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It's Popcorn time again!

The Scout Law says that a scout is Thrifty. The first part in the definition of being Thrifty calls for a scout to pay his own way. That's where fundraising and popcorn sales come in.

The table to the right represents some of the basic costs associated with being a Scout in Troop 222. The more active a scout is with the troop, the higher these costs get. Most scouts don't have \$420 at home to pay for the cost of scouting.

Annual troop dues	\$80
Camp Geronimo	\$275
Fall/spring camporee	\$25
Class B shirt	\$10
attend 3 campouts	\$30
Total	\$420

Paying your own way means that the scout should do most of the selling. It is OK to have your parents take the flyers to work and sell to their co-workers. But you will have to sell some on your own. In most cases, you will earn 30% commission on your sales. That means in order to get \$420 in your account; you will have to sell \$1400 in goods. This may seem like a lot, but your sales will add up quickly. If you sell door-to-door, set aside time each night for selling. Have fun and don't get discouraged!

Committee member profile - Nancy Welton (written by Nancy Welton)

"My scouting background began in 3rd grade when I begged my parents to let me join the Brownies. I was in Girl Scouts until 8th grade. In 9th grade I joined BSA Explorers as a Medical Explorer. We met at the Presidio Army Base in San Francisco, CA. While in Explorers I attended two Scout -O - Ramas as a youth in the SF Bay area. I loved Explorers - it was co-ed!

I joined my son's Bear Den in Pack 824 in April 2005 as the Den Leader had given notice that she could not complete the year. For two years I was the Webelos Den Leader of the Shark Patrol - and all our members but one crossed over into Troop 222.

In April 2007 I accepted the call from Wanda to be the Chaplain for Troop 222. This would be a new role for me, but one that seemed a good fit. A Chaplain's role is to be a good listener, not a preacher. The Chaplain provides guidance to youth who want to seek the religious emblem of their faith. At summer camps or on any event away from home, the Chaplain is called upon to provide support to homesick boys, youth that might be having a rough time, or anyone who is

having a "bad day", including adults!

My other Scouting experiences include attending 2 Wood Badge courses as a participant and Troop Guide, Religious Emblem Counselor, Merit Badge Counselor, Scoutmaster for Adobe Mountain Troop 4, and an Ordeal Member of Order of the Arrow. I serve on the Thunderbird District Committee, the Grand Canyon Council Interfaith Committee, and the Catholic Committee on Scouting.



I believe by following the Scout Oath and Law throughout one's life the right path is not hard to find. On the Chaplain's patch you will see a shepherd's crook. It is like a hiking stick with a curved end. Not only does this represent a functional tool, it serves as a reminder that we should strive to do what's right but also be ready to be reined in when we stray or falter. The good news is - Scouting is one way to keep on the right path in life. As the fleur-de-lis reminds us of a compass pointing to the right direction in life, Scouting provides us another avenue to stay the course. Thank you all for letting me serve you as your Chaplain and God bless you."

Popcorn Selling tips

- Wear your complete class A uniform and look sharp
- Don't chew gum or eat food while selling, it's disrespectful
- Have a good working pen and bring extras
- Bring extra \$5 and \$10 bills for customers who want to buy a \$10 item, but only have \$20
- If customers wish to pay by check, have them make it out to Troop 222
- Be courteous, don't forget to say please and thank you
- Never sell alone, have an adult with you for support
- Never enter someone else's home, for any reason!
- Respect other people property, stay off lawns and use the walkway
- If customers do not like popcorn, tell them about the \$25 military donation program
- Skip any houses you don't feel comfortable approaching due to dogs or locked gates
- Do not sell at houses with a "No Soliciting" sign posted
- Always collect the money before giving the customer the popcorn
- Fill out the order form for every sale!
- Double check that you are giving the customer the correct item.
- Have a sales pitch ready and practice it in front of people

A Scout is **Thrifty**.

A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

The Laws of camping

LAW #1 A sufficient amount of dirt will get tracked into the tent on the first day out, that the food required for the rest of the trip can be grown in rows between the sleeping bags.

LAW #2 The sun sets 3.5 times faster than normal when you're trying to set up camp.

LAW #3 A single rock located under any tent will also be located under the sleeping bag.

LAW #4 Your side of the tent will always be the side that leaks.

