



**Troop**  
Albuquerque, NM

**220**



## Troop 220 Newsletter – April 2019

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

See also the troop web site at: <http://bsatrop220nm.weebly.com/>

**Scoutmaster:** Jonathan Olson  
**Committee Chair:** Mike Spoerner

**Senior Patrol Leader:** Evan Claar  
**Asst. Senior Patrol Leader:** TBD

Monday Mtg 7 PM-8:30 PM	Duty Patrol *	Skill / Advancement	Planning and Notes
01 Apr	Carnivorous Cobras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Class Center.</li> <li>Citizenship in the Community MB</li> <li>Astronomy MB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign-ups and initial planning for Campout, Bandelier National Monument.</li> </ul>
08 Apr	Radioactive Platypy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Class Center.</li> <li>Citizenship in the Community MB</li> <li>Astronomy MB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Planning for Campout, Bandelier National Monument.</li> <li>Packing a backpack demo with Mr. Digby</li> </ul>
15 Apr	Raging Rhinos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Class Center.</li> <li>Citizenship in the Community MB</li> <li>Astronomy MB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLC at 6 pm</li> </ul>
22 Apr	Awkward Turtles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Class Center.</li> <li>Citizenship in the Community MB</li> <li>Astronomy MB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Leader Training (JLT) at 6 pm. With Mr. Lazar.</li> <li>Sign-ups and initial planning for Backpack, Rio Cebolla, Jemez Mtns.</li> </ul>
29 Apr	Chunky Chupacabras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> Class Center.</li> <li>Citizenship in the World MB</li> <li>Astronomy MB</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Planning for Backpack, Rio Cebolla, Jemez Mtns.</li> </ul>
Day/Date	Activity/Event	Location	Notes
Sat. 06 April	-New Scout Training -CUMC Spring Clean Up	- CUMC	- 8:30-10 am. Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit Training - 10 am-12 noon. All Troop Church Clean Up
Sat. 06 April	Sandia District Banquet	Church of the Good Shepherd, 7834 Tennyson St NE	4:30 pm. Honoring adult volunteers: Mr. Claar, Mr. Teifel, Ms. Parks, Mr. Olson.
Sat-Sun., 13-14 Apr 19	Campout	Bandelier National Monument	Car camp. Practice backpack. Mr. Caswell is adult planner.
Mon., 15 Mar	PLC	CUMC	6 pm. For SPL/ASPL, PL/APLs, Cabinet members but open to all Scouts.
Weds., 17 Apr	Committee Mtg	CUMC	7 pm. For Committee Members and SM/ASMs but open to all parents.
Fri-Sat., 26-27 Apr	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills	Cochiti Lake	ASM training event hosted by Sandia District. Mr. Digby, Mr. Caswell, Dr. Chang will attend.
Sat., 27 Apr	Trail Clean Up	Albuquerque Open Space	Conservation service hours. Ms. Parks is coordinating and will provide details of where and time to meet.
Fri., 26 Apr	Rehearsal, Eagle COH	CUMC	6 pm. COH participants.
Sat., 27 Apr	Eagle Court of Honor	CUMC	7 PM. Three Eagle Scouts, Ethan Baldwin-Olson, Wyatt Donner and Ian Stroud, will be honored.

\*Duty Patrol has responsibility for Setup, Opening, Game and Clean-up.

### Advancement

- Active Merit Badges:
  - Citizenship in the Community – Ms. Hager
  - Family Life – Ms. Parks
  - Astronomy– Taught by Rio Rancho Astronomical Society.
  - Citizenship in the World and Woodworking MBs will be offered in April/May.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Class Center – Mr. Claar, Mr. Caswell and Mr. Morris are the ASMs for 1<sup>st</sup> Class Center.

### **Troop Cabinet**

Applications for cabinet leadership positions (Quartermaster, Historian, Scribe, Librarian, Chaplain’s Aide, Webmaster, Bugler, Troop Guide, Instructors) will be taken by the new SPL and ASPL at the first Troop meeting in April. Serving in any of these positions fulfills advancement requirements for Star/Life/Eagle.

