




839 Troop
KINGWOOD, TX

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**WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?
SHILOH/DINOSAUR VALLEY/MULCH DAY/ADVANCEMENTS:**

MARCH 2018

Shiloh Campout:

Fifteen scouts and adults traveled to Tennessee over spring break to hike the Shiloh National Military Park. Troop 839 hiked the 14-mile trail over two days stopping at historical markers and monuments that describe this significant 1862 Civil War battle.

The scouts were humbled by the large burial trench that holds 700 Confederate soldiers. One highlight of the hike was seeing a Bald Eagle and its nest and they could even hear the chicks. The Troop also visited the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center and camped nearby at Big Hill Pond State Park. The scouts even experienced snow flurries. It was a great campout for all who attended. – Mr. Diehl

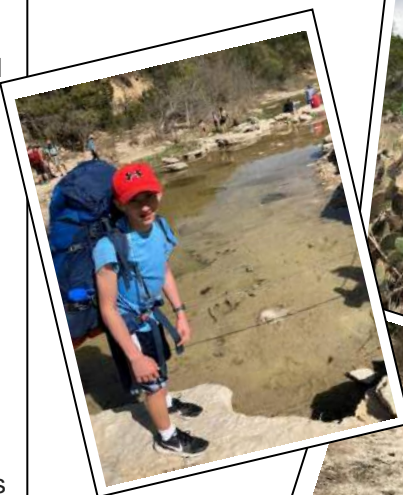
Dinosaur Valley Campout:

On March 23rd, thirty scouts and eleven adults headed out with their hiking gear with a mission to see authentic dinosaur tracks and unique trails. One group of hikers went over 5 miles while another group decided to travel over 7 miles.

A smaller group of scouts backpacked over 13 miles to a remote campsite with no electricity, water, or facilities. The day was warm but it just made stopping to swim in the river near the base camp all the more refreshing.

Despite the challenges of rough terrain, slippery water crossings, hard to read trail maps, sore muscles/feet, and even snakes, the boys persevered and overcame each of these obstacles as a team.

It was very rewarding to see how our Scouts push through the tough times to make it a fun and memorable experience for all! -Mr. Elliott



RANK ADVANCEMENTS:

These are Scouts who have gone above and beyond through their effort and dedication to achieve the next rank on the road to Eagle.

Tenderfoot

Sean Sullivan

Eagle Scout

Sean Voltman

MERIT BADGE ADVANCEMENTS**Christopher Whellhan- Emergency Prep****SENIOR PATROL LEADER THOUGHTS:**

The troop is doing great right now. We have tons of rank advancements, 20+ new scouts, and almost the rest of the year completely planned. Also, I'm really looking forward to our upcoming backpacking and beach camp outs.
-Ryan Grassman, SPL

SCOUTMASTER THOUGHTS:

It's hard to believe how many fun activities and meaningful accomplishments the Troop has completed in just one month! Since our last newsletter, the Troop gained over 20 new members, delivered 22,000 bags of mulch, supported the church by spreading mulch in their beds, traveled to historic Shiloh, hiked over 25 miles this month, and stood next to real dinosaur tracks that were made millions of years ago!

I'm so proud of the way that our Scouts have persevered through difficult challenges and look forward to all of the exciting activities that we have planned in April!
-Matthew Elliott, SM

Upcoming events!**April 2 – Patrol & Troop Meeting**

Patrol meetings start at 6pm for patrols whose members have not all reached First Class. The Troop meeting will follow shortly afterwards at 7pm. The Dragons will be the April Program Patrol. The focus is on Citizenship.

April 7-8 - Orientation Campout

Orientation campout for all new scouts and their parents. Troop guide attendance is required. A sign-up sheet will be on the troop meeting tables.

April 9 - Troop Meeting

Troop meeting. No patrol meetings. The troop meeting focus is on Citizenship.

