

## Troop 714 Committee Meeting | November 19, 2013

**Atteendees:** Dave Fraser, Paul van der Hoeven, Matthew Sulhoff, Kevin Heineman, Wendy Peavy , Ivy Moultrie, Tim Davis, Dan Betts, Todd Barney, Diana Yuen, Scott Anderson, Ferrell Moultrie

**Troop 714 Welcomes Dan Betts ASM** – New Scouts crossing are crossing over from our local Pack. Currently working on providing program activities as they ramp up and prior to the new Scout camp out. Great opportunities for leadership as well as some of the outings/trips coming up. As soon as the new scouts finish their joining requirements, they can attend any troop activities. Plan is to award the new Scouts their Scout badge (Joining) at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas party.

1. Roundtable attendance plan - ASM divide and conquer - Quality Unit criteria.
  - a. Report from November - adults from Nitehawx
  - b. December 5th - (7:30pm, Eastminster Presbyterian Church) – Scott Anderson coordinating with Patrick Query on having Buffaloes attend this month. Bring a dozen or so homemade cookies.
  - c. January - Blackhawks.
2. **Re-charter roundup – forms and adult training / roster updates**
  - a. Good response over the last couple of weeks. 5 or 6 people left. Good shape here. Biggest challenge is around discrepancies of records on a handful of Scouts and Adults, they are being worked out and tracked down. Thanksgiving will be inputting computer work and December will be submitting paperwork. **Training:** Down to 4 YPT folks. We could use help next year for re-charter to make it easier on SM and CC.
3. Activity planning support
  - a. **Winter Camp (12/27 – 12/31)** - 7 Scouts plus Adults signed up.
  - b. **Flour Wars (12/14)** - 12 signed up. \$2 to cover costs is likely. Allatoona Aquatics Base.
  - c. **Merit Badge Clean up (12/15 3-5pm)** - progressing. A few signed up. Wendy following up with Ginger Moss to check on counselors. Only attend for things that have already been started and are looking to get some requirements completed. Completing merit badge requirements but not necessarily for completing the entire merit badge.
  - d. **Yorktown** - 24 slots and we have 11 filled. Deposit due at beginning of December. Wendy to send email to Ferrell on details. New Scouts will likely show some strong interest there.
  - e. **Merit Badge Clinic (3/1/14)**. Annual one sponsored by Troop 714 and open to the district. **Note:** Recent communication has highlighted that troop events such as this can only charge fees for cost recovery NOT as fundraisers.
  - f. **Bethlehem Walk Set up:** Great opportunity for service to the church and counts toward service hours. Food provided for those that work. *Side Note: The order for Citizenship in the Community MB sequence matters. Be careful not to get tripped up and ignore the sequence.*
  - g. **Bethlehem Walk Lock-in:** This is an annual tradition that the troop performs to help deter vandalism of the Bethlehem Walk set while rotating Scouts in 2 hour shifts to be a presence. For New incoming Scouts and visiting Webelos, it is encouraged to stay until midnight if age and energy level is a concern. It is a very long night. Significant parental involvement is appreciated for Webelos (experience has taught us). For those not doing their rounds, the Scouts play games all night.
  - h. **Manatees (January 18 - 20)** - 32 currently signed up for snorkeling test of the 38 signed up for Swimming with the Manatees with a max cap of 31. Not concerned right now with the overage as some attrition is expected to bring those numbers down. Release forms are mandatory and is posted on the website. Wendy to follow up with June to see how many were collected. **All forms and payment due no later than Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>.**
  - i. **Scouters Winter Campout (January 10 - 12)**. \$15 due now with \$25 due later.
4. Updates on past events
  - a. **Easy backpacking** went well. Good event. Good weather.

- b. **Troop and Patrol Elections** - OA and Leave No Trace training trainer open. OA reps are needed from each Troop in the district. Currently identifying those within each of the troops to jump start those. Patrol elections went well.
- c. **Den Chiefs** - looking for den chiefs for Packs. Requirements - first class, online training, ILT on Sunday training (to be announced). Good for both the leader and for the cub scouts.
- d. **Personal Safety Awareness** - Group was very attentive, engaged and collaborative.
- e. **PLC next week** - Please make sure positions are represented from your patrol.
- f. Bethlehem lock-in is one of the best events rated high by the Scouts.
- g. **Christmas Party** (December 9th) - Troop will be a Rocky Mount for the Holiday party. Program Patrol has gift exchange and Toys for Tots. Drive around back for the Christmas party. Find the cafeteria not through the front door. Announce it on December 2nd.
- h. **Annual Adult Leader Holiday Party at the Anderson's**. December 17th. See flier on the website for more information. White elephant gift exchange is excellent. Great event.
- i. **NYLT** - Just about full for the class.
- j. **Bowling Outing** - Wesley and his mom will the Scout/adult in charge. January 11th.
- k. **Pinestraw** - Kickoff in January. Profit goes straight of the Scout. Offer to have them spread for \$.50 - \$1 per bail to spread (as a suggested amount). Great opportunity for the Scout to raise money.
- l. **Foothills District Banquet**: January 31.
- m. First Saturday in February **ISLT** (Introduction to Scout Leadership Trip) - First Class or close needs to attend. Want 12 Scouts that WANT to participate and not have one that doesn't and make it difficult for others. Same to be said about Den Chiefs.
- n. **Feb 3rd. OA. Elections**. Local Kennesaw chapter needs assistance. Requirements are for 1st class Scout, Scoutmaster Approval, Have at least 15 days/Night camping plus 1 long-term. Raptors should treat it as an honor. .
- o. February 8: **Shooting Sport**—rifle
- p. February 9: **Scout Sunday** at Mountain View.

- 5. Review activities since last Adult Leader Meeting
- 6. Calendar review (activity planning/status for 3 months)
- 7. Goals for 2013-2014 - Vision / Goals / Planning - status / work to be done
- 8. Patrol coaching (assigned ASMs, status with goal sheets, etc.)
  - a. Raptors
  - b. Phoenix
  - c. Blackhawks
  - d. Blazin' Buffaloes
  - e. Nitehawx