

Troop Visitations

How troop visits were chosen:

There are 45 troops listed on the Great Plains Website:


















<http://www.greatplainsbsa.org/dnn/Units/ScoutTroops/tabid/61/Default.aspx>

A separate Troop Feeder page is also available at:

<http://www.greatplainsbsa.org/dnn/Units/ScoutTroops/tabid/TroopFeeder/tabid/76/Default.aspx>

I used this feeder page for Wyatt, Skaggs, and Andrews to find troops in our area as well as suggestions:

- Valerie Jarreau – Troop 259 St. Eliz. Seton Catholic Church
- LaVerne Schultz – Troop 291 First United Methodist Church
- Jennifer Tiner – Troop 1299 Suncreek United Methodist Church

Troop	Chartered Organization	City	Contact	Size	Resources
25	Custer Rd United Methodist Church	Plano	Gary Bowman	80 - 100 Scouts	  
181	Church of Christ on McDermott Road	Plano	Curtis Conrad	Medium (65 Scouts)	  
219	Christ Episcopal Church	Plano	Calvin Joyner	Medium	  
259	St. Eliz. Seton Catholic Church	Plano	Dave Duff	Very Large	  
291	First United Methodist Church	Plano	James Donaldson	Large – No Cap	  
747	Legacy Church	Plano	Al Solis	Medium (45 Scouts)	 
1299	Suncreek United Methodist Church	Plano	Emery Hanzel	Medium	  
1999	Parents of Troop 1999	Plano	Randy Bradshaw	Small	  

You should be able to hold down your Control (Ctrl) button and click on the World-PC icon to go to that troop's website.

I've included the troop information in the Notepad icon in the following pages of this document.

Troop Visitations
(Listed in chronological order of visitation)*

IMPORTANT: It is very important that at least one parent attend with each boy as information will be provided to you about how the troop is run and what the troop will be expected – not only of the boys, but also of the parents.

These troops will be contacted to setup dates we can attend.

My goal is to visit all 8 of these troops by December 17 so we'll probably be doing two visits per month in September/October/November/December.

Troop:	25	
Scoutmaster:	Gary Bowman	
Committee Chairman:	Doug Nelle	972-867-0125
Charter Organization:	Custer Road United Methodist Church	
Meeting Location:	Custer Road United Methodist Church	
	6601 Custer Road Plano, TX 75023 From US 75 ,Central Expressway West on Legacy Drive South on Custer Road on West side of Custer Road between Legacy and Spring Creek	
Meeting Night & Time:	Mondays at 7:30 PM	
Troop Size:	80 - 100 Scouts	
Troop Program:	Scout Advancement Monthly Camping Program Scouts Active in the Order of the Arrow	
Troop History:	88 Eagle Graduates	
Troop Traditions:	Troop 25 has helped to staff SMF Training, Oak Leaf Training and Golden Acorn Training and is involved with the City of Plano, the Church and the District with ongoing community outreach and service.	
Summer Camps Attended:	Every Summer, Council and Out of Council Camps	
High Adventure Bases:	Philmont, Seabase, Northern Tier, Double H	
National Events:	National Jamboree, NOAC	
Other:	Troop Committee Meetings are the last Thursday of each month at 7:30pm	

