



TROOP 776 NEWS

**March
2010**

White Buffalo District - Quivira Council

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This month:

March 2:

Troop Meeting

March 6:

Pack 776 Crossover
at Clark Davidson
Elementary, 4 p.m.

March 9:

PLC Meeting

March 16:

No meeting;
Life and Eagle Scout
Dodgeball/Meeting,
Ascension Lutheran
Church

March 23:

Troop Meeting

March 26-28:

Baden Powell
Campout/Taining,
Premer Ranch

March 30:

Patrol Meeting

Scoutmaster Report

Time for Summer Camp

Think summer!

Summer Camp....what is it? It's the biggest, funnest, bestest time you'll ever have in scouting. Campouts are cool, but summer camp is where it's really at. This summer we'll

once again be heading to Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch in south central Colorado where we'll spend the week in a primitive, wilderness oriented scout camp located at 8,000 in elevation where you'll wake up each morning smelling the pine trees and looking up at the 12,600 feet summit of the east peak and if you're a little lucky you'll see the Indian Chief's shadow slowly appear and then disappear.

The Wahatoya, or East and West Spanish Peaks, are ripe with Native American legends, are a geologists gold mine and are just all around fun to hike in and enjoy. While at camp you'll have the opportunity to explore, work on merit badges, go hiking, rock climbing,



backpacking and soak in what I personally feel scouting is all about. That is, providing young men the opportunity to interact with mother nature in her most primitive and fragile environments, to work as a team to build social and leadership skills, to have the opportunities to succeed, and yes to fail, in an effort to help us all grow. And, if we have fun and learn some valuable life skills out of it then hey, that's the icing on the cake.

Let's all sign up for summer camp and have the time of our lives.

Parents...yes you are encouraged to attend as well and yes if you're not careful you too might just have a little fun as well. No, actually, I'll guarantee you'll have fun at SPSR!

Yours in Scouting, Cliff Premer



Troop 776 serves cinnamon rolls at Scout Sunday Feb. 14.

Life to Eagle



Hey, Life to Eagle team members. Mr. Premer showed me the 2010 only Eagle patch. Pretty cool...eh??? This year continues to present the opportunity to set apart from all others through the celebration of BSA 100th birthday. Ask yourself one question...How can I continue to set myself apart? Today, we live in much competition. Competition is positive because it calls for your best effort. You must bring it though.

How can you prepare? Come to our next Life Scout team forum over Spring Break...**MARCH 16th @ 7-9 p.m.** at Ascension Maple Campus (12885 W. Maple) for some dodgeball. We will spend time discussing interviewing preparation and skills specifically for the Eagle Board of Review. These skills will definitely benefit you forward with high school job interviews and college scholarship interviews also. Please bring snacks to share.

As always, past Eagle Scouts are welcome to come and help prepare our future Eagle class. - Bruce Anschutz, Life-to-Eagle Advisor

Eagle Project updates:

Byron P is ready to start the manual labor on his big project. Here is his request: On March 13 and 14, I am planning to begin installing fitness equipment in the Goddard Linear Park for my Eagle project. The morning of the 13th, I will only need 2 scouts and adults but later on I will require much more help for both afternoons. Please reply to me at Sirisam@cox.net. Thank you for considering.

Corey P wrapped up his Eagle project and has completed his SM conference. Now on to the Board of Review!!!

Weston L finished the construction and installation of bird houses for his project.

David B is in the beginning stages of digging ground where he will lay a stone patio at the Regency for the Clothing Collection area.

PATROL NEWS:

Members of the Thunderbird Patrol had a great time bowling Feb. 26.

What has your patrol been up to?



E-mail: cbrink@goddardusd.com

Summer 2010 – Our troop is going to Blanca Basin outside of Spanish Peaks area. These boys will have an incredible experience! Are you one of them?

Merit Badge

Books

On Loan – Troop
Library

*"Do a good turn
daily?"*

Scouts work on Carpentry Badge

About a dozen scouts met with Mr. Burbank to begin their **Carpentry** merit badge. This is one of four merit badges that scouts will be able to earn only during BSA's 100th anniversary celebration in 2010. Mr. Burbank showed the scouts several woodworking projects he's completed over the years/decades some of which have outlasted the glue that held them together. The scouts worked with plumbs, levels, squares, planes, saws, hammers and actually figured out that math is valuable in the real world. ☺ Overall the scouts had a great time and big thanks to Dave for helping to get them started.

My big question though is ...why is a plumbers level half a bubble off? First scout to email me with the right answer will get a surprise



Scouts – Stay involved through winter months! Plan now to attend these great activities

March 26-28 – *Premer Ranch/Baden Powell Campout, conservation themed.*

April – *Spring Camporee at Lake Afton*

May – *Alabaster Caverns wild caving in Oklahoma*

June 12-19 – *Summer Camp at Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch. This will include a high Adventure – “Blanca Basin Adventure” — where we will set up at 10,000 feet and do activities from there. Stay tuned for more details!*

July – *Omniplex Museum Campout in Oklahoma; National Jamboree*

August – *Kanapolis Lake – Horseback riding or exploring Horse Thief Canyon*

September – *Ft. Riley Campout with real machine guns (back by popular demand)*

October – *Webelos/Family Campout and Bison Corn Maze, Premer Ranch*

November – *Blackjack Trail backpacking at QSR*

December – *BBQ and Cold Weather Campout at Premer Ranch*

Patrol Leaders

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

Training Galore

The Stampede is here! That's right White Buffalo training stampede is Saturday March 13th. Please go to the link (www.quivira.org) and see what you can get done. This is a great opportunity to get a lot of training done at once. If you are getting ready to cross over to the troop there are a lot of things you can get done in one day or, if you have been in the troop awhile, you may need to renew some old expired training or get something new under your belt. Please take a little time to see what's offered. It's fun and painless.

Training is not only for scouts but also for scouters. Just remember what scouting's founder says, "Every scout deserves a trained leader." Smart Guy. When you do take training be sure to let me know so I can get your file updated. Thank You.

Soar High----Larry