



Troop 70 Boy Scouts of America

The Old Man

New Scouting Year is Underway

Important Dates

- Aug 24—Scout Meeting
- Aug 31—Scout Meeting
- Sep 7— No Meeting
- Sep 11-13 OA Fall Fellowship
- Sep 14—Scout Meeting
- Sep 19-20 Campout
- Sep 21—Scout Meeting
- Sep 28—Scout Meeting & Board of Review
- Oct 5—Scout Meeting & Court of Honor

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Troop 70 Scouting is already underway and the new school year has just started.

The youth and adult leadership got together on Aug. 11th to kick off the year.

It was a fun time with pool activities but there was learning as well. Twenty-five of our youth participated and they heard a leadership presentation by Bob Pospick.

There were other presentations by John Shipes on Setting the Example, Charles Holmes on Communications, and Hudson Lockett on Controlling the Group.

The group started off with

pizza and beverages and then it was off to the pool. The presentations followed with more pool time and cleanup.

There were rewards (candy bars) for participation and our youth leaders are so bright, it did not take them long to catch on to that reward. Actually they did a good job.

The gathering lasted about four hours and was held at "Eddie World" a friend of Jim Hamby and Dr. Tittle.

Troop 70 owes Mr. Griffin, Eddie, a big thanks for hosting the troop at his home for the training.

There are plans afoot to have



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follow up JLT training throughout the upcoming year.

Mark your calendars for the first campout on September 19-20. Everyone should be there for a great kick-off to the camping year.

Charles Spradley—New Troop Committee Chair

At a June meeting of the troop committee, Charles Spradley was elected as the Troop Committee Chairman.

Spradley served as Advancement Chairman for two years and then stepped down to serve as Chairman for the Byron Nelson Gold Tournament for the Salesmanship Club.

John Wesner stepped down as chairman after three years. The troop appreciates his years of service as chairman and as advancement chairman.

Spradley will be leading the search for a new Scoutmaster since Bob Pospick announced his resignation effective after summer camp 2009.

If you would like to volunteer to fill any open positions on the committee or just lend a hand for special projects, please contact Spradley.

He has two sons, Martin who is in the troop, Walter a Troop 70 Eagle Scout in college, and is married to Ann.



John Shipes selected as the 17th Scoutmaster to lead Troop 70.

Shipes Selected as Scoutmaster

Charles Spradley announced John Shipes had been selected by the Troop Committee to become the seventeenth scoutmaster in the troop's 80 year history.

Shipes follows Robert Pospick who served in the position for the last four years.

Shipes is married to Cindy and they have two sons, Matthew a 70 Eagle Scout, and William who is in the troop.

John and Cindy have an older son, Matthew, who earned his Eagle Scout award in the troop in 2003. Matthew has graduated from Baylor with a music degree and is working on his masters.

John will be a great addition to the SM history of the troop. Just this last year he attended Wood Badge leadership training and was the assistant scoutmaster for the first year Scouts last year.

John is a professional photographer and has donated his talents to the troop for over 10 years by taking the Eagle Scout photos for topside. He also contributed lots of time and expertise for the seventieth year reunion fund raising project.

Please congratulate John on his selection when you next see him. You might want to volunteer assistance as well. Be careful, he might take you up on your offer.

Over 24% of Scouts who join Troop 70 earn the coveted Eagle Scout Award. The National average is about 5%.

Advancement How To Guide

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 their equivalent.

The British rank is Queen's Scout or King's Scout depending on who is on the throne at the time.

Troop 70 developed 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 in PDF format. Request your copy from charles@holmestx.com.

BSA has just issued its Centennial edition of the Scout Handbook.

There are a few minor requirement changes so make sure that you have the up to date requirements.

It also has a timeline booklet of Scouting history that is a great look at the development of the program over the last 100 years.

Receive the recognition you deserve through advancement.

Scouting Expenses

Scouting is just like most other volunteer organizations in that it takes funding to provide a quality program for the Scouts.