Troop:	181	
Scoutmaster:	Curtis Conrad	972-335-3801
Committee Chairman:	Chuck O'Reilly	972-335-8831
Charter Organization:	Church of Christ on McDermott Road	
Meeting Location:	Church of Christ on McDermott Road	
	3600 McDermott Road Plano, TX 75025 Directions: From US 75, Central Expressway West on Legacy Drive North on Coit Road to McDermott Road East on McDermott Road	
Meeting Night & Time:	Monday 7:30 PM	
Troop Size:	Medium (65 Scouts)	
Troop Program:	Scout planned and lead Monthly camping program Active in the Order of the Arrow Weekend activities throughout the year	
Troop History:	66 Eagle Graduates since Troop charter in August 1991	
Troop Traditions:	Cold Weather Campout in January Military Base Campout in February Great Plains Camporee Family Campout in October Thanksgiving Picnic in November Winter Camp at Camp Cherokee	
Summer Camps Attended:	Camp Tom Hale, OK - 2007 Slippery Falls Scout Ranch, OK - 2006 Camp Constantin, TX - 2005 Camp Alexander, CO - 2004 Camp James Ray, TX - 2004 Camp Cherokee, TX - 2003 Camp James Ray, TX - 2002 Camp Constantin, TX - 2001 Camp James Ray, TX - 2000 Camp Alexander, CO - 2000 Camp Sid Richardson, TX -1999 Camp Pioneer, AR - 1998 Camp Constantin, TX - 1997	
High Adventure Bases:	Philmont Scout Ranch, NM - 2006 Florida Sea Base, FL - 2005 Philmont Scout Ranch, NM - 2003 Philmont Scout Ranch, NM -1997	

	Philmont Scout Ranch, NM - 1994 Northern Tier Canoe Base, MN - 1993
National Events:	Scouts Attended National Jamboree 1997, 2001, 2005

Troop:	219	
Scoutmaster:	Calvin Joyner	972-964-2620
Committee Chairman:	Chris Burns	972-596-1328
Charter Organization:	Christ Church	
Meeting Location:	Christ Church	
	4550 Legacy Drive Plano, TX 75024	
	Southwest Corner of Legacy and Archgate	
Meeting Night & Time:	Monday 07:00 PM	
Troop Size:	Medium	
Troop Program:	Scout Planned and Scout Lead Scout Advancement Monthly Camping Program	
Troop History:	20 Years	
Troop Traditions:	1999, 2001 & 2002 Camporee Windmill Award Recipient High Adventure Scouting for Food Winter Camp at Camp Cherokee	
Summer Camps Attended:	Every Summer, Council and Out of Council Camps	
High Adventure Bases:	Philmont 1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2005 & 2007 Northern Tier Canoe Base 1996, 1997, 1999, 2001 & 2007 Florida Sea Base 1994, 1997, 2000, 2002, 2005 & 2008	
National Events:	Scouts Attended National Jamboree 2001 2005 / NOAC 2002	
World Events:	World Jamboree 2003	

Troop:	259	
Scoutmaster:	Dave Duff	972-618-0004
Committee Chairman:	John Leal	972-208-9466
Charter Organization:	St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church	
Meeting Location:	St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church	
	2700 Spring Creek Parkway Plano, TX 75023 From US 75 ,Central Expressway West on Spring Creek Parkway On the Southwest Corner of Spring Creek and Round Rock	
Meeting Night & Time:	Monday at 07:00 PM	
Troop Size:	Very Large	
Troop Program:	Scout Advancement Monthly Camping Program	
Troop History:		
Troop Traditions:	High Adventure Camping Canoeing Repelling	
Summer Camps Attended:	Every Summer, Council and Out of Council Camps	
High Adventure Bases:	Philmont	
National Events:		
Other:	http://www.troop259.com/	

Troop:	291	
Scoutmaster:	James Donaldson	972-578-1404
Committee Chairman:	John Miller	972-578-9368
Charter Organization:	First United Methodist Church	
Meeting Location:	First United Methodist Church	
	3160 E. Spring Creek Pkwy (Corner of Spring Creek Pkwy & Parker Rd) Plano, TX 75074	
Meeting Night & Time:	Monday 07:30 PM	
Troop Size:	Large - No Cap	
Troop Program:	Scout Advancement Monthly Camping Program Active Eagle Scouts Order of the Arrow	
Troop History:	Troop 291 celebrated 40 years of proud service in 2005. Troop 291 was first chartered in November 1965.	
Eagle Scouts:	Our first Eagle flew in May 1970, now we have 85 Eagles Scouts as of 08/05/2006.	
Troop Traditions:	Boy Lead Troop, Ongoing Merit Badge classes, Monthly camping program and Annual shooting sports campout	
Summer Camps Attended:	Every Summer, Council and Out of Council Camps	
High Adventure Bases:	Northern Tier Canoe Base 1999, 2003, booked for 2007 Philmont Scout Ranch 2000, 2004, 2005 & 2006 Packard High Adventure 2001 Sea Base 2002 & 2005	
National Events:		

