

Adult Leader Meeting

July 19, 2005

Attendees: Marsha Egbert, Jerry Richstein, Russ Richstein, Ferrell Moultrie, Laura Taylor, Joe Como, Jeffrey Plumley, Tim Watkins, Cindy Moore, Ken Law, Alex and Vicki Mattle, Pauline Miller, Kenny Murray, Mark Neas, John McFarland and Tom Bulger.

1. Aquatics/First Aid Weekend: went pretty well. Behaved group. not many older Scouts. Canoeing MB worked out well. Half of the Scouts checked off for swimming for Summer Camp.
2. Summer Camp: Some of the boys had to sit around waiting for the other boys to get passed off for their swim check. Next year, camp will be at Woodruff. Do we want to do pre-camp swim checks again? It wasn't as peaceful as they had hoped it would be and did not save much time, but the swim instructors were able to coach the kids who needed a little encouragement.
3. Court of Honor: There will be a lot of Scoutmaster conferences. A scout can't sign up for a SM conference until everything in the book is signed off. Don't sign off on Scout spirit until they have had their SM conference and their Board of Review. Call or email John McFarland when the Scout is ready for his BOR. The BOR's are a checkpoint on how the Scout thinks the Troop is doing and for any suggestions he might have. It also gets them used to having a conversation with adults they may not know well.
4. Planning Campout: Dragons have a Patrol Leader going but no APL. Lightning has no one signed up yet. They have 1 Pirate and 1 Road Runner so far. 4 Troop Officers are going and know who they are. Cobras have a Troop Guide, but Night Hawks need a Troop Guide. 2 more cooks- Ken Law and Dietmar Breitzkreuz. Laura Taylor and Paul Egbert are the other adults.
5. Adult Leader Meeting, Aug. 13th at MVUMC. We will look at goals from last year and establish new goals for next year. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served.
6. The older Scouts can do high adventure trips and schedule these trips when they can work it out. Trees, Pirates and Dragons will do group activities, but then will have separate groups. This Venture Patrol is a privilege. If the Scouts do not want to participate, they must come join the other Scouts.
7. Goal Sheets: Coach younger Scouts in to filling out the goal sheets on what they want to accomplish.
8. Our records are in Troop Master. We can run a copy or download records. John McFarland and Ivy Moultrie are keeping the records. They are tracking first class and up, camping and the activities the Scout participates in.
9. Mrs. Breaugh is in charge of the Pisgah/Sliding Rock trip.
10. If you are hauling the Troop trailer, you will be reimbursed for actual gas cost.
11. Mill Springs Lock-In all taken care of.
12. Court of Honor: Family Campout; Sept. 16th-18th. 16th is also Lassiter Homecoming so some may not come until Saturday morning. Encourage family camping. Camp as a family. Scouts not having parents going may be adopted by

- another family or put together with other scouts as a Patrol. There will be a Troop sponsored Cracker Barrel after the COH. There will be games during the day.
13. Lifeguarding was postponed for 2 weeks. July 29th. Ben and Michael are taking class.
 14. August 27th Water Mania. Like a Camporee with all water programs being offered. Good Patrol activity. Can camp if you want. No age restriction. Must register.
 15. Summer Camp: Boys had a good time. Essentials need to be packed correctly in daypack not trunk. Concern over if the boys were all right due to bad weather; if there is a problem, you will be notified. NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS. All adults should go to the meetings so they will know what their roles are for the week. Weather was bad the first day or so. There was a problem with the tents and things were getting wet. The platforms were too big for the tents. Adults were not able to get caught up and set expectations. No aerosol cans allowed at camp. No cell phones. It can cause homesickness. Adults need to use them out of sight of the Scouts. No electronics. If Scouts have problems, they are to report to their ASMs. Adults were always walking around camp to check on the boys. The program and the Staff were good. Directors identified themselves. They saw unity, and teamwork, and they said the staff was very personable. It was suggested that we visit the camp first if we have never been there before to check it out. The campsite for 75 was closed and was supposed to be nice. There needs to be more preplanning for the meds to be taken at camp. Possible to drop meds off early so they can be reviewed. The Medical forms should be signed the Monday before Camp or the Scout doesn't go. The Troop wants to ensure the health and the safety of the Scouts. 3 viruses; 2 hospital stays. Suggested that the totes be dropped off the night before and, there could be a check off station for medical forms, permission slips, locker combinations, and meds.
 16. Mrs. Franz and Mrs. Roberts do a lot. The Troop parents and Committee Members should step up and help to carry their load. Spread the positions around. ASMs encourage parents to participate and come to the meetings to see the different roles the leaders have. Scoutmaster can get staff to train new people on what their positions involve. Another suggestion was to have an assistant to the various leader positions to help carry the load.
 17. Thanks to all People who help with Summer Camp and to all who stayed up there all week. Thanks to those who helped take care of Robin.