LAW #5 Universally, all foods assume a uniform taste, texture, and color when freeze-dried. (When reconstituting, divide number of servings by two).

LAW #6 All tree branches in a forest grow outward from their respective trunks at exactly the height of a human nose (unless interaction is with human males, in which case branches will also grow at groin height).

LAW #7 The toothpick in a Swiss Army knife evaporates as soon as the box is opened.

LAW #8 Waterproof clothing isn't. (However it demonstrates 100% effectiveness at containing sweat.)

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A Scout is:

Trustworthy

Loyal

Helpful

Friendly

Courteous

Kind

Obedient

Cheerful

Thrifty

Clean

Brave

Reverent

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On my honor
I will do my
best
To do my
duty to God
and my
country
and to obey
the Scout
Law;
To help other
people at all
times;
To keep
myself
physically
strong,
mentally
awake, and
morally
straight.

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Troop calendar (see the calendar on troop website for up to date information)

Oct 3 to 5 - Popcorn Blitz weekend #1—Special prizes for the top sellers in the district!

Oct 6 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm

Oct 9 - District Roundtable Meeting at LDS Church at 35th Ave and Happy Valley Rd. at 7pm. This meeting is for all committee members to learn about what's happening in the Thunderbird District

Oct 11 - Popcorn Blitz weekend #2 - A special blitz day just for the troop

Oct 12 - Mt Humphrey's day hike

Oct 13 - School's closed - no troop meeting

Oct 17 to 19 - Fall Camporee at Wickenburg Rodeo Grounds in Constellation Park

Oct 20 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm

Oct 25 to 26 - Caverns Campout at Colossal Cave near Tucson

Oct 27 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm

Oct 30 - popcorn sales end - must turn in all forms and money

Oct 31 - Halloween!

Nov 1 - Scout-O-Rama at Tempe Kiwanis Park

Nov 3 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm

Nov 6 - Committee Meeting at 7pm at Bill Johnston's Restaurant at 19th Ave and Bell Rd.

Nov 10 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm

Nov 11 - Veterans' Day - Scouts and parents needed for morning and evening flag service

Nov 13 - Popcorn available for delivery

Nov 17 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm

Nov 24 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm

Nov 28 - 10 Commandment Hike



Lynx Lake campout trip report (written by: Chris Cropley)

On September 12 to 14, our troop went on a car camping trip to Lynx Lake near Prescott. We had 9 adults and 14 scouts who went on this trip. We ended up in Hilltop Campground with 4 sites near each other.

The weather for the weekend was near perfect. The days were in the upper 70's and the nights got down to a brisk 45 degrees. There was not a cloud in the sky the whole time. I didn't put the rain fly on my tent and slept under the stars.

On Saturday morning, Chris taught the scouts the fishing merit badge. In the afternoon, we went down to the lake to try our hand at catching some fish. Only one fish was caught the entire after-

noon, but two scouts received credit for it. Matt C. reeled it in while Aaron C. helped with the net and removed the hook. The fish was a good sized Carp (see photo).

The scouts also spent some time running around in the woods playing games. One scout found a tennis ball and that kept the whole group busy for quite a while. No scouts were harmed in the making of this campout.



Two fun camping recipies you gotta try

BACON AND EGGS IN A PAPER BAG

Place 2 pieces of bacon in the bottom of a brown paper lunch bag. Crack 1 egg on top, roll down bag tightly; poke stick through bag and hold over fire. Bag will not burn. It will take about 5 minutes to have bacon and eggs. **DO NOT ADD EXTRA BACON AS THE GREASE WILL CAUSE THE BOTTOM TO FALL OUT OF THE BAG.** At the same time make toast by sticking a piece of bread on the end of stick, turn as necessary.

ZIPLOCK BAG OMELETTE

Use a good quality ziplock type bag. Break 1 to 3 eggs into the bag, add a tablespoon of milk per egg, add cheese, bacon bits, peppers, onions, mushrooms or whatever you like in an omelette to the bag. Close the bag tightly, mush all together and drop bag into boiling water (water should be at a full boil. It will take 3 to 8 minutes depending on how many bags are in the water. Can be thrown back into the water if yours isn't done enough.

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As an
American I
will do my
best to:

Be clean in
my outdoor
manners,

Be careful
with fire,

Be
considerate
in the
outdoors,

Be conser-
vation-
minded.

Do Your Best!

