



# TROOP 51 NEWS

St. Martin Of Tours

Quarterly Newsletter

Jan-Feb-Mar 2007

## Upcoming Events



### Cowles Mountain Hike

Jan 1, 2007, 8:00am to 9:00am

### Ski/Snowboard Trip

Jan 19-21, 2007, Big Bear

Adult Leaders: Laurie Covill-Walker/Jim Litchfield

### Catholic Retreat

Jan. 26-28, 2007

Adult Leader: Tom Ritz

### Fish Release

Jan. 27, 2007 (tentative date)

Adult Leader: Bob Pearce

### Scout Sunday

Feb. 4, 2007, St. Martin of Tours Church

### Advancement Camp

March 2-5, 2007

Location TBD

Adult Leaders: John Brouillette/Grady Keeton

### Mission District Camporee

March 23-25

Location TBD

Adult Leaders: John Martin/Tom Ritz

## Ongoing Troop 51 Meetings

### ✓ Boy Scout Meetings

Every Tuesday, 6:30-8:00pm, at St. Martin of Tours, unless otherwise announced.

### ✓ PLC Meetings

3rd Tuesday of Month, 6:30-8:00pm, at St. Martin of Tours, unless otherwise announced.

### ✓ Troop Committee/Parent Mtg.

3rd Tuesday of Month, 6:30-8:00 pm, at St. Martin of Tours, unless otherwise announced.

### CALENDAR:

For an up-to-date calendar of events, please visit the SDIC Mission District at

<http://www.sdicbsa.org/main.asp>

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## Scout Articles and News

### The Mud Caves

by Thomas Redlinger, Troop 51 Historian

The mud caves were recently held in Anza-Borrego desert and this trip was one that you didn't want to miss. When we finally got there from a long bumpy journey we saw several different caves to choose from and each of them were awesome! The first one we went in was the one closest to our camp site. It was pitch black when we first entered the cave and you could hardly see anything. So if you are planning on going to this outing some other time bring a headlight or a lantern.

After a while of hiking around in the caves we came back, ate lunch, and hiked some more. After a fun day of hiking through the caves, we decided to have a little fun and go off-roading. It was not only fun going off road but doing it at 8:00 at night, so we could barely see anything. The objective of this off-roading adventure was to see a tree where people got hung and then leave. Well, as it turns out that more than seven cars got stuck in the mud at different times! One of the trucks that I went in got stuck in the swamp and the dirty water started to leak in the truck, but luckily it wasn't that deep so the whole truck got flooded. Well, this approximately six mile trip turned out to be four hours because of all those vehicles getting stuck in the mud.

The next day when we woke up sand was blowing everywhere, and it was basically like a sand storm. You could only face one way because if you turned around, sand and dust would get into your eyes and face. So we went back to St. Martins with dust in our hair and with cars full of mud. Then we all went home and most likely took a shower and slept. It was an outing not to be forgotten and I look forward to going again next year!

### Charger Game Giveaway

By John Martin; Troop Committee Chairman

This past Sunday, 32 members of Troop 51 descended upon QUALCOMM Stadium to participate in the "Santa Hat" give away for the Chargers vs. the Kansas City Chiefs football game. This was an experience we will not soon forget. The game was a sellout with 66,538 people in attendance. Troop 51 was responsible for passing out all of the hats to entering fans.

With several last minute drop outs we were stretched thin in manning the gates. All went well until the rush at 4:30, when the anxious fans (mob) overran some of the give-away stations, as other gates ran out of hats. I am happy to say that all of us survived the experience and went on to watch an exciting game.

The scouts were given field level seats (\$79 value) to watch the game, which was the first NFL game for many of the boys and adults. We were treated to several record breaking moments by LaDainian Tomlinson as the Chargers went on to win the game 20 - 9.

I would like to thank all who helped on this event and braved the cool weather and crowds.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## Rank Advancements

### Scout :

Austin Bushree, Alexander Elwers, Phillip Macdonald, Joshua Miller, Vincent Ray

### Tenderfoot :

Austin Bushree, Alexander Elwers, Joshua Miller, Xander Monta, Vincent Ray, Jordan Taylor