### **Adult Volunteer Opportunity: Troop Website Manager**

Mr. Donner has managed the Troop website and mentored Scout Webmasters for more than five years. While we very much appreciate his dedication and hard work we are now looking for an adult volunteer to take over these duties. If you are interested please contact Paul Donner at: [pdonner@truenollc.net](mailto:pdonner@truenollc.net).

### **New Scout Training; Totin’ Chip and Firem’n Chit: Sat., 06 Apr. 8:30-10 am.**

Meet at the Church with Mr. Olson, Mr. Claar, Mr. Caswell and other ASMs to learn how to safely use a knife/ax/saw and to build and tend a fire. This training will satisfy the requirements for Tenderfoot 3d and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 2b and 2c.

### **CUMC Spring Clean-Up: Sat., 06 Apr. 10 am -12 noon.**

We’ll do our Troop annual spring clean-up of the weeds and trash in the area around the sheds, playground and fire pit. This will provide two hours of community service for advancement and, more importantly, help our charter organization in maintaining the facility that we are allowed to use. We hope that all Scouts and adults can participate. Please bring garden tools (rakes, shovels, hoes, weed eaters) and wear gloves and old clothes.

### **Car Camp, Bandelier National Monument: 13-14 Apr**

This will be a fun and interesting campout with the opportunity to hike and explore ancestral pueblo archeological sites. Although we’ll be car camping we’ll take the opportunity to do a short training backpack for younger Scouts and a longer one for older Scouts/Philmont 2020 Crew.

### **Eagle Court of Honor: Sat., 27 Apr. 7 pm**

At CUMC. All Scouts and families are invited to attend to celebrate the achievement of our new Eagle Scouts, Wyatt Donner, Ethan Baldwin-Olson and Ian Stroud.

### **BSA Swim Test: Weds. 01 May (Primary) and Fri., 17 May (Alternate)**

Meet at Sandia Pool at 6 pm. All Sea Base crew members and all Scouts/adults who will swim or boat or take aquatic merit badges at summer camp must take and pass the BSA swimmer test. Passing the beginner test only allows restricted swimming or boating with a higher level of supervision. Passing these tests will fulfill 2<sup>nd</sup> Class requirement 5b and 1<sup>st</sup> Class requirement 6a. We will also teach 2<sup>nd</sup> Class 5a/c/d and 1<sup>st</sup> Class 6e.

### **Florida Sea Base: 11-17 June.**

Two crews will attend. An adult advisor position needs to be filled and two other spots are available. See Mr. Iske or Mr. Baldwin.

### **Summer Camp, Camp Geronimo: 23-29 June.**

We can still add Scouts and adults. Merit Badge and program selection will open on 07 April. See Mr. Butcher.

### **Upcoming Events**

Date	Event	Notes
04-05 May	Backpack	Destination: Rio Cebolla, Jemez Mtns. Mr. Digby is adult planner.
03 Jun	Court of Honor	
02-08 Jun	National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	Gorham Scout Ranch
11-17 Jun	Florida Sea Base	Two Crews are registered.
23-29 Jun	Scout Camp	Camp Geronimo, Arizona. Mr. Butcher is adult planner
13 Jul	Rafting on the Rio Grande	Day trip.
18-21 Jul	Backpack	Weminuche Wilderness, Colorado. Multi-day trek. Mr. Digby is adult planner.
03-04 Aug	Car camp/fishing trip. Fishing MB.	Destination: Heron Lake (TBC). Mr Claar is adult planner
21-22 Sep	Family Camp	Elk’s Refuge
TBD Oct	Backpack	Destination TBD
TBD Nov	Car Camp	Destination TBD
TBD Dec	Troop Lock-In	Gravity Park (TBC)
TBD Jan 2020	Troop Ski Trip	Sipapu Ski Resort (TBC)