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# Signs Up!!!

## Troop 101 Newsletter

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### ***Troop Advancement***

The scouts of troop 101 have been busy working on advancements. Most of the scouts have completed their Scout requirements and all are currently working on the Personal Fitness merit badge and the Tenderfoot fitness requirements.

### ***USS Alabama***

Ten scouts, two potential scouts and two adults participated in Troop 101's first overnighter on the USS Alabama. The scouts spent Saturday evening exploring the ship and playing capture the flag with the other troops on board. On Sunday, we spent time in the aviation pavilion and on the USS Drum submarine. Everyone attending had a great time. Special Thanks to Mr. Sonny Conravey for attending and making the trip possible.

### ***Clark Creek/Tunica Falls***

On September 19-21 Troop 101 will be camping at the Mary Ann Brown Preserve in St Francisville, LA and hiking in Clark Creek Natural Area/Tunica Falls in Mississippi. The scouts will earn the Geology merit badge. The cost for this trip is \$12.00. This will cover transportation, meals, cracker barrel, and camping. Scouts are NOT allowed to bring any electronics camping (except walkie-talkies). The permission slip also tells you what you need to bring and the time we leave and return.

### ***Do a Good Turn Daily***

Six scout, Eddie, Peter, Aaron, Jacque, Phillip, and Derek along with Ms. Elaine and Ms. Kathy gave up part of the last day of summer vacation to help put together packages at Creekside Jr. High. The request for help was at the last minute and the scouts did a good job. Way to show your Scout Spirit.

### ***Monthly Dues and Personal Account***

The monthly dues have been reduced to \$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. 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.

### ***Patrols Formed***

Troop 101 now has two patrols, the King Cobras and the Dragons. Members of each patrol are: Cobras - Catlin C., Jamal B., Phillip C., and Vincent P.. Dragons - Eddie B., Peter A., Aaron C., Jacque C., and Neil L. The patrols will be responsible for creating a patrol flag, cooking meals during camping trips and working together as a group. We will also be starting a little friendly competition between the patrols.

### ***Troop Elections***

Congratulations to Eddie the new Patrol leader of the Dragon patrol and Catlin the new Patrol Leader for the King Cobra Patrol. The next troop elections will be three months. In order to give everyone an opportunity to be a patrol leader, we ask that you not run in consecutive elections, once you have been patrol leader. There are other leadership positions that need to be filled: Asst. Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe, Troop Guide, Historian, and more. For a complete list, consult the handbook.

### ***Future Camping Trips***

A calendar will be provided with dates and places of the year's upcoming camping trips and activities. We are waiting for the school's calendar. The following trips are tentatively scheduled. In October, we will camp at Fountainebleau State Park in Mandeville and ride the Trace to Abita Springs and back for a 25 mile bike hike. This is part of the cycling merit badge. In November we will spend the 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. December's camping trip will be at a horse ranch in Picayune, Ms. Where the boys will earn the horsemanship merit badge. In January we will venture over to DeSota State Park in Alabama for some rappelling adventures. Look for permission slips for all the information you need on each trip. Doesn't it sound like we are going to have lots of fun?

### ***Garage Sale***

The Troop is having a garage sale on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 2:00 pm at the Pearl River Lions Club. We have received a lot of very nice items for sale. The troop will need volunteers on Friday to setup and on Saturday to work the garage sale and to clean up after the sale. Please let Elaine or Don know how you can help. The funds raised from this sale will purchase camping gear, and supplement costs of camping trips. Don't forget to tell your friends and families to come out and support the troop.

### ***Trail's End Popcorn***

Girl Scouts sell cookies, but did you know that Boy Scouts sell Popcorn. Every fall BSA sells Trail's End popcorn. We will be getting caramel corn, chocolate covered caramel corn (my favorite), microwave popcorn, 3-way tins and more. We will be selling product using take order forms and direct sales. 100% of the profits will go directly into the scouts personal accounts. Information and forms will be available soon at a troop meeting.

### ***Six Flags New Orleans***

Scout Day at Six Flags will be held on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The ticket price for the day is \$14.99 (plus 1.35 tax). The park will be opened to scouts, leaders and their families only. Come out and experience the 14 new attractions, including 2 new roller coasters. We will be collecting for this event and sending the money in together.

### ***Earn Money For Camping and More***

Many of the scouts of Troop 101 have already started earning money for their personal accounts by selling the Gourmet Lollipops. We will begin selling Trail's End Popcorn and Papa John's Pizza coupon books. (100% of all profits go to the scouts.) ALL money collected must be turned in to Troop 101. A scout cannot keep their portion of the sale. Checks are acceptable, make payable to Troop 101. Money in the personal accounts can be used to pay for camping trips, dues, camping gear and more.

### ***We 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. Registered adult leaders attend camping trips at no charge.

### ***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](http://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***

#### **Whose Job Is It?**

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an very important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done it.

The moral of this story... If a job needs to be done... "Just Do It".