Troop:	747	
Scoutmaster:	Al Solis	214-796-9021
Committee Chairman:	Michael V. Bassett	469-693-7982
Charter Organization:	Legacy Church	
Meeting Location:	Legacy Church	
	4501 Legacy Drive Plano, TX 75024 From US 75, Central Expressway West on Legacy Drive, west of Coit, east of Preston	
Meeting Night & Time:	Monday 7:00-8:15pm	
Troop Size:	Medium (45 Scouts)	
Troop Program:	Scout Advancement Monthly Camping Program	
Troop History:	Chartered in April 1990. Purpose of Charter is to provide a quality Scouting experience for local boys.	
Troop Traditions:		
Summer Camps Attended:	2002: Camp Constantin (Texas) 2003: Camp Alexander (Colorado) 2004: Troop trip to New Mexico and Colorado 2005: Camp Cherokee (Texas) 2006: San Isabel Scout Ranch (Colorado)	
Winter Camps Attended:	2003: Camp Cherokee (Texas)	
High Adventure Bases:	2006: Backpacking up to 14,000 ft. Mt. Harvard (Colorado);whitewater, horseback riding 2007: Philmont Scout Ranch (New Mexico)	
National Events:		

Troop:	1299	
Scoutmaster:	Emery Hanzel	
Committee Chairman:	Curtis Mitchell	(972) 747-7409
Charter Organization:	Suncreek United Methodist Church	
Meeting Location:	Suncreek United Methodist Church 1517 McDermott Drive Allen, TX 75013	
Meeting Night & Time:	Monday, 7:00pm	
Troop Size:	Medium	
Troop Program:	All programs develop strong character, citizenship, leadership and values. Monthly campouts with new adventures and skill development as focus. Monthly service projects supporting community, environment and public lands. Quarterly fundraising to support Troop activities.	
Troop History:	Began in 1999 seeing need for Troop in far-central Plano and southwest Allen satisfying Scouts need to explore new places, build strong character and contribute to the community.	
Troop Traditions:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strong emphasis on outdoor programs. 2. New locations each campout with planned skill development, career investigation, educational, historical or teambuilding activities. 3. Year around (12 months) outdoor campouts. 4. Community service opportunities 6 time greater than expected by BSA. 5. Strong hiking program. 6. Continuous focus on merit badges during Troop meetings. 7. Fundraising activities by the Scouts to pay for all Troop and some personal expenses. 8. Very active adult leadership. 9. Fun with a purpose!!! 10. Boy lead 	
Summer Camps Attended:	2007 - Camp Wehinahpay, NM 2006 - Camp Daniel Boone, NC 2005 - Camp Geronimo, AZ 2004 - Lewis & Clark, SD 2003 - Camp Davy Crockett, TN 2002 - Camp Ben Delatour, CO 2001 - Kia Kima Scout Ranch, Hardy, AR 2000 - Quivira Scout Ranch, Sedan, KS 1999 - Camp Alexander, Pike National Forest, CO	
Special Annual	Challenged Sportsmen of America Youth Days, Mt Rushmore and Crazy	

Event:	Horse National Monuments, Service - Painting Battleship Texas.
High Adventure Bases:	
National Events:	