The annual registration process begins now with a check for \$30 payable to Troop 70.

These funds mostly go to Circle Ten to pay for the annual regis-

tration for each Scout in the troop. Included is a one year subscription to Boy's Life magazine.

The fee also provides supplemental medical insurance in case there is an accident. This insurance is secondary to your primary coverage.

Please bring your check to a Scout meeting in September. Just ask for the ASM collecting for registration.

Each year the Troop has to ask some families multiple times for this fee. Please do the troop a big favor by making your payment early.



A Scout is Thrifty

2010 NATIONAL JAMBOREE— 324 DAYS

It may seem like a long time away but the jamboree will be here before you know it.

If your Scout is not signed up by this time, they can go ahead and sign up but they will be placed on a waiting list.

Circle Ten Council's contingent of fourteen troops is full with a waiting list building. This is a great response given the recent economic woes.

Joe Crafton and John Shipes will be two of the adult leaders. James Crafton will be the third assistant scoutmaster.

Troop 70 has had 27 of its Scouts sign up and the balance of the jamboree troop will be made up of Scouts from the Park Cities area troops.

If you have not done so, please make sure that you have paid Circle Ten Council \$1,200 by September 15th. The troop will

pick up the payments after that time.

The troop will be traveling to New York City and in Washington for site seeing. There will be lots of cool things to do with time at the Capital and White House and other area venues.

Then it is off to the jamboree for the 100th year celebration of Scouting in the US. There the Scouts will have 10 days of great fun and patch trading.



The council contingent departs for the jamboree on July 21st, 2010. Stay tuned for the details.

Just for Second Year Scouts - Lets Get Rolling!

This is a great time to get serious about the final steps toward First Class. If you are not there yet, take the time to get with John Shipes to make sure you are on track to get updates on your progress.

The major requirement for this rank is section 4, the cooking requirement. You will need to coordinate with your patrol

leader to schedule when this requirement is fulfilled (on a campout).

Take the time to look at the list of requirements in your Scout Handbook. Please note there are a couple of new requirements that are outlined in the new Centennial version of the Scout handbook.

Please keep in touch with me or one of the other assistant scoutmasters if you have any questions.

From: John Shipes

At the beginning of the second Scouting year, the Scouts should be close to First Class rank with a merit badge or three.

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 an-

nouncements.

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

From: John Shipes



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



Bob Pospick served as Scoutmaster from July 2005 thru August 2009



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



Last one to sleep, first one to rise.

Scoutmaster Pospick

Facta, non verba.

For those who may not remember too much from last semester's Latin class, it translates as "deeds, not words." And, for those of us who have already entered into the 21st century, "actions speak louder than words" is in our current *lingua franca*. Or, as we listen to Dale Hansen on the evening sports news, he'll refer to Jerry Jones finally "walking the talk" with the building of the new billion

dollar football stadium.

We all know what it means. In fact we learned the Scout slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily", when we were Tenderfoot Scouts. We start every Monday Scout meeting with the Scout Oath and sometimes we even recite the 12 points of the Scout Law during the opening ceremony. But those are just words, and those words have little value until they are put into practice.

In 1909, Chicago publisher W.

D. Boyce was visiting London, where he encountered a British Scout who aided him in finding his way through the London streets. Boyce was so impressed with the Scout's good deed - a service without asking for or accepting pay, that he started the Boy Scouts of America on February 8, 1910. Perhaps that unknown British Scout did not know Latin, but he did know the words to the Scout Slogan and he lived it by doing a good deed for the lost American.

THE SCOUT UNIFORM

Scouting was founded in 1907 by Lord Baden Powell. Shortly after its creation the Scout uniform was there.

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. Over 60% of body heat loss is from the upper body and head, not the legs.

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

Scoutmaster's Minute

By: John Shipes

On August 18, Troop 70 held our yearly Junior Leader Training seminar for skill in leadership. We held a lively discussion on Setting the Example, Controlling the Group and Effective Communication. Of the all the skills of leadership, I believe the most important is Setting The Example.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said:

"What you do speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say." In other words, don't tell me what is right; show me by your actions.

