



Tall Timbers District

DAD N' LAD "LEGEND OF THE CRYSTAL CHIGGER"

Tall Timbers Dad N' Lad was a huge success. Dads and scouts had lots of fun capturing the "Crystal Chigger" at George W. Pirtle Scout Camp. Activities included BB Guns, Archery and Sling Shots, making volcanoes, and a treasure hunt, ending with our closing campfire Saturday night. After a good night's sleep in the Pirtle woods, scouts attended a memorable morning service in commemoration of Scout Sunday.

Tall Timbers would like to thank Melonie Carey, Karen Morris and all the wonderful moms that made camping possible.

DAY CAMP - "TEXAS, OUR TEXAS"
TALL TIMBERS DAY CAMP IS WHERE ALL CUB SCOUTS WANT TO BE. Reserve the date: June 8th through the 12th at the Red Barn Foundation in Lufkin, Texas. "Texas, Our Texas" is the theme and we are going to have a romping, stomping good time. Plans are being made for horse back riding, horse shoeing demonstrations, water slides, a Space Derby craft and competition, Webelos Activity Badges, Archery and BBgun shooting, scout skills, games, Lufkin Fire Department fire truck demonstration, leather craft, Family Day, belt loops and pins, and much, much more. Wolves and Bears also will work on requirements toward their rank.

To run a fun, smooth and safe camp, we need adult and boy scout volunteers. The only way to make your son's Day Camp experience outstanding is for everyone to give of their time. We need volunteers in the following areas: Walking den leaders, Webelos Activity Badges, Crafts, Games, Scout Skills, Space Derby, Registration, Tot Lot, Camp Safety and Security, and individuals that don't mind filling in wherever needed. If you can volunteer for a day, multiple days or the entire week, please sign up as soon as possible. The Camp will need between 30 and 40 walking den leaders. We have many positions filled but still need many more volunteers to make Day Camp successful.

The first Thursday of every month until June, Day Camp Meetings will be held for anyone interested in participating at Day Camp, parents of Cubs included. Meetings will be held at 6:15 p.m. in First Christian Church's Fellowship Hall located at 1300 S First Street, Lufkin. Rita Easley (Pack 422) is the Day Camp Program Director and Lisa West (Packs 121 & 518) is the Administrative Day Camp Director.

As you can see, 2009 Day Camp is off to a great start and we can't wait to see your Cub's excited face on the morning of June 8th. Campers will be supplied with a camp t-shirt, water bottle, hat and more. Be sure to send them a sack lunch and don't forget to put on that sunscreen. Closed toed shoes are required. Wearing swim trunks with their t-shirt will make them more comfortable.

Registration forms will be mailed before the end of February. Take advantage of the early registration FEE at only \$65 for an

entire week of Scouting Fun and experiences. The fees will go up in April. Be advised that on the day of camp, the walk-in fee is \$125 and there is an adult volunteer requirement for all walk-ins. Youth not registered in Cub Scouts may not attend. We'll be happy to sign up a boy into a Pack in the Tall Timbers District.

If you have Day Camp questions, contact either Rita Easley at 936-624-9066 or rde_99@yahoo.com or Lisa West at 936-634-0582 or lisawestenergy@yahoo.com. Thank you to every volunteer that is able to participate in any way.

SPRING CAMPOREE

This year's Spring Camporee currently is being planned by boy scouts and leaders. Scouts will enjoy the weekend at Hickory Hills Farm in Crockett. Scouts will be able to demonstrate their scout skills and showoff in the black skillet cookoff. An extreme obstacle race and nighttime capture the flag event hosted by the Order of the Arrow are just some of the exciting events planned. For more information contact Melanie Moses at 281-450-4156 or Rory Hassell at 936-637-1698.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

"CHAPTER OF THE YEAR", AGAIN, For the third year in a row, the Boy Scout, Order of the Arrow, Tejas Lodge, Tall Timbers Chapter, has earned the "Chapter of the Year". The Order of the Arrow or OA is considered the "National Honor Society" of the BSA. The Tejas Lodge is made up of 17 counties in the East Texas Area and divided into six chapters. Tall Timbers is made up of Angelina, Trinity and Houston Counties. Founded in 1915, the OA uses Native American traditions to recognize scouts selected by their fellow scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily living. Members known as Arrowmen

or Brothers give service to the local council and the community through helpfulness with leadership and cheerful service. Candidates are elected by their local Boy Scout unit, with all Boy Scouts in each unit voting, members and non members alike. Candidates may be "called out" at a summer camp, and then go through a weekend long "Ordeal" which emphasize service and self sacrifice while performing camp work projects. Ordeal members may seal their membership after ten months, becoming Brotherhood members by demonstrating knowledge of traditions and obligations of the OA. Great emphasis is placed on being youth led. After two years as a Brotherhood member, the "Vigil Honor" may be bestowed upon members who have shown exceptional service, dedication and leadership. Only about one-eighth of Boy Scouts are members of the OA.