Troop:	1999	
Scoutmaster:	Randy Bradshaw	972.575.9129
Committee Chairman:	Mark Dempsy	972.517.5262
Charter Organization:	Parents of Troop 1999	
Meeting Location:	Grace Community Church 4501 Hedgcoxe Road Plano, Texas 75024	
Meeting Night & Time:	Monday at 7:30 PM	
Troop Size:	Small	
Troop Program:	Monthly Camping Program and Scout Advancement	
Troop History:	Chartered in 1999	
Troop Traditions:	Always on the move	
Summer Camps Attended:	Camp Rand (New Mexico) 2002 & 2003 James Ray 1999, 2001, 2002 & 2003 Cherokee 2000 Constantin 2004, 2005 & 2006	
High Adventure Bases:	Philmont 2004 & 2006	
National Events:	National Jamboree 2005	
Other:	Backpacking, Webelos Woods, Popcorn Fund Raiser, Scouting for Food, Scout Show	
Troop Philosophy	Troop 1999 is a boy led troop. We believe that Scouting should be an outdoor experience. We provide a fun learning environment for the boys to acquire new skills.	

WEBELOS-TO-SCOUT TRANSITION - TROOP VISITATION CHECKLIST

Troop # : _____ Quality Unit ? : _____ Date of Visit : _____ Length of Visit : _____

Chartering Organization : _____
(Name, Address, Ph. #) _____

How long has Troop been with this Chartering Organization ? _____

What is the Scoutmaster's Name ? _____

Meeting Place : _____ Meeting Time : _____

Meeting Was Run By : _____ Was Meeting Organized ? _____ Does the Troop use a Written Plan ? _____

Youth : _____ Yes _____ No _____ Yes _____ No _____

Adults : _____ Woods Wisdom ? : _____

Mixed : _____ Other Plan ? : _____

How Many Boys are in the Troop ? _____ How Many are Active ? _____ Total Troop

Are the ages of the boys mixed ? _____ Average Boy Age ? _____ Membership

How Many Adults are in the Troop ? _____ How Many are Active ? _____

How Many Patrols are in the Troop ? _____ What is the Patrol structure ? _____

Does the Troop place new Scouts into a "New Scout Patrol" or into an existing Patrol ? _____

Were the Scouts in Uniform ? Yes _____ No _____ Were the Adults in Uniform ? Yes _____ No _____

Troop Uniform Requirements ?

Shirt _____ Pants _____ Neckerchief _____ Shorts _____ Cap _____ Belt _____ Socks _____ Other _____

Does the Scout provide any equipment ? _____

Does the Troop provide any equipment ? _____

Does the Troop have an active Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) ? _____ How often does the PLC meet ? _____

Yes _____ No _____

Does the Troop have an active Troop Committee ? _____ How often does the Troop Committee meet ? _____ When and where does the Troop Committee meet ? _____

Yes _____ No _____

Does the Troop publish an annual Planner or Calendar ? _____ Does the Troop have a Troop Policy Manual or Troop Handbook that is published ? _____ Yes _____ No _____

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Yes _____ No _____

How does the Troop handle discipline issues ? _____

What type of camping does the Troop do ? (Monthly camp outs, Summer Camp, Camporee, Backpacking, Hiking, Canoeing, High Adventure, etc.) _____

How often does the Troop camp ? _____ Does the Troop have special places that they go ? _____

Are there any costs in joining the Troop ? _____ When is annual registration ? _____

When does the Scout pay ? _____ When does the Scout pay ? _____

How much? _____ How much ? _____

Does the Troop collect dues weekly, monthly, annually, or other ? _____

What types of fund raisers does the Troop participate in ? _____

Does the Troop participate in District and Council Events ? _____

Does the Troop participate in other events ? (Scout Show, Scouting for Food, Friends of Scouting, parades, etc.) _____

What does the Troop do to help a Scout get to 1st Class Rank ? _____

How often does the Troop hold Courts of Honor ? _____

Does the Troop support The Order of the Arrow ? _____ Does the Troop have an "Older Boy" program ? _____

Yes _____ No _____ Yes _____ No _____