It seems to me that when it comes to setting the example, we are all under the microscope. Whether you are a Patrol Leader, Staff or First Class Scout, the way you conduct yourself will

rub off on the boys around you.

That is my commitment to Troop 70: Set the best example that I can and hope it will rub off.

I am honored to be added to the esteemed list of Scoutmasters of Troop 70. My dedication to Scouting and my dedication to Troop 70 is a commitment to the boys and I am especially privileged to play a part in their lives.

Seventy Inc.

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. This support takes place in a variety of ways.

Since its formation in early 1998, it has made several grants to support the troop. These have been in providing scholarships for summer camp and jambo-

rees. It also provides funding for training for both youth and adults. The new high adventure tents were provided by 70 Inc.

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.

Dan Herndon, Bob Pospick, or Charles Holmes can assist you or answer any questions.



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

Adult and Leader Training

Each of us has received training to improve skills. Training is important for success and Scouting is no different. Being a trained leader is just common sense.

BSA offers many different training venues. Online and courses in district or council cover many topics. Be a trained parent or leader and have a better understanding what Scouting is all

about.

Here are some online training courses for you. Just go to olc.scouting.org and off you go.

Youth Protection
 Boy Scout Leader Fast Start
 This is Scouting
 Boy Scout Leader Specific
 -SM & ASM is in class form
 -Troop Committee is online
 Boy Scout Outdoor Leader

Training is one weekend
 Trek Safely
 Climb on Safely
 Troop Committee Challenge
 Youth Protection Training
 Safety Afloat
 Safe Swim Defense
 Hazardous Weather

Take an interest in the Scouts in the troop. Who knows, you might learn something and have a great time.

Training is a Troop Committee expectation. It is a requirement for the Scouts to have an organized safe Scouting experience

Scouting Payments Due

Listed here are payments that are due or may be due soon. Please be on time so someone else does not have to chase your check.

Registration \$30 - Sept
 Jamboree fee \$1,200 - Sept 15th
 Patrol Dues—\$0.25 Mondays
 Campout - \$10 the Monday before the campout.

Christmas Banquet—TBA
 Summer Camp - March 15th - estimated to be \$225

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

Thank you in advance for your

support of the program and your son.

For those Scouts attending the 2010 National Jamboree, your payments should be at \$1,200 by September 15th.

Troop 70 will be making the balance of the \$2,100 fee + air-fare payments.



This Scout is prepared. Be sure your Scout is ready by being on time with your payments.



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

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 80 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 as they are held in different countries. The next World Jamboree will be held in 2011 in Sweden.

Pospick—continued

Next year we celebrate the Centennial of Scouting in the US. This milestone marks a significant time in the history of the BSA, but more importantly, it represents the countless good deeds that Scouts have done for their God, their country, their community, and their family. Even though all of these good deeds were done for free, they are easily worth much more than a billion dollars.

**We're on the Web
www.troop70.org**

BSA—the First 100 Years

February, 2010 will see the Boy Scouts of America celebrate 100 years of Scouting in America. The organization was founded to prepare every eligible youth as better citizens and community leaders.

During the year, locals will be hosting alumni gatherings. Outstanding leaders can be nominated to the National Hall of Leadership. There will be many events, including major and minor league baseball games, for you to join in the year long celebration.

The culmination of the anniversary will be at the 2010 National Jamboree at Fort A. P. Hill in Virginia where Troop 70 Scouts, along with 35,000 other Scouts, will be part of the festivities. On July 31, 2010 the “A Shining Light Across America” broadcast will originate from the jamboree arena. The broadcast will allow viewers across the country to see

what a jamboree show is all about.

While it will not be the same as being there in person, it will connect Scouts together as the second 100 years of the Scouting gets started.

Check in with BSA and their plans at: www.scouting.org/100years/100years/ to get the latest information on celebration details.

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