



TROOP 776 NEWS

**August
2009**

White Buffalo District - Quivira Council

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This month:

*Remember:
Troop meetings are
moving to **Tuesday**
evenings beginning
in August.*

Tuesday, Tuesdays

Aug. 4 TUESDAY:

Troop Meeting

Aug. 9:

Troop JLT
Leadership

Aug. 11:

PLC Meeting at
GUMC

Aug. 17:

Troop Committee
Meeting, 7 p.m. at
GUMC

Aug. 18:

Troop Meeting plus
Summer Camp
picture night

Aug. 21-23:

Sail Boating Outing

Aug. 25:

Patrol Meeting

Scoutmaster's Report

A new opportunity!

Please join me in congratulating Weston on being elected our new Senior Patrol Leader. Weston announced his new leadership group at our recent Court of Honor and is getting ready for his opportunity to help make a difference in Troop 776. Every SPL brings his unique leadership style and goals to the position and I'm looking forward to where we can go over the next six months.

One of the key projects for our new leadership is to build our calendar of activities for 2010 which I briefly talked about last month. August will mark the beginning of our annual planning process and as such I'd like to see us try to once

again get input from the whole troop to help plan next year's activities. With that said, I'll get out a survey in the near future to gather your interests but before I do that I'd like to get activity ideas from you to put on the survey. So please let me know any idea or special interests you have so we can plan the best activities ever for 2010!

In closing, let's all make sure and say thank you to Byron and his outgoing leadership group. This leadership group has overall been the most active group of leaders we've had for a long time and I believe their dedication, regular attendance and leadership skills have allowed us to continue building a strong foundation from which we're going to be better prepared to keep doing bigger and better things within the Goddard community.

Now, let's all join together and help Weston and the new PLC build the best schedule of activities ever.

Yours in Scouting, Cliff Premer



Weston announces his new slate of officers at July COH.

Planning ahead:

Summer 2010 – Our troop is considering going to Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base.

We could spend a week and customize our trek to include backpacking, whitewater rafting, rock climbing, rappelling and horseback riding

Don't forget: Have you car serviced at **Knuckles Automotive** and **Knuckles will donate 8 percent to our Troop!**? Just request a 'Money for Activities' form. Knuckles will issue a check to Troop 776 monthly. It's that simple!



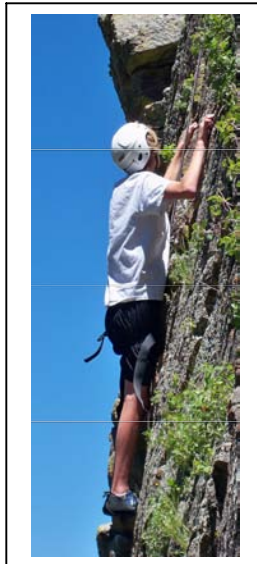
Evan Looft just had his Eagle Fundraiser and is very close to achieving Eagle Rank.

Contact Mr. Anschutz at: ritaandbruce@sbcglobal.net or 729-0953.

Spanish Peaks – What a trip!!!

High Altitude

Three scouts and two adults took off on a high adventure backpacking trek...original destination...the West Peak. At 13,600 feet that seemed like a great addition to what some of them accomplished last year – summiting the 12,800 foot East Peak. Once at SPSR however the rangers started talking about options and threw down a challenge to summit both the West and East Peak on the same trek. Then they tossed out a third option they figured the group wouldn't be up to...that being to also summit the 13,400 foot Trinchera Peak just down the road by La



Veta. With the challenge thrown down, Byron, Derek, Joe and another scout from another unit decided they were up to a challenge that no other crew had attempted this summer. By the end of the week, these guys had hit three high altitude summits in five days. Back in camp Friday, the ranger staff made a visit and threw down another challenge. Come back next year and backpack into the Blanca Basin and climb a 14,000 foot peak or two, go snow shoeing, rock climbing and ice climbing (climb a water fall) all in one week. They were all interested if the rangers were up to the challenge to take them.

Rock On!

Other Scouts climbed a 45-foot wall the first day and repelled down a 60 foot wall the first day at Spanish Peaks. The next day, they tackled an 85-foot wall and played chicken – *on* the wall!!

Congratulations to our newest life Scouts: Corey, Jonathan and Andrew. *Way to go!!!*

Attention Life Scouts:

Mr. Anschutz, our Troop's Life to Eagle advisor, plans to have a meeting of all Lifers to help them start thinking about and planning for "What to do now." Stay tuned.



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you no longer need?
*Please consider
donating them to our
Troop.*

*"Do a good turn
daily?"*

Patrol
Leaders

*Please call your
patrol members to
help them stay
informed of activities*

Spanish Peaks – Base Camp highlights

Spanish Peaks is a great place to camp. Great views, good weather and a great staff made it fun for everyone. The staff made sure we had everything we needed to make our week there a success. After a brief hail storm when we arrived everyone got settled in for a week of hiking, climbing and working on merit badges. Our scouts are a great group of boys. They worked together really well. The older scouts were helping the first timers. I'm sure this year's new scouts will be passing on what they learned to new scouts next year, that's just how it works and it works well. Tim and Corey worked for a couple of hours on a service project with me. Several also earned their Tote 'n Chit.



When they left camp it was 5 in the morning; when they got back some of them had to take a nap. (Tough day I guess).

The Lions patrol (a combination of Lions & Wolverines) won the Best Base Camp patrol. They were on top of things most all the time. They got a leather strap with the award stamped on it for their patrol flag or they could attach it to their patrol boxes. A great job by our younger scouts. Working together was the key to success. Way to go guys.

Even the A-Team got in on the fun Galen earned his snoring merit badge and I got the coffee merit badge. I would like to personally THANK all the adults that went, without them it would not have been very successful at all. Good job A-Team. All in all I'd say we all had fun. That's what it's all about. Oh, and learning something along the way. Great job everyone! I'm very proud of all our scouts. Everyone made my job very easy.



Soar High, Larry

After a few days of being water cop the boys figured out I wasn't going to let them go anywhere without a water bottle full of water. Some of them saw a bear off the trail about fifty yards or so. One of them told me the bear was just starring at them.

One of the hikes offered to the scouts was a 20-mile hike into town. There reward was a trip to Subway. What a boy won't do for food I don't know!

Thunderbird patrol has been busy!!

June's activity was to clean up the troop trailer. Nate, Anthony, Tim, and Larry participated. We added brackets to the shelving to keep the dining fly poles from flying around.

Patrol Activities:

Our activities were a patrol campout, a night at All Star Sports, World Treasure Museum, hike around Pawnee Prairie Park, and cleaning up the troop trailer. We even had three members earn rank advancements! We were also able to earn honor patrol, let's see if we can make it two in a row.

I got re-elected as patrol leader and I'd like to thank Trevor for being assistant patrol leader and filling in for me when I couldn't go to things. Jeremy will be the patrol leader from July – Dec. Our first patrol meeting will be Aug. 5 and we'll plan our activities then.

Tim Larsen

What has your patrol been up to? E-mail Mrs. Brink at cbrink@cox.net

Looking ahead:

August 21-23– *Sail boating*

September 18-20 – *Ft. Riley*

October 23-25 – *Family campout, Webelos campout, Wilderness Survival (Premer Ranch)*

November 20-22 – *Black Jack Trail backpacking*

December 11-13 – *Cold weather camping/BBQ (Premer Ranch)*

Summer 2010 – *work now to attend a High Adventure Campout*