### 2nd Class :

Connie Givens, Kyle Rose, Jordan Taylor

### 1st Class :

Justin Csukran, Connie Givens, Adam Stover

### Star :

Ryan O'Neill, Sean Pringle

### Life :

Zachary Ames, Dalton Bond, Thomas Redlinger



### 150 Night Camper:

Justin Cook

### 125 Night Camper:

Joseph Garcia, Bryce Woolever

### 75 Night Camper:

Richard Woolever

### 50 Night Camper:

Sean Pringle, Austin Woollitz, Bob Pearce

### 25 Night Camper:

Dalton Bond, Matthew Pringle

## Troop 0051 Court of Honor

09/19/06 - 12/17/06

### Scout Awards

**Ames, Zachary**

**Merit Badge :** Fire Safety 09/19/06  
**Rank :** Life 09/19/06

**Belprez, Jarrod**

**Merit Badge :** Disability Aware 10/17/06  
 Fire Safety 09/19/06

**Bond, Dalton**

**Rank :** Life 09/19/06  
**Special Awards :** 25 Night Camper 09/30/06

**Brouillette, Alec**

**Merit Badge :** Camping\* 09/24/06  
 Fire Safety 09/19/06

**Bushree, Austin**

**Merit Badge :** Fire Safety 09/19/06  
 Mammal Study 11/07/06  
**Rank :** Scout 01/10/06 P  
 Tenderfoot 11/07/06

**Cook, Justin**

**Special Awards :** 150 Night Camper 11/11/06

**Csukran, Justin**

**Rank :** 1st Class 11/14/06

**Elwers, Alexander**

**Rank :** Scout 12/12/06  
 Tenderfoot 12/12/06

**Garcia, Joseph**

**Merit Badge :** Personal Fitness\* 11/18/06  
**Special Awards :** 125 Night Camper 09/30/06

**Givens, Connie**

**Merit Badge :** Fire Safety 09/19/06  
**Rank :** 2nd Class 09/19/06  
 1st Class 11/07/06

**Hinds, Christopher**

**Merit Badge :** Communications\* 12/12/06

**Kawar, Chance**

**Merit Badge :** Fire Safety 09/19/06  
 Wilderness Survival 09/19/06

**Keeton, Nicholas**

**Merit Badge :** Fire Safety 09/19/06

**Litchfield, James**

**Merit Badge :** Fire Safety 09/19/06

## Scout Awards continued.

<b>Lowry, Jacob</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
	Wilderness Survival	09/24/06
<b>Macdonald, Phillip</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
<b>Rank :</b>	Scout	03/21/06 P
<b>Martin, John-Patrick</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
<b>Miller, Joshua</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
<b>Rank :</b>	Scout	09/19/06
	Tenderfoot	12/12/06
<b>Monta, Xander</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
	Wilderness Survival	09/19/06
<b>Rank :</b>	Tenderfoot	09/19/06
<b>O'Neill, Ryan</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
<b>Rank :</b>	Star	12/12/06
<b>Phillips, Michael</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
<b>Pringle, Sean</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
<b>Rank :</b>	Star	09/19/06
<b>Special Awards :</b>	50 Night Camper	09/30/06
<b>Ray, Vincent</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
<b>Rank :</b>	Scout	09/19/06
	Tenderfoot	09/19/06
<b>Redlinger, Thomas</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Cit In Community*	12/04/06
	Family Life*	10/20/06
	Personal Fitness*	12/08/06
<b>Rank :</b>	Life	12/12/06
<b>Ritz, Joseph</b>		
<b>Service Star :</b>	04 Year	10/08/06
<b>Rose, Kyle</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
<b>Rank :</b>	2nd Class	09/19/06
<b>Saclauso-Caro, Matthew</b>		
<b>Merit Badge :</b>	Fire Safety	09/19/06
	Wilderness Survival	09/19/06
<b>Special Awards:</b>	Recruiter	09/16/06 P

**Scout Awards continued.**

<b>Scalercio, Derek</b>	<b>Merit Badge :</b> Fire Safety	09/19/06
<b>Stover, Adam</b>	<b>Rank :</b> 1st Class	09/19/06
<b>Taylor, Jordan</b>	<b>Rank :</b> Tenderfoot 2nd Class	10/03/06 10/03/06
<b>Walker, Trevor</b>	<b>Merit Badge :</b> Oceanography	12/12/06
<b>Weller, Christopher</b>	<b>Merit Badge :</b> Fire Safety Mammal Study Personal Management*	09/19/06 11/18/06 11/22/06
<b>Wollitz, Austin</b>	<b>Special Awards :</b> 50 Night Camper	10/01/06
<b>Woolever, Bryce</b>	<b>Merit Badge :</b> Fire Safety <b>Special Awards :</b> 125 Night Camper	09/19/06 08/14/06 P

**Adult Leader Awards**

<b>Ames, Terry</b>	<b>Service Star :</b> 03 Year	12/12/06
<b>Brouillette, John</b>	<b>Service Star :</b> 04 Year	10/17/06
<b>Covill-Walker, Laurie</b>	<b>Service Star :</b> 08 Year	11/03/06
<b>Csukran, Steve</b>	<b>Service Star :</b> 01 Year	12/06/06
<b>Drewery, Richard</b>	<b>Service Star :</b> 10 Year	11/05/06
<b>Garcia, Al</b>	<b>Service Star :</b> 08 Year	10/01/06
<b>Pearce, Bob</b>	<b>Special Awards :</b> 50 Night Camper <b>Service Star :</b> 06 Year	11/11/06 10/13/06
<b>Pringle, Matthew</b>	<b>Special Awards :</b> 25 Night Camper	10/01/06

**Adult Leader Awards continued.**

<b>Ritz, Tom</b>	<b>Special Awards :</b>	El Camino Real	12/12/06
		El Camino Real	12/16/06
<b>Schmitz, Daniel</b>	<b>Service Star :</b>	01 Year	11/30/06
<b>Storm, Carey</b>	<b>Service Star :</b>	01 Year	10/01/06
<b>Stover, Elaine</b>	<b>Service Star :</b>	01 Year	12/06/06
<b>Weller, Jeffrey</b>	<b>Service Star :</b>	01 Year	12/06/06
<b>Woolever, Rich</b>	<b>Special Awards :</b>	75 Night Camper	09/30/06

P - Award was earned prior to the time period, but has not yet been presented/recognized  
R - Award was earned prior to the time period, but has not yet been reported