



TROOP 776 NEWS

May 2007

White Buffalo District - Quivira Council

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May

- 4-5: OA Ordeal-QSR
- 7: Troop Meeting 7PM
- 11-12: OA Ordeal-Kanza
- 14: Troop Meeting
- 18-20: Premer Ranch
- 20: Resthaven Service
- 27-6/2: NYLT at QSR
- 28: NO MEETING

June

- 7: Troop Meeting 7PM
- 10-16: QSR Camp
- 11: NO MEETING
- 18: PLC Only
- 25: Patrol Meeting

Spring Camporee Review

Our April outdoor activity was High Plains District's Spring Camporee with the theme "When Disaster Strikes". Luckily we did not experience any real mother nature type disasters but by the end of the campout I think several of us felt like we were extremely wind blown. We had 21 scouts and 6 adults in attendance at the Camporee which probably had over 300 scouts in attendance. There were several different activities on Saturday which started with a troop mobilization plan and a mock "lost scout" activity where different troops were mobilized to try to find the lost scout. After that it was off to the individual training sessions which included gurney races, capture the flag, emergency first aid, airplane flag signaling, tornado drills, etc. The activities kept many of the scouts busy for the majority of the day. The evening campfire we then learned the outcome of the scouts hard work in their training sessions where Troop 776 came in 3rd place overall out of 20+ troops. We received a \$25 gift certificate we can use for camping supplies at the Coleman Outlet Store. Other accomplishments for the weekend included 1st place in the tornado disaster drill, 1st place in the airplane signaling contest and 1st place for the "best flag pole display" but maybe that was because our troop was the only troop that could keep their flags up the entire weekend. Did I mention it was windy? We actually had adults from one troop come through our campsite Saturday afternoon looking for their troop flag which had been torn off of their flag pole. Next time you see any of the scouts that attended the Camporee give them a big pat on the back for the great job they did in representing the troop at the different activities. Great job gentlemen and thanks for all the hard work.

Cliff Premer

Premer Ranch

Our May campout will be at the Premer Ranch which is near Roxbury, KS. It's a half section of pasture, trees, rolling terrain with two ponds available for fishing. For new scouts we are going to use this as a make up for the Baden Powell campout we cancelled because of weather. So make sure you bring your scout handbooks and be prepared to learn. For older scouts, we will be needing instructors for this campout so start letting Eric and/or Mr. Premer know if you are interested in helping. We will need to have instructors selected within the first week of May so we can begin planning activities. For everyone else this will be a campout where you can hangout and camp, explore, build pioneering projects, work on camp gadgets, go hiking, possibly build a monkey bridge and hopefully have a less scheduled type of a weekend. Reminder, bring your own TP since there is no "facility".

Patrol News

The Eagles which is changing their name to the Geek Squad are busy designing and building their new flag. We also had a guitar hero play off. Ben Burbank won! The patrol is going to start working on Personal Fitness merit badge soon. (Submitted by Ben Burbank)

Patrols join forces to work on Merit Badge

By Colleen Brink



Looking for an interesting way to earn Merit Badges? Maybe even work on an Eagle required Merit Badge? Why not join forces to tackle some of the bigger requirements. A few months ago, boys in the Eagle (now Geek Squad) Patrol and Roadrunner Patrol decided to work together on the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge.

For requirement number 5, they decided on a movie that emphasized citizenship then rented, watched and discussed the movie. They even enjoyed snacks!

For requirement 7, they researched, contacted and toured a charitable organization outside of Scouting. The boys learned that The Ronald McDonald House, which serves as a "home away from home" for families of sick children who are being treated for medical illnesses, exists in many different cities across the United States and Wichita is lucky enough to have two! They set up a time and six of the boys performed some community service time for the Ronald McDonald House Sleepy Hollow, located southeast of Wesley Medical Center on Wichita's east side. There, the six boys – David Brink, Kevin Brink, Andy Kester, Marcus and Ryan Patton and Adam Voth – helped organized and clear dated items for the House's pantry. "It seemed like a way we could help a place that helps kids and their families," said Kevin Brink, the Eagle Patrol leader at the time. "Both houses are really nice." The Ronald McDonald House had special significance to Kevin and David because their mom, dad and sister all stayed in the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor, Michigan for three weeks while Kevin had heart surgery at the University of Michigan last summer. The Brink family also prepared and served dinner together at both Wichita Ronald McDonald Houses as part of Kevin and David's Family Merit Badge requirements.

All adults are welcome
and encouraged to
attend!

Committee Meeting
March 20th @ 7PM
Goddard Pizza Hut

Permission Slips & Fees Due Dates:

5/7: Premer Ranch

5/14: Summer camp
medical forms due

"Be prepared" for the
events you wish to
attend!



Drew T.	5/6
Adam V.	5/9
Andy K.	5/14
Christian S.	5/24
Travis I.	5/24
Cage T.	5/26
Tyler T.	5/26
D'Ouan R.	5/29

Both patrols' members agreed that working together on tough merit badges makes the job easier. In addition to the time they volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, several of the boys helped fulfill service time by addressing envelopes for Active Aging, an agency geared at keeping older adults in Wichita informed. The boys learned a lot about being good citizens, about local assistance agencies and had a good time working together.

Thanks to those that sent in information! Want to see your patrol here next month? [Click here](#) to email information and/or pictures about recent activities and patrol member's awards and advancements. The troop would love to know what you've been doing!

Service Time Opportunity

There will be a service time project at RestHaven on May 20th at 1:00PM. This is a good time to get a few hours in, but more importantly a great service will be done to honor the Veterans. There will be a sign up sheet at the end of April & first part of May. We need as many scouts to help out as possible. Don't forget to bring gloves or possibly suffer blisters! Many thanks to Nancy Reynolds for coordinating the event!