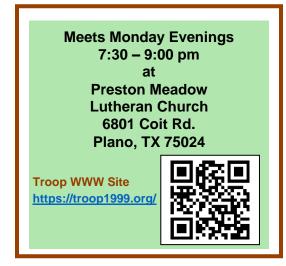
## **Troop 1999 Parent Information**

- **Parent Involvement** We want scout parents to be as involved with our troops as they feel comfortable. Being smaller, you don't need to wait for your turn to play a significant role in your scout's troop. We'll get you plugged in right away!
- **Parent Meetings** As a parent, we encourage you to participate in our monthly committee meetings. This is where the adults come in to support the troops with logistics, learn about upcoming events, and provide feedback to the troop leaders.
- Adult Leaders Your scout deserves the guidance of trained adult leaders. All of our adult leaders are required to take the district training for their position, and many of our leaders have completed the advanced adult training called *Wood Badge*.
- **Fundraisers** Our primary fundraisers are popcorn sales in the fall and camp cards in the spring. These fundraisers can offset the annual dues and help cover other costs like summer camp.
- **Cost** Our annual Troop dues is \$50 every 6 months plus the BSA national fees (\$80 for renewing scouts and \$15 for a subscription to *Scouts Life* magazine). This covers our annual charter fee, a troop T-shirt, and troop expenses such as trailer maintenance and camping equipment. New scouts receive a troop Tshirt, neckerchief, number patch, and scout book. Additional items the scout will need include the Field, or "Class A", Uniform (shirt and shorts or pants) and personal items for camping such as a sleeping bag and mess kit. The troop provides the major camping equipment including tents, stoves, and cooking gear. Additional expenses will include any State

Park or BSA camping fees. Major trips such as summer camps require separate fees.





We hope that Troop 1999 will be part of your scouting experience. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a visit, please contact:

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# **Boy Troop**





What is Scouts, BSA?

Being part of Scouts, BSA gives you an opportunity to try new things, explore the outdoors, meet new friends, and have fun at the same time. Why is it fun? Because you and your new scout friends run the troop! You'll be teamed up with some older scouts who will "show you the ropes." In a few years, you'll be the older scout, and you'll help lead the troop!

Want to find out more? Read on ....

## Troop 1999 Builds Friendship

By choosing Troop 1999, you'll join a close-knit community of fellow scouts and adult leaders. You'll become part of a fun team in which you can learn outdoor skills, become a leader, and make your community a better place.



All Scouts and BSA troops have their own personality, and you'll need to find a troop that fits you. We are a smaller troop, so you won't get that overwhelmed feeling when you join us. Because of our small size, you'll be an integral part of our troop. We can help you set your own advancement goals and work with you to achieve them.

# Troop 1999 Is On the Move

- **Campouts** Our Troops have monthly campouts that target different scouting skills and help you with your rank advancement. Usually going from a Friday night to mid-day Sunday, our campout activities have included rifle shooting, archery, bicycling, fishing, kayaking, and "shoebox". Our December "campout" is the very popular game and movie lock-in.
- Adventures Usually about once a year we make an extended trip for something really exciting. Our past trips have included spending the night on the USS Lexington aircraft carrier and touring NASA in Houston. Our troop has also

taken backpacking treks including treks at Philmont Scout Ranch.

Summer Camp – During the summer, we spend a week at a scout camp. It varies year to year as to where we go, but we typically try and avoid the Texas summer heat. Our most recent summer camps have been at Camp Cris Dobbins near Colorado Springs and Camp Daniel Boone in North Carolina.



### Troop 1999 Is Active

In addition to our monthly trips, we have also had fun activities closer to home.

- **Troop Outings** Occasionally we substitute a special event in place of our Monday night meetings. These have included bowling, indoor rock climbing, swimming, and model rocket launching.
- **District Participation** We also do events with other scouts including Scouting for Food, Webelos Woods, and Camporee.
- **Giving Back** We have fun serving others, including service projects with the church where we meet. Every year we help with the annual fall pancake breakfast.

### Troop 1999 Grows Leaders

Since the scouts run our troops, you will be completely involved in the activities of the troop. You elect the scouts who will lead the troop, and your elected leaders plan and run all of the troop meetings and activities. Someday you might even be the Senior Patrol Leader yourself, in charge of the whole troop!

**Senior Leaders** – The elected senior leaders of the troop are required to take the training for their position so that they can serve you well as a leader. This training is offered by our adult leaders and experienced older scouts. The senior leaders are also encouraged to attend the additional leadership courses offered by the district.

