

THE 1188 AERIE

First Christian Church of Rowlett

“Be Prepared”

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Adult **training** for Youth Protection, Safe Swim, Safety Afloat and the Guide to Safe Scouting will be offered March 22 and 26 please plan on updating your training (if necessary) on one of these two dates.

Adult Leader Training for Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members will be held on April 26, 29 and the overnigher is May 02-03. Please plan to attend if you have not done so before.

Mr. Couch will be doing his **Ordeal** for the Order of the Arrow on May 02-04. All Arrowmen are encouraged to either complete their Brotherhood commitments or to staff this event with us. You may also complete your Brotherhood at the Spring Camporee.

The fee for **camporee** will be **\$15** this year. Note to parents: There has been much discussion about the possibility of making hollowed out **cocoanut shells** for the camporee, please assist your Scout in this if asked. **All Scouts who were on the recent Order of the Arrow ballot should plan to attend.**

We're **getting the band back together** for the annual **Scout Show**. Please plan on attending and assisting the guys.

The **Eagle Court of Honor for Cameron Martin** will be held **on March 29th at** the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall. A free BBQ dinner begins at 6 PM and the ceremony follows at 7 PM. All Troop members should attend in full Class A for this significant event.

Troop 1188 has been asked to assist with two **crossovers** for our new **Webelos**. The first is on March 25 and the second is on March 31. Please plan on assisting with these events for our new members.

The **annual program planning conference** will be held on April 19th at 10 AM. Please plan on attending to give your voice to our plans for the next year. We will be deciding summer camp and High Adventure for 2004.

There will be **no meeting** on Memorial Day.

The annual **Major's Field Fly-in** is May 17th. We will again be assisting with access to the facility during the morning and visiting the aircraft in the afternoon.

Philmont treks for summer 2004 will be decided by lottery on April 25th. If you want to go you must make a \$50 deposit no later than April 21st with Mrs. Creekmore.

The next **Court of Honor** to recognize your advancement will be held May 12th. Please dress in complete Class A and bring the family.

COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) is a weekend of team building and challenge events culminating (if the team gels) in high wire and harness work. The cost is \$50 per person and 8 people must pay first before we pick a date and register (if we pick a date and you can't make it then you get your money back). Register now for a spring event!

Patrol Night is an opportunity for each Patrol to do something fun (along with planning their menus) on the Monday prior to a Camp Out. Each Patrol may plan an activity for that evening. Please assist our Scouts by providing transportation if asked. **PATROL LEADERS! VISIT OUR "CAMPING" WEB PAGE TO DOWNLOAD A PATROL NIGHT PLANNING AND MENU CHECKLIST!**

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Troop Meeting	Mar 17	7:00 PM	FCC
Committee Meeting	Mar 20	7:00 PM	FCC
Order of the Arrow	Mar 20	7:30 PM	T-100
Safety Saturday	Mar 22	8:00 AM	T-100 ends around noon
Troop Meeting	Mar 24	7:00 PM	FCC – Camporee Fee Due (\$15)
Crossover for Pack 314	Mar 25	7:00 PM	Call Mr. Belles for location
Safety Wednesday	Mar 26	7:00 PM	A repeat of Safety Saturday
Eagle Court of Honor	Mar 29	6:00 PM	Cameron Martin's Eagle Court of Honor at the First United Methodist Church in Rockwall. Begins with free BBQ at 6:00 PM. The ceremony follows at 7:00 PM. The entire Troop is encouraged to attend.
Patrol Night Deadline	Mar 30	6:00 PM	Contact Mr. Belles with the plans for Patrol Night. Leave a message if necessary.
Troop Meeting	Mar 31	7:00 PM	FCC – Patrol Night, Crossover for Pack 52
Roundtable	Apr 03	7:30 PM	T-100 – Mr. Franklin
Camp Out	Apr 04-06	6:00 PM	Spring Camporee at Camp Wisdom
Troop Meeting	Apr 07	7:00 PM	FCC
Committee Meeting	Apr 10	7:00 PM	FCC
Troop Meeting	Apr 14	7:00 PM	FCC
Order of the Arrow	Apr 17	7:30 PM	T-100
Annual Planning Conference	Apr 19	10:00 AM	FCC – Mr. Belles is bringing donuts!
Troop Meeting	Apr 21	7:00 PM	FCC
Philmont Council Lottery	Apr 25	9:00 AM	Council Office
Adult Leader Training	Apr 26	7:45 AM	Session 1 - 8201 Garner Road, Rowlett
Troop Meeting	Apr 28	7:00 PM	FCC
Adult Leader Training	Apr 29	TBD	Session 2 - 8201 Garner Road, Rowlett
Roundtable	May 01	7:30 PM	T-100 – Mr. Hopper
Adult Leader Training	May 02-03	TBD	Session 3 (overnighter) - Location TBD
Order of the Arrow Ordeal	May 02-04	TBD	Camp Cherokee
Troop Meeting	May 05	7:00 PM	FCC – Troop Elections, Dues are payable (\$18)
Scoutmaster's 25 th Wedding Anniversary	May 6 th		Feel free to call Mrs. Belles and thank her for putting up with him!
Committee Meeting	May 08	7:00 PM	FCC
Scout Show	May 10	9:00 AM	Ends at 3:00 PM, be back by 4:00 PM
Court of Honor	May 12	7:00 PM	FCC – Bring the entire family!
Order of the Arrow	May 15	7:30 PM	T-100
Majors Field Fly-In	May 17	8:00 AM	Meet at FCC, be back by about 3 PM?
Troop Meeting	May 19	7:00 PM	FCC
No Troop Meeting	May 26	7:00 PM	Memorial Day

FCC - First Christian Church of Rowlett T-100 – Troop 100 Building in Garland at 6th Street and Avenue A
Every Troop Meeting includes opportunities for advancement along the Trail to First Class and Merit Badges

Camping Policy:

Please remember that arranging transportation and food for the camp outs is a complicated task and that we place as much of the responsibility for these arrangements in the hands of the Scouts as possible. To allow sufficient time for planning, camp out registration is two Mondays before the outing. If you miss that day you may register with Mrs. Creekmore **AT HER HOME** by calling during the week (972-722-9464) to make arrangements to **take her the fee or apply funds that you may have on account.**

THE FINAL TIME TO REGISTER IS THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE CAMP OUT. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE MADE ON THE MONDAY BEFORE THE CAMP OUT.

Note: Please do not ask for this policy to be waived. The Scoutmaster is soft-headed (uh, hearted) and has difficulty in saying no, but this policy is needed to allow the boys to succeed in their planning. Please do not burden them by being late.

NO ELECTRONICS ON WEEKEND CAMPOUTS EVEN IN THE CAR. Please comply with this policy. It will be enforced.