
THE TRAILBLAZERS TIMES

Blazing new adventures together.

September 2010

Welcome Back Trailblazers!

Ah Fall! The season of falling leaves, football games, and decorated trees... the trees of Kon-O-Kwee that is, decorated with dangling rockets! Yes it's almost time for one of the greatest events of the Trailblazer season, the Rocket Campout at Kon-O-Kwee. This year's campout will be from November 5th through the 7th. You can stop at the Y to register or online at shtrailblazers.org. If you have not attended a Rocket Camp before, here are a few details to get you up to speed. We will be staying at Harbison Lodge. The common area will be set up for serious rocket construction (and repair). Plan to arrive Friday night with a kit to assemble.

If you have not flown model rockets before, pick up a starter kit at any hobby store, Wal-Mart, or Toys R Us. This will give you everything you need to get flying. Rockets, engines, and accessories will be available for purchase at the campout, along with plenty of expert advice (solicited or not). See Rodney Sarver, a.k.a. **See rocket** (back page)



Info for New Trailblazers

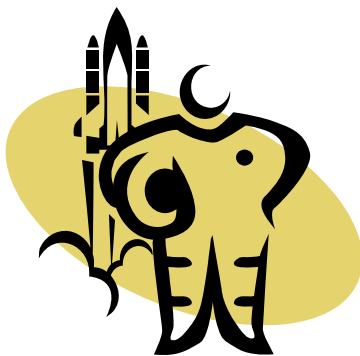
Welcome to Trailblazers! It is always great to see new faces with fresh ideas and enthusiasm for the program. Your choice to sign up for Trailblazers is also a clear indication of how much you value your time with your son and that Guides was an important part of that time. Probably the most frequently heard question from new Trailblazers is "what's the difference between Guides and Trailblazers?". Let me start by saying that you never truly leave guides, you and your son as Trailblazers, are always welcome at any guide event. With that in mind, here are some key differences:

- Trailblazers do not have tribes, we are all one big happy family!

This means there are no monthly tribe meetings, which was one of the best methods of communications in Guides. We do have monthly planning meetings for Dads at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Y office. *Everyone* is invited and encouraged to attend these meetings. This newsletter, published monthly in print and via e-mail, is your other way of keeping up to speed. If you have e-mail it is very important that we have that information (see Do We Have Your E-Mail below). **See info** (back page)

Wanted : Rocket Ranger

Attention, Féminin, Aufmerksamkeit, Aandacht :



Our Rocket Ranger is retiring after this year. Rodney has performed this duty for so many years that it's just second nature to think he will be here forever, but unfortunately time moves on. Rodney needs to train his replacement at the Fall Rocket Camp. Skills needed: interest in Model Rockets and the desire to have fun, if you are interested contact Rodney or Craig Johnson.

Do We Have Your E-Mail? If you only received this newsletter via mail, we need your e-mail address. Please send address to tbweb@southhillsareaymca.org so we can add you to ours email list

Info (Continued from front page)

• Our leadership structure is much looser and less defined. Everyone is invited to participate and get involved. The Trail boss takes responsibility for running meetings and facilitating events. This year's Trail boss, Craig Johnson, can be contacted at 724-941-1553 or trailboss@southhillsareaymca.org.

• Because our group is much smaller than guides we can be more flexible about the events we do. Events will vary year to year and individuals that wish to organize ad hoc or small group events are encouraged to do so. Our events are selected to provide new challenges and excitement for the boys (and dads!) as they grow older. See the Event

Calendar on this page for more details.

• Fundraising to help defray event costs is provided solely by the wreath sale. Unlike Guides, all profits from the wreaths we sell go to our event fund.

Rifle Shoot



November event on our schedule is the Trailblazer Rifle Shoot, and it

is always well attended. The Rifle Shoot does have a limited capacity, sign up as soon as possible by contacting Craig Johnson by emailing

trailboss@southhillsareaymca.org. Tad Imbre has offered his expertise for both training and Range Master. Tad is looking for volunteers to help man the different shooting times. The guns used for the range are .22 cal. open site and scoped rifles. The schedule for this event will be in next month newsletter. We will shoot at the Library Sportsmen's Club range each session is one hour

long. The rifle safety training must be completed and the test passed before you can participate at the Sportsmen's Club. The cost per person is \$15, cash please, due on training night. This will cover range fees and all of your ammunition. For additional information download fall shooting program from our website.

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Rocket Ranger, to negotiate your purchases. [Additional information on Model Rockets](#)

Saturday night is the traditional Trailblazer feast volunteers will be cooking up a special dinner. Typically \$5 per person is needed to cover most of the cost of the meal. See you at camp!

Needed:

Trailblazers dad's are need to help organize the years events. We need volunteers for rocket camp cookout, rifle shoot, special events and coordinator for the Spring Trip. If interest you can call Craig Johnson or meet us at the monthly planning meeting. It is held the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at Al's Cafe on McMurray Road. Hope to see your there.



Event Calendar

October 7

Planning Meeting 7 pm

October TBA

Al's Café

Scuba

November 5 - 7

Rocket Camp at KOK

November - December Dates - TBA

Rifle shoot at Library Sportsmen's Club
Wreath Sale

December Event

TBA

January TBA

Snozone or Sports Complex

Jan/Feb TBA

Winter Camp Deer Valley

February TBA

Chule Cars (Dads also compete!)

March TBA

Lazertag

Late March/Early April

Outdoor Paintball

Spring TBA

Bike Ride—Montour Trail

April 15 - 17

Spring Camp at DV

Late May

Go-Karts