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Signs Up!!! Troop 101 Newsletter

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Welcome New Scouts

Troop 101 would like to welcome our newest scouts. Aaron and Jeremy joined the troop in time to make the Tunica Falls trip and are now working on their advancement along with the rest of the troop. This brings the total number of scouts in the troop to thirteen.

Clark Creek/Tunica Falls

On September 19-21 Troop 101 went camping at the Mary Ann Brown Preserve in St Francisville, LA and hiking in Clark Creek Natural Area/Tunica Falls in Mississippi. The scouts earned the Geology merit badge and accomplished a number of Tenderfoot requirements, including setting up tents, cooking and spending a night on a troop outing. Everyone attending the trip had a great time and returned home on Sunday exhausted.

Fontainebleau State Park / Bike Hike the Trace

October 17-19, 2003 We will be the Troop's next camping trip. We will be going to Fontainebleau State Park in Mandeville and doing a 25 mile bike hike on the Tammany Trace from the Fontainebleau to Abita Springs and back. We will also be working on scout skills including the Totin' Chip. The troop will meet at the Pearl River Lions Den on Friday at **2:45pm** (Friday is a half day of school) and will leave "**PROMPTLY**" at **3:00pm**. The Troop will return to the Pearl River Lions Den at ***1:00pm** Sunday. Scouts are responsible for getting their bikes to and from the Lions Club and the troop will transport the bikes to and from Fontainebleau.

Young Eagles

Troop 101 is participating in Young Eagles on Saturday, October 11, 2003, from 8:00am till 1:00pm at the Slidell Airport. We will be selling hot dogs hamburgers, drinks, chips, and other items to help raise money for the troop. We are still in need of additional equipment including dutch ovens, and items needed to complete the patrol boxes. Scouts can also learn about aviation, take a flight around Slidell (both are requirements for the Aviation Merit Badge), and get a Young Eagles certificate. Anyone that can help cook and sell food please contact Elaine at 863-8169.

Trail's End Popcorn

This year's Popcorn sale has begun. Scouts should be out there selling popcorn to earn money for their personal accounts. We will be selling product using take order forms and direct sales. 100% of the profits (approximately 33% of the total sale) will go directly into the scouts personal accounts. Information and forms are available from Elaine, and can be picked up at troop meeting.

Future Camping Trips

These are some of the trips and activities being planned for Troop 101. The troop will spend a weekend at Fort Morgan in Alabama. On Saturday we will take the ferry to Dauphin Island and visit the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Estuarium/Public Aquarium and take in the sights. The scouts will earn the Oceanography merit badge plus have a great time spending the nights in the Fort. Additional camping trips will be at McLoud State Park in Kiln, MS where we will work on the fishing merit badge and invite family and friend to join us for dinner. We will also be camping at a horse ranch in Picayune, Ms. where the boys will earn the horsemanship merit badge, and we will travel to DeSota State Park in Alabama for some rapelling adventures. Look for permission slips for all the information you need on each trip.

Community Service

In November, the troop will be conducting a food drive. Scouts should collect can goods and non-perishables food items and bring them to the November 12th meeting. The donated food will be given to a local food bank to help the needy.

Monthly Dues and Personal Account

The monthly dues are \$3.00 a month. You may pay more than one month at a time. This is recommended so we do not have to remind you at every meeting to pay your dues. A scout will not receive badges he earns unless dues are current. The dues help the Troop purchase rank badges, merit badges, patrol patches, leadership patches for scouts and adults, and any other materials needed to run the troop. We will be starting several fund raisers so each scout can earn money for his personal account. The money in his account will pay for dues, camping or activity fees, recharter fees, uniforms, and camping equipment.

We STILL Need Leaders

A strong troop requires many leaders. We need more leaders. We need help. Do not be afraid to sign up as a leader or to teach a merit badge. We had no scouting experience when we started seven years ago, but we read lots of information, talked to other scouters, and attended training. We will help you any way we can to become a good leader. Consider a position as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Member, Advancement Chairman, or Merit Badge Counselor.

Merit Badge Counselor

There are 121 merit badges in the scouting program covering a wide range of interests including astronomy, photography, art, computer, geology, medicine, small boat sailing, wood carving, and wilderness survival, to name a few. There will be at least one merit badge worked on at every troop meeting, especially the Eagle required ones. Please look at the list of badges and decide which ones you could teach. The troop supplies any materials and supplies needed.

Scout Handbook

Each scout must have a copy of the Boy Scout Handbook which is available from the Scout Shop or the Slidell Army Surplus. A scout cannot earn his Scout rank until he has his handbook. The troop also recommends getting a copy of the 2003 Merit Badge Requirements book.

Troop 101 Website

Troop 101 is on the web. Our website can be visited at www.lascouts.net/troop101. The site will be updated regularly with information about upcoming events. Newsletters will be available online and there are also a number of useful scouting links.



Scoutmaster's Minute

For Every 100 Scouts...

What happens to a Scout? For every 100 boys who join Scouting, records indicate that:

RARELY will one be brought before the juvenile court system

17 will become future Scout volunteers

12 will have their first contact with a church

1 will enter the clergy

5 will earn their Religious Emblem

18 will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life

8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system

1 will use his Scouting skills to save his own life

1 will use his Scouting skills to save the life of another person

2 will become Eagle Scouts

Scouting's alumni record is equally impressive. A recent nation-wide survey of high schools revealed the following information:

85% of student council presidents were Scouts

89% of senior class presidents were Scouts

80% of junior class presidents were Scouts

75% of school publication editors were Scouts

71% of football captains were Scouts

Scouts also account for:

64% of Air Force Academy graduates

68% of West Point graduates

70% of Annapolis graduates

72% of Rhodes Scholars

85% of F.B.I. agents

26 of the first 29 astronauts