

# !!! Important Information!!!

## Troop 220 Newsletter – August 2015

A Compendium of Important Information on Troop 220 Events, Activities, and Policies

See also the troop web site at <http://bsatroop220nm.weebly.com/>

	Opening /Closing	Skill / Advancement	Game	Setup/ Cleanup	Planning	Other Activity or Special Event
<b>August 3</b>	CB	Citizenship in the Community MB, Automotive Maintenance MB and 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Center	RR	BB	--	
<b>August 10</b>	RR	Citizenship in the Community MB, Automotive Maintenance MB and 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Center	SF	CB	--	
<i>August 15</i>	--	--	--	--	--	<i>Daniel Kavelman Eagle Project City Open Space Foothills</i>
<b>August 17</b>	SF	Citizenship in the Community MB, Automotive Maintenance MB and 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Center	BB	RR	<i>Plan for Campout</i>	<b>PLC 6:00PM</b>
<i>August 19</i>	--	--	--	--	--	<i>7:00 pm Committee Meeting</i>
<i>August 22-23</i>	--	--	--	--	--	<i>Backpack Williams Lake / Wheeler Peak</i>
<b>August 24</b>	BB	Citizenship in the Community MB, Automotive Maintenance MB and 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Center	CB	SF	--	
<i>August 29</i>	--	--	--	--	--	<i>9:00 am -1:00 pm Annual Troop Planning Meeting at Domingo Baca Community Center</i>
<b>August 31</b>	CB	Citizenship in the Community MB, Automotive Maintenance MB and 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Center	RR	BB		
<b>September 7</b>	--	<b>--NO TROOP MEETING --</b>	--	--	--	<b>Labor Day Holiday</b>

BB –\_Burque Boys Patrol, SF –Swine Flu, CB – Cardboard Boxes Patrol, RR – Ralping Raptors Patrol  
MB – Merit Badge, TBD – To Be Determined

### Uniforms

The troop will return to Class A uniforms beginning in September. At the August 24 and 31 we will have parents to help with sewing on badges. If you can help with sewing contact Mr. Kavelman or Mr. Spoerner.

### Advancement

**Active Merit Badges:** Mrs. Winsor – Citizenship in the Community, Scott Markham, Taylor Markham, Nick Ellison & Mr. Kavelman - Automotive Maintenance, Family Life MB Clean up Mrs. Winsor and Mrs. Zeleya

**1<sup>st</sup> Class Center** –Mr. Olson, Mr. Eathorne & Mr. Shoaff. The troop uses Troop Master to track all activity. If you need to find out what is recorded, ask Mrs. Tennant. If you completed a Scout Master Conference or Board of Review Scouts MUST be sure to see Mrs Tennant to get entered into Troop Master.

## **Recruiting**

We are beginning to recruit new scouts to join the troop. If you have a friend be sure to invite him to a meeting or troop activity. Cubscout numbers have been dropping so we will need everyone's help to find new scouts to join. The Cub Scout program has is going through major revisions and the troop will be working with the local packs to assist cub scouts with the new requirements.

## **Upcoming Eagle Projects**

**August 15th** – Daniel Kavelman trail project at city open space

**Date TBD** – Jack O'Brien painting project at Covenant United Methodist Church

## **Adult Leader Opportunities**

One of the reasons we have a great troop is our pool of adult volunteers. There are many ways parents can help. Our next project to update all scout records – address, contacts event participation, etc.

We are looking for a new Scoutmaster as Mr. Kavelman will be stepping down.

## **Behavior**

We expect scouts to follow the scout oath and law with their behavior. Scouts are reminded that we are guests of the church. While indoors please treat the church with respect. No running or rough housing indoors. Game time is the part of the meeting for physical release. We expect all scouts to use good judgment. Scouts are expected to treat each other with respect. Unless there is an activity at the La Cueva fields, all scouts are to remain on the church property. Scouts are not to use cell phones or electronics during the scout meetings.

## **Troop Gear**

If you have participated on a campout later you'll see we have new troop gear. In 2014 we replaced the aging propane stoves for all the chuck boxes and purchased a folding table. This year we have a new shovel, new water jugs, 2 new backpacking stoves and 2 new water pumps.

If you have or know someone who would like to donate any gear to the troop please let Mr. Kavelman know.

## **Bring in Your Aluminum Cans**

Please continue to bring in your aluminum cans. All proceeds go into the troop treasury. Thanks to Mr. Butcher for coordinating this.

## **Upcoming Camping Events**

<b>August</b>	<b>August 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Backpack Campout Williams/Wheeler Peak
<b>September</b>	<b>September 18<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup></b>	Family Camp at Elks Refuge, Manzano Mountains – all family members are invited.
<b>October</b>	<b>October 8-11<sup>th</sup></b>	APS Fall break, Campout TBD

## **Helpful Links**

**Troop 220 Web Page**

<http://bsatroop220nm.weebly.com/>

**Guide to Safe Scouting**

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx>