



# TROOP 776 NEWS

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White Buffalo District - Quivira Council

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## November

- 6: Troop Meeting
- 9: Popcorn sales begin
- 13: Troop Meeting
- 16-18: Black Jack Trail
- 19: Committee Meeting
- 20: Popcorn orders due
- 20: PLC meeting
- 27: Patrol Meeting

## December

- 4: Troop Meeting
- 11: Troop Meeting
- 16: Operation Holiday
- 18: Troop Meeting

## Scoutmaster's Report

### Scout Spirit, Leadership and Giving Back

Have I said recently I'm proud of you guys? If not, I am, and here's why. During October, Scouts of Troop 776 demonstrated Scout spirit, leadership skills and while at it gave a little back to the community and to Scouting. The month began with the troop participating in the Goddard Fall Festival where we had a large turnout of both scouts and scouters to help attend to the cobbler booth and train ride. While there, several helped to pitch in and provide "crowd control" during the parade and at the end of the day when Mr. Funke asked for help cleaning up Main street scouts grabbed garbage bags and started going up and down the street cleaning up everyone else's messes. A couple of weeks later the troop attended the Fall Camporee at Camp Kanza with several hundred other scouts. During the weekend, scouts worked on their Camping merit badge and while there earned the Troop Spirit and the Troop Conservation Project awards. The following week a group of nine scouts headed back to Camp Kanza to help staff Webelos Woods where they demonstrated fantastic leadership skills in running the BB gun range and the "spider web" team building game. Oh, they also performed the opening flag ceremony that Saturday morning for over 300 Webelos and a total camp of over 500. By the way, they looked pretty darn sharp also. On top of that, a couple of them volunteered to help with closing campfire activities after a long hard day working. So gentlemen, once again, I'm proud of you guys and thank you for all you are doing to help serve our community, our troop and the Scouting program. BP would be proud of you as well.

Yours in Scouting,

Cliff Premer

## Our Newest Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Derek Blair on his recent accomplishment of achieving the rank of Eagle. He successfully completed his Eagle Board of Review on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We all know how difficult it is to make it there, so next time you see him, give him a pat on the back for his hard work!

## We Still Need Your Help!

The Troop's Life to Eagle Advisor will be stepping down in December. We need new Scouters who are willing to volunteer to keep this organization running. If you'd like to guide the boys on their often bumpy but always rewarding path to Eagle please email the scoutmaster

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## Happy Birthday Scouts!

11/3 Braden L  
11/3 Kyle L.  
11/10 Ben B.  
11/21 Anthony W.  
11/30 Andrew H.

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

## Update your Calendars

The committee recently voted to change the meetings back to Monday. It was a hard decision, given the change was initially made to allow more high school age scouts to attend during band season. While we did see the attendance of several older scouts on Tuesday evenings, we also ran into a snag with the church. As many of you have probably noticed, the church is a very busy place on Tuesday. So busy, in fact, that we have had to wait outside for other groups to finish before we've been able to go in. Due to this fact, it was decided that the troop will resume Monday meetings starting in January.

## Patrol Happenings



The Roadrunner Patrol worked on the fingerprinting merit badge.

## 2010 Jamboree

It appears that there are several boys from the troop who are already signed up for the National Jamboree. If you're interested, you should submit the initial application form and the deposit to the Council office soon. Only 72 boys from the entire council will be able to participate and our troop, at this point, is close to 10 percent of that amount.

## Welcome New Volunteers

A hearty welcome, and thanks to Esther Cockrell who recently agreed to be the troop secretary. We're always looking for volunteers to support these young men on their journey to adulthood. If you're interested in helping out or would just like to have input on the decisions made behind the scenes, attend the next committee meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Operation Holiday

In preparation for Operation Holiday we're collecting paper boxes with lids to help transport all of the donated food. You can email Jeff at [gjpiper@sedgwick.gov](mailto:gjpiper@sedgwick.gov) for pick up/drop off or you can just bring them to a troop meeting.

## Uniform Closet

The troop has several sizes of uniform shirts in our growing uniform closet. If you need a gently used shirt, or have any uniform pieces to donate, email me at [mk2thcleaner@aol.com](mailto:mk2thcleaner@aol.com) or just bring them to a troop meeting.