

CHURCH COUNCIL

September 2011

Scouting Ministries Report

The Scouts have had a very busy month. They have been involved in a camp out and a “guarding of the stage” at the Western Days Parade. A group of boys camped out on the stage to ensure no vandals messed with the stage. This is great for the boys as being a small fundraiser and also is great for the community. If the stage is damaged in anyway, the City of Mustang has to pay for all damages. Not to forget, but the Boy Scout Popcorn sales have begun, so spread the word.

The leaders of the Troop have been very busy as well. Three Scout Leaders are taking part in very extensive Scout Leader Training provided by the Boy Scouts of America. This training is broke up into two 3-day weekends where training starts before sunrise and goes until 10 o'clock at night. The leaders have to start out as Cub Scouts and venture they way through the entire process of many years in two weekends. It is very tough training, but very rewarding. As the Chartered Organization Representative I have been involved in this training and will be finishing my second round this weekend. Any prayers would be great. An interesting part of this training is after we are dismissed, we have to complete five major projects within 18 months. I have dedicated my five projects to the betterment of the relationship between the Church and the Troop. I want to see us grow together and work together. I hope to see the Troop and the Church take ownership of our relationship and realize if we work together what we would be capable of accomplishing.

The Troop has two young men, Mitchell Bailey and Justin Breiding that have earned their Eagle Scout Awards. They have truly worked hard to earn these awards. As a gift from the Church, Candice and I will be purchasing a token of recognition/appreciation for these boys. The award will be a nice crystal eagle with a plaque with their name, the date and the Church's name. This is designed to sit on a desk or shelf, which we hope will be a fond memory of their hard work and the time they have spent at Church of the Good Shepherd. I have requested that a line item be added to the budget for Scouting Ministries so awards such as these along with any needs for the Scouts; especially those who can not afford the uniforms and such.

The hallway has been completed of the dry wall project. Only thing left is the base molding. The Scouts will then start working on their space to display their flags, plaques, pictures and such for the Church to see. Our goal is to have information about Scouting available in this area so that any folks passing can grab it.

If anyone or you know of anyone interested in volunteering with the Boy Scouts please let me know and we will get you involved. If anyone is interested in starting a Cub Scout group, Girl Scout Group, Campfire Group or any of the Scouting groups, please let me know and I would be glad to work with them.

Thanks,
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