black 890 t-shirt and delicious steak dinner at Summer Camp for selling over 100 items! Over 30 local vendors supported our troop by providing over \$2,000 in gift certificates, passes, and merchandise that were awarded to the more than 90 Scouts who participated in the fundraiser.

Troop 890 would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations: Texas Rangers Baseball Club, Dallas Summer Musicals, Academy Sports and Outdoors, Best Buy, Dick's Sporting Goods, Whole Earth Provision Co., REI, Richardson Bike Mart, Home Depot, Blockbuster, Movie Trading Company, AMC Northpark 15, Studio Movie Grill, Medieval Times, Hawaiian Falls Waterpark, Eisenberg's Skate Park, White Rock Skate Center, Galleria Ice-Skating Center, Speedzone, Lids, American Eagle Outfitters, Paciugo, Subway, TCBY, Sprinkles, and Sports Authority. Also, thanks to Bryan Ator, Jeff Forbes, Dick Laurin, Stephen Hotz, Dale and Charlotte Williams, Guy Moseley, and Bruce and Cathy Anton for their incredibly generous contributions.

We still have a few more items to be delivered and funds to be collected. This should all be done before the end of April. Scouts will have access to the funds raised in their scout account to pay annual dues and for their summer camp fees or high adventure fees. Any unpaid sales will be deducted from the Scout's account so please make sure all items sold are delivered and payments have been received. Again, Great Job to all involved!

OAK LEAF TRAINING

By Kyle Friedel

On March 27th, six determined scouts from Troop 890 got up early, early in the morning to begin Oak Leaf Training at Camp Wisdom south of Dallas. Johnathan Barr, Connor Bosch, Aidan Friedel, Jimmy Lieb, Brandt Urban and Noah Wilson spent the weekend learning the EDGE (Explain! Demonstrate! Guide! Enable!) method for teaching. The whole group of over 80 scouts was divided into two Pokemon-named troops and then into 9 patrols where Troop Guides taught various scouting skills using the EDGE method for teaching. Highlights of the day included really good food, games, some awesome cobbler, skits and a massive (almost scary) bonfire.

Troop 890 expects all boys to attend Oak Leaf at some point in their scouting careers. It is the first phase of leadership training that turns boys into young men and future leaders. Way to go Johnathan, Connor, Aidan, Jimmy, Brandt and Noah!

