



SOARING NEWS

Troop 869

Clear Lake Presbyterian Church
Chartered 1968

70 Eagles

Clear Lake City • Houston, Texas
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Editor

Thank you to those who contributed their time by writing articles for the Soaring News.

Continue to send your stories and pictures about troop campouts, fundraisers, volunteering and Eagle Scout projects, etc. to stanley17@comcast.net.

Looking Ahead

**Winter Camp #24
Camp Strake**
Dec. 26-31

Lake Somerville SP
Jan. 15-17

Buescher SP
Feb. 19-21

E-Rock
(Sat. Departure)
Mar. 13-16

Camping at Double Lakes



Dylan L. and Mitchell C.

We camped at Double Lakes State Park. It had big pine trees. We camped near a lake. The ride to and from camp was long and cramped. All the seats in our car were full. I listened

to music during the ride.

Once at Double Lakes, we went hiking and played football. Our patrol had a small campfire, but not everyone in the troop had one.

Most of the boys said the best part of the trip was canoeing, but I didn't personally go canoeing.

Did anything interesting or funny happen? Paul S. did a kick flip over me on his skateboard. I laid on the ground and he flipped the board over me. I was glad he didn't land on me.

The weather was amazing and cool. The sun was shining the whole weekend and it was pretty cold at night. I had a good time!

- Jackson P.



Nickie A. and Andrew M.

Webelo Woods 2009

We had a fairly good turnout despite weather conditions (rain, cold, wind). Since this was my last Webelos Woods as a Scout, I was disappointed that we were not camping.

Thanks to Mr. Lillie for the hot food Saturday afternoon. The brisket and chicken were good. The boys did great job with knots and organizing the patrols. Adults did good with promotion of troop. John F. made good brochure advertising the troop.

Although we were wet and cold, we had a good time.

- Devin S.

Troop 869 welcomes new Scout,
Wilson Miles-Ochoa

Citizenship in the Community MB

Don't forget to fulfill requirement #3: You can attend the CCISD school board meeting on December 14 at 7:00 pm at the CCISD Education Support Center: 2425 East Main Street, League City, Texas 77573.

Mr. Green has arranged a visit, also on December 14, to the Nassau Bay City Council for the Communication MB which also fulfills Citizenship in the Community MB requirement #3.

Garage Sale

This was the second year in a row that Friday night set up went so smoothly and Saturday morning setup went quickly. The clouds provided some relief from the sun. The area stayed neat and organized throughout the sale. Several boys assisted loading the DAV truck and helped with cleanup. By 1:00 p.m. we were done!

An event of this nature could not have occurred without generous help from everyone involved. I'd like to thank Garage Sale Chair Jennifer Lambert for her dedication in organizing this fundraiser. Also Liz Issac (Sat. breakfast & drinks), Jennifer Sinor & Daniel Waters (signs), Bruce Fiske (bag & hanger collection) and our COR Marvin Wallace (for setting up our clothesline at 6:00 a.m). THANK YOU!

Thanks also to our Treasurer, Debbie Stacey, and to those who worked Friday and all day Saturday: The Ellis, Smith, Cochran, Issac, Marshall, Lillie, Wedekind. Thanks also to the Cao, Moore, Baker, Hanson, Geyer, Harrigan, Putman, Deshpande, Armstrong, Miles-Ochoa, Sands, Repa, Gales, Green, and Holland families. We made over \$2000! Great job everyone!

- Susan Smith

St. Bernadette's Food Drive

As we regularly do twice per year, scouts from our troop participated in a food drive for St. Bernadette's food pantry on the 7th and 8th of November. At the door of the Kroger's on El Dorado, we stood at the door asking everyone who came in to help out. There were typically three different ways that people responded to us: "Thank you, I'll see what I can get.", "Sorry I don't have time.", and then the "I'm going to act like I don't see you and just walk by". Regardless of who came in, what they looked like, or who they were, we kept asking all the customers to donate, and in the end we managed to collect enough food to fill up the trunk of a car over and over and over again.

Thank you to all the scouts and adults that helped out during the food drive including Chris S. and dad, Jimmy; Chris G., Luke O'D.; Anthony C.; Jason, Christopher and Mitchell C.; Kevin Y.; Allen and Steven W.; Drew G. and mom, Jackie; Jackson P. and dad, Ed; Julio H.; Michael L., Nathan F. and dad, Bruce; and John C.

- Jason C.

Northern Tier

Troop 860 has more high adventure in store for 2010 after last year's trip to Philmont Scout Ranch. Next summer, we have a crew that will be traveling to the Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Ely, MN for an 8-day trek in canoes. The trek will begin June 14, 2010 when we arrive at base camp. We expect to be eating food similar to that at Philmont, except we have a much better chance to add some fresh fish to our menus. While on the trek we can expect to paddle for 5 - 10 miles a day with 1/4 to 1 miles portages (carrying our canoes and gear over land).

Northern Tier is on of the 'Big 3' in terms of BSA's national high adventure camps (along with Philmont and Sea Base) so the scouts will either be completing or getting closer to earning the Triple Crown, an award for having completed all three adventures.

- Kevin Repa

WRITERS WANTED

Top 10 Reasons to Write Articles

1. To let people know that you know how to read and write
2. One day you want to be like Ray Barone of *Everyone Loves Raymond* and have your own column in the newspaper
3. An excuse to get on the computer so you can check you're *My Space*, download tunes, while telling your folks you need to write an article for the Soaring News
4. You may be able to receive extra credit for a language class to offset the homework assignments you lost or forgot to turn in
5. Another paper that you created to add to the scrapbook that your mom started for you when you were born
6. Isn't there a requirement for the Communications Merit Badge for this sort of thing?
7. Another accomplishment to add to your college resume
8. Because your brother or friend wrote an article and you want to show them up
9. You have sooo much fun in scouting that you can't wait to spread the good news
10. To be a good scout and do a good turn by helping you friendly editor of the Soaring News