



Troop
Albuquerque, NM

220



Troop 220 Newsletter – May 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
06 May	Carnivorous Cobras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Class Center. Citizenship in the World MB Astronomy MB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review.
13 May	Radioactive Platypy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Class Center. Astronomy MB Woodworking MB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review. Woodworking MB. Kick off with Mr. Iske.
20 May	Raging Rhinos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fingerprinting MB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PLC at 6 pm Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review. Dangers of Substance Abuse Presentation High School Finals Week Shift to Class B Uniform
27 May			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MEMORIAL DAY. NO MEETING
Day/Date	Activity/Event	Location	Notes
Sat-Sun., 04-05 May	Backpack	Las Conchas and East Fork trails, Jemez Mtns.	Meet at CUMC. 7:15 am Saturday. Return Sunday afternoon.
Thu., 09 May	Recruiting event	District Roundtable Meeting, 11710 Commanche NE.	6:45 pm. Set up 6:30 pm. Need 2-4 Scouts and two adult leaders to man table.
Sat., 11 May	Life to Eagle Seminar	Scout Office, 5841 Office Blvd, NE	10 am. For all Star and Life Scouts and their parents.
Sat., 11 May	National Astronomy Day	Rainbow Park Observatory, 301 Southern Blvd, Rio Rancho	6 pm- 8 pm. Rio Rancho Astronomical Society. Guest speaker at 8 pm presents a talk about Mars.
Weds, 01 May and Fri., 17 May	Swim Test	Sandia Pool	6 pm. Primary date is Weds, 01 May. Make-up test is Fri., 17 May.
Weds., 15 May	Committee Mtg	CUMC	7 pm. For Committee Members and SM/ASMs but open to all parents.
Mon., 20 May	PLC	CUMC	6 pm. For SPL/ASPL, PL/APLs, Cabinet members but open to all Scouts.

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

Advancement

- Active Merit Badges:
 - Citizenship in the Community – Ms. Hager
 - Astronomy– Taught by Rio Rancho Astronomical Society.
 - Citizenship in the World
 - Woodworking – Mr. Iske and Mr. Swanson.
- 1st Class Center – Mr. Claar, Mr. Caswell and Mr. Morris are the ASMs for 1st Class Center.

Dangers of Substance Abuse Presentation and Fingerprinting Merit Badge: Monday, 20 May

DEA Agent Mr. Small will provide presentation on dangers of drug and substance abuse. All Scouts in new and middle school patrols should attend. Fulfills 2nd Class requirement 7c. Agent Small will also teach Fingerprinting MB. Girl Troop 220 will join us.

Military Appreciation Month and Memorial Day: Monday, 27 May

The month of May is designated as National Military Appreciation Month. We have a number of adults in the Troop who are active duty, retired or former members of the armed services. We'll recognize those adults at the Troop meeting next Monday, 13 May. Memorial Day is Monday, 27 May. Memorial Day is a federal holiday honoring those men and women

who died while serving in the U.S. military. There will be no meeting on Memorial Day but Scouts are encouraged to attend Memorial Day services.

Court of Honor: Monday, 03 June

Get any remaining advancement requirements completed and SMC and BORs scheduled before the COH. Get your Blue Cards for merit badges signed and turned in to Ms. Iske. This will be a combined COH with the Girl BSA Troop 220.

Physicals and Health/Medical Forms

Required to go to summer camp and to Sea Base. Get your physicals done and Part C filled out by the doctor. Parts A, B and C need to be completed and turned in to Mr. Spoerner by the end of May.

Class B Uniform

The Class B uniform is the Troop T-shirt from the current year worn with shorts or pants with a belt and shoes. No athletic shorts, swim trunks, etc. No sandals or flip-flops. T-shirts from previous years or from summer camp are authorized on outings but not for meetings. We'll shift to the Class B uniform on Monday, 20 May. We'll shift back to the Class A uniform the first Monday meeting in September.

Life to Eagle Seminar: Sat., 11 May. 10 am.

There will be a Life to Eagle Seminar on Saturday, May 11th at 10:00am at the Scout Office, 5841 Office Blvd NE. The seminar is approximately 90 minutes long. Rick Mondick, the Sandia District Advancement Chair, will go over many simple steps in the process that will make the Scouts quest for the rank of Eagle easier. He will discuss the Eagle Project and how to prepare the paperwork for approval and through the completion of your project. All Star and Life Scouts and their parents are encouraged to attend.

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 2nd Class requirement 5b and 1st Class requirement 6a. We will also teach 2nd Class 5a/c/d and 1st Class 6e.

Florida Sea Base: 11-17 June.

Two crews will depart for their Sea Base High Adventure on Monday, 10 June. Logistics and planning meeting to be scheduled early June. Mr. Baldwin is the adult planner.

Summer Camp, Camp Geronimo: 23-29 June.

We have 25 Scouts who will be attending summer camp at Camp Geronimo in northern Arizona. Merit Badge and program selection is complete. Logistics and planning meeting to be scheduled early June. Mr. Butcher is the adult planner.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Notes
01 Jun	National Trails Day	Conservation Service opportunity. Ms. Parks is adult planner.
03 Jun	Court of Honor	Combined COH with Girl BSA Troop 220
02-08 Jun	National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)	Gorham Scout Ranch
14-25 Jun	National Senior Olympic Games	Community Service opportunity. 15/16 Jun and/or 22/23 Jun. TBD. Ms. Parks is adult planner.
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. Ms. Parks is adult planner.
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
14 Dec	Troop Lock-In	Gravity Park (TBC)
18-19 Jan 2020	Troop Ski Trip	Sipapu Ski Resort