April 14 – Scout Fair

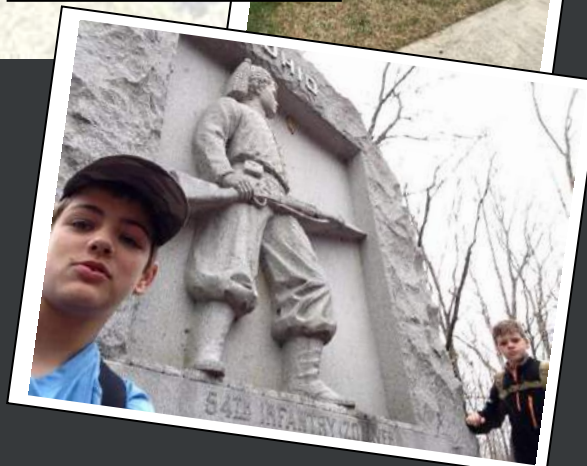
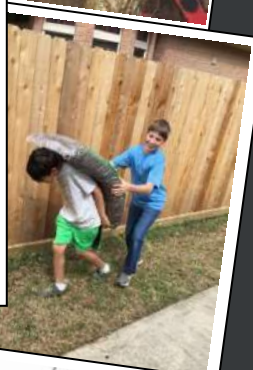
Volunteers will be needed to support activities planned at the Scout Fair. Look for the sign-up sheet and permission slip at the troop meeting entrance tables.

April 16 – Patrol & Troop Meeting

Patrol meetings start at 6pm for patrols whose members have not all reached First Class. The Troop meeting will follow shortly afterwards at 7pm.

April 20-22 – Padre National Seashore USS Lexington

Camping on the seashore and touring the USS Lexington will provide unique opportunities to gain a better appreciation for our military history while enjoying the beach-like campgrounds! **6:00 PM Friday check-in at FPKC, DEPART AT 6:30 PM.** We really need to make sure everyone is on time to help our Scouts & adults get the rest they need to safely enjoy the weekend experience!

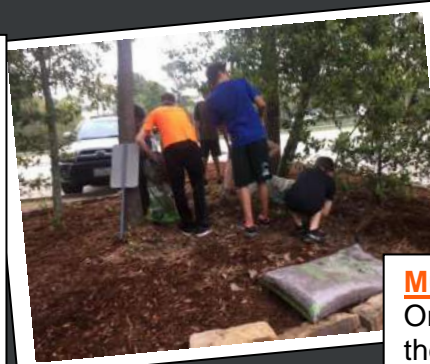


Bark Mulch!

Bark Mulch day went great for everyone who came. We started the day off waking up nice early and heading to the park and ride where the incredible amount of pallets awaited us, 22,000 to be exact! While scouts were all divided into groups for delivery, the trucks were getting loaded with mulch. Some trucks carried three pallets and some carried two, either way, it would be hard work getting those bags delivered.

This was nothing the scouts couldn't handle. The groups split off to deliver their first loads. The scouts returned to a donut and kolache breakfast as a reward for getting their first trip done. Scouts left for their next loads and repeated this process until lunch time.

There was awesome hamburgers and hotdogs made by the adults. Lunch was an amazing midday break that was much needed. After that there was more mulch to deliver, but with the scouts energized from lunch, it was light work and we wrapped up before it got dark. All in all not a bad day for delivery day!



Mulch for the Church

On March 17 the scouts spread mulch for the First Presbyterian Church of Kingwood. It is a good way to take care of their facility that they graciously let us use. The scouts made use of some rock to provide a nice border around some of the trees. Looks great scouts!



Panthers:

Morgan L.
Michael B.
Alex E.
Layne G.
Andrew M.
Scott S.
Jonathan T.
Reed W.
Braeden G.
Peyton S.
Andrew C.
Jack M.

"We are the panthers dark in the night.
Come on panthers fight! fight! fight!"

Troop Guides:

Jonathan E. & Grant D. & Cameron S.

Scout Investiture:

Welcome scouts!

Troop 839 had the distinct pleasure of bringing 23 new scouts into our Troop through our candlelight investiture ceremony on February 26. The Scouts have formed into two new patrols: the Panthers and the Outlaws. We look forward to watching them advance and participate with our great Troop!

Outlaws:

Aidan L.
Tyler P.
Rylan B.
Christian T.
Nathan M.
Nick C.
Glenn L.
Ethan S.
Grayson G.
Cade E.
Oliver B.
Michael F.
"Yee-haw!"

Troop Guides:

Tyler L. & Ma

