

1. Congratulations to Tony Lugo-Caruso, who successfully completed the Order of the Ordeal over the weekend at the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation. Are there any Order of the Arrow announcements tonight?
2. Summer camp payments are still being accepted. The cost of summer camp this year is \$225. Camp is July 8 – 14 at the Ed Bryant Scout Reservation. If you have not yet signed up on the merit badge sheets for what merit badges to take, please do that tonight. We also need adult volunteers to help at summer camp.
3. The Troop is offering Fleur de Lis honor unit fleece jackets for about \$17 to commemorate our 2006 Fleur de Lis status in the Glaciers Edge Council. These fleece jackets will be Navy Blue, the “Troop 53” and the Fleur de Lis symbol stitched on the left front. The sizes are mens’ adult and run from Small to triple extra large. Sign up for a Troop 53 fleece jacket on the back table.
4. We have an opportunity to raise money for the council and for our Scout Accounts by selling flashlights. Two kinds of flashlights. Shaker flashlights and clip-on LED lights. These run \$20 and \$10. – Demonstrate lights - How many of your would be interested in selling these lights in the next couple weeks?
5. Our next campout is May 18 – 20 at the Woodman Center. It will be the “Survival Campout.” See if you can survive without a tent, stove, lantern – just the things that you can carry in your bookbag. We will cover survival skills in troop meetings for the next three weeks. Be prepared to camp lightweight. Learn how to light fires, build shelters, and stay warm in the woods. Your menu planning will be for yourself. Each Scout is responsible for his own food on this campout.
6. Troop elections will be in two weeks, on May 21st. We will be electing a new Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, new Patrol Leaders in each patrol, and looking for volunteers to be: Troop Scribe, Troop Quartermaster, Historian, Librarian, Chaplain’s Aid, OA Representative, and Troop Guides. You must be at least Star Rank to run for SPL, and 1st Class to run for ASPL. Brush up those campaign speeches, and be prepared to run for office soon.
7. Scouts who are elected or appointed to leadership positions on May 21 are expected to attend the Troop Junior Leadership Training campout here on the church grounds on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26. The training will introduce you to your new job and, teach leadership skills, and also be fun. The training will conclude with a real-live Patrol Leaders Council to plan the activities for the troop during the summer.
8. Troop 53 will march in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28. We will also assist the McFarland American Legion to fold the 100 + American flags. Please plan to parade with us if you’re not in the school band, and come in uniform to Legion Hall at 4:45 p.m. on Monday, May 28 to help the Legionnaires fold flags.

9. If you passed a swimming or orienteering requirement in the last week and didn't get your Handbook signed, be sure to get that done tonight.

10. Are there any other announcements for the good of the troop?