

TROOP 227 NEWSLETTER



Troop 227 Leadership:

- Scoutmaster: Mark Riley (phone 859-9701)
- Committee Chair: Hope Brown
- Secretary: David Roush
- Assistant Scoutmasters: Ed Aldridge, Glenn Kyle II, Jack Adams, John Bennett, Mark Moreno, Walt Henriks, Kevin Riley, James Brummett, John Brown, Dennis Torrance, Ken Magar, Cody Magar, Scott Russell
- Committee Member: Suzie Adams, Debby Leonard
- SPL: William Torrance

HOME TOWN HEROES!

In March, 2010, one the boys from our troop, Kasey Smithers, and his brother, Gabe (who is a member of our Cub Scout pack), were thrust into the limelight after exhibiting great courage and quick thinking during a fire at their Grandparents' home. The boys detected smoke coming from the garage of their Grandparents' home. They immediately leaped into action. Kasey ran next door to summon help and call for the Fire Department. Gabe went to his Grandparents' bedroom and woke them in time to escape the burning home. Fortunately, none of them were injured. Unfortunately, Walt and Debra Henriks lost their home and several pets. If it were not for the quick action and training received in scouts and school, though, the boys' Grandparents would not have made it out of the burning house alive.

The Scouting community, St Rose Parish, family, and friends came together with donations to help Walt and Debra get back on their feet.

The heroic actions of Gabe and Kasey were covered by media outlets across the country (as far away as Baltimore, MD). Mayor Charles E. Henderson, Greenwood, presented special citations to the boys recognizing their heroism. Currently, the troop is working to nominate the boys for BSA Heroism awards.

You can check out their story at <http://www.wthr.com/global/story.aspx?s=12112578>, <http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-boys-save-grandparents-from-fire-030910,0,1363791.story>, <http://www.dailyjournal.net/main.asp?SectionID=242&SubSectionID=858&ArticleID=107583>, and <http://www.greenwood.in.gov/egov/docs/126901033381.htm>.



Gabe Smithers, Pack 227



Kasey Smithers, Troop 227



Walt Henriks, Debra Henriks, Kasey Smithers, Mayor Henderson, Gabe Smithers



Eagle's
Nest

JAMES BRUMMETT EARNS EAGLE SCOUT RANK ON BSA BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations, James Brummett! James earned the rank of Eagle Scout on the same day as the Boy Scouts of America's 100th birthday (February 8th, 2010). James' Eagle Scout project consisted of additions to the Marian Grotto (stone flooring), two kneelers that can be used in-

doors or outdoors, and three signs directing visitors to the Parish and School Offices. James is our 14th Eagle Scout. James completed his Eagle Scout project just prior to his 18th birthday, after which he joined the troop as a new Assistant Scoutmaster!



BRADY ALDRIDGE HAS EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR!

Eagle scout Brady Aldridge had his Eagle Scout Court of Honor in March, 2010. Brady, who earned his Eagle Scout rank in December, 2009, received his Eagle Scout patch and medal, as well as the new 2010 version of the Marine Corps League's medal for Eagle Scouts. Congratulations, Brady!



Fred Axthelm, Marine Corps League



A flock of Eagles!

WELCOME COBRA PATROL!

On February 20th, we welcomed four new WE-BELOS II scouts who crossed over into our troop. **Caleb Brown, Joseph Clevenger, Jonathan Molnar, and Liam Cardoza-Bunch** joined **Alex Geisler** and **Chris Russell** (who had joined our troop in January) to form a new patrol—the Cobras!

Not only did we receive four new scouts in February but we also had more adult leaders join our troop—**Hope Brown** (our new Committee Chair), **John Brown** (Assistant Scoutmaster), **Scott Russell** (Assistant Scoutmaster).

Additionally, **Ken Magar** (formerly the Scoutmaster of our troop), **Cody Magar** (an Eagle Scout from our troop), and **Dennis Torrance** have joined our troop as Assistant Scoutmasters.



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, BSA!

February 8th, 2010 marked the 100th birthday of Scouting in America! To celebrate the occasion, the troop held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser (raising over \$500 to aid the troop) with many displays chronicling the history of Scouting in America, our troop's many activities over the years, and a model camp site! Also, in February, with the help of Father Tom, the troop participated in Scout Sunday activities to express our gratitude to the Parish.



AD ALTARI DEI

William Roush and **Jonathan Molnar** received the Ad Altari Dei religion award in February. The boys worked diligently with **Father Tom** to complete an extensive workbook. The scouts learned more about the seven Sacraments in development of a fully Christian way of life in a faith community.



QUARTER 1 NEWS

Election Results (elections were held 3/16/10):

Senior Patrol Leader: William Torrance

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Brady Aldridge

Eagle Patrol - Leader: Drew Baker

Assistant Leader: Brady Aldridge

Hawk Patrol - Leader: Christian Kyle

Assistant Leader: Glenn Kyle III

Phoenix Patrol - Leader: Nick Clevenger

Assistant Leader: Michael Moreno

Cobra Patrol: Leader: Caleb Brown

Assistant Leader: Joseph Clevenger

Historian: Ira Torrance

Scribe: Austin Brummett

Librarian: William Roush

CONGRATULATIONS, GUYS!!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE A BOY SCOUT?

Do you know a boy, between the ages of 11 and 18 years, who loves to have fun, enjoys the outdoors, wants to help his community, or just wants to know how to tie knots? Please contact our Scoutmaster, Mr. Riley, at 859-9701. As you can see from this newsletter, we do a lot of cool things! We learn **scouting skills** (how to tie knots, how to safely make a campfire, how to identify wildlife), we help others with **community service**, we learn what it takes to be **good leaders and citizens** in our community, and most importantly, we have **FUN** while we're doing all of this!!!

Registration fees (to join our troop) are **\$25** for the boys, and **\$20** for adults who want to be leaders.

NOTE: \$15 of the fee goes to the BSA. The rest of the money helps fund troop activities.

Check out our newsletters online at www.saintrose.net!