OA members at the December meeting Sam Moses, Bryce Page-Chapter Secretary, Tyler Reed-Chapter Vice Chief of Native American Affairs, Myles Elbel-Lodge Administration Chief, Dustin Dunn, Joseph Callaway-Chapter Chief of Service, Colbert Sheard-Chapter Chief, Tanner Dorsett, Dane Elbel Chapter Vice Chief of Ceremonies, Lance Lamb, Nick Church, Melanie Moses, Michael May, Melanie Moses-Associate Advisor, Gerald Sylvester-Associate Advisor, Justin Shaw-Chapter Vice Chief of Administration, Sammy May-Advisor.

TRAINING

For every leader who believes scouts deserve trained leaders, we have a training for you. From fast start basic leader training to Wood Badge, Tall Timbers is making it possible for all leaders to become fully trained. Each month from February to April, Scoutmaster Specific Training will be held at Roundtable. For anyone that is a leader or parent in the troop or cub leaders that are soon to bridge into the troop, you want to

attend this training series.

Wood Badge is the premier adult leadership training program for the Boy Scouts of America. It teaches contemporary leadership and team development skills in an outdoor setting. Wood Badge helps you become a better leader, it's fun, it's rewarding, and it helps you meet new friends. Wood Badge first weekend dates are April 24, 25 & 26 and second weekend is May 15, 16 & 17. Space is limited. To reserve your place turn in your registration form today.

For more information or to schedule training classes, contact Charlie Elbel at 936-632-5150.

POPCORN

Well first let me say again what an AWESOME job Tall Timbers did this year with popcorn sales!!!! We far exceeded all expectations. Our total with online sales is \$38,308. The boys profited \$11,875.48. We increased by 51% over last year. Since tracking began in 2002, we sold over \$12,000 more than the highest year to date. Way to go team! Tall Timbers was instrumental in putting ETAC over the half a million mark for sales.

Also, Blitz Day was a huge success because of you! Our district sold \$10,557 in popcorn from 9am-noon today! WOOHOO! We had 45 scouts participate with an average of \$234.60 per scout. Boys from 15 units participated.

Last year, 31 scouts from 9 units sold \$5833 worth of popcorn. That is a 45% increase over last year!

Every boy that participates in popcorn sales is a winner. Here are the results for the Blitz Day top sellers:

- 1st - CK Hayes Pack 590 \$1053
- 2nd - Hank Budjenska Pack 121 \$797
- 3rd - Will Easley Pack 422 \$753

TALL TIMBERS DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Johnny Weismuller	District Chairman.....936-634-2661
Bill Newton	District Commissioner.....936-632-2780
Aaron Pliego	District Executive.....903-360-8271
Charlie Elbel	Training Chairman.....936-632-5150
Bob Adams	Membership Chairman.....936-632-6784
Melissa Wheeler	Marketing Chairman.....936-676-9536
Richard Pennington	Advancement Chairman.....936-632-0789
John Walker	Venturing Chairman.....936-544-9444
Scott Blackerby	Activities Chairman.....936-875-4679
Melanie Moses	Camping Chairman.....936-853-3205
Lisa West	Camp Director.....936-634-0582
Rita Easley	Program Director.....936-624-9066

District Calendar

MARCH

- 2 OA UNIT ELECTIONS START - CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR UNIT ELECTION
- 5 DAY CAMP MEETING, 6:15 PM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 5 ROUNDTABLE, 7:00 PM - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 5 SCOUTMASTER TRAINING SERIES, 7:00 PM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 19 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:15 PM ROTARY SCOUT HOUSE

APRIL

- 2 DAY CAMP MEETING, 6:15 PM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 2 ROUNDTABLE, 7:00 PM - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 2 SCOUTMASTER TRAINING SERIES, 7:00 PM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 3-5 SPRING CAMPOREE - HICKORY HILLS FARM CROCKETT
- 16 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:15 PM ROTARY SCOUT HOUSE

- 17-19 OA CONCLAVE
- 24-26 WOOD BADGE, 8:00 AM - GEORGE W. PIRTLE CAMP
- 25 DISTRICT PINWOOD DERBY, 1:00 PM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY

- 7 DAY CAMP MEETING, 6:15 PM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 7 ROUNDTABLE, 7:00 PM - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 7 SCOUTMASTER TRAINING SERIES, 7:00 PM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
- 15 UNIT ELECTIONS END
- 15-17 WOOD BADGE, 8:00 AM GEORGE W. PIRTLE CAMP
- 21 DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING, 6:15 PM ROTARY SCOUT HOUSE
- 8-12 CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP, 8:00 AM RED BARN FOUNDATION