

Parent Meeting

9/10/07

1. This is a big meeting for the troop. A packet was given out with the calendar and the troop goals, scouts and adults. An Adult in Charge Checklist was also given out. Scouts worked hard on planning the calendar. Without consulting each other, the scouts and adults have very similar goals. Christine Einertson, Ken Law, Scott Anderson, David Blevins, and Danny West met to write up the goals as were discussed at the adult planning meeting. They made sure the goals were parent goals and not scout goals. Adults are focusing on the new scouts and recruiting as well as the older scouts going into Venture patrols. Troop guides are to have new and fun activities for visitors and the make parents feel welcome. Venture patrols are for older scouts from Duct Tape, Thrashers, Penguins, and Trees, with activities geared for older scouts. Half of the scouts in the troop fall in this group. One group chose not to move on, and it is optional for the patrol. They have to participate, have their own goals and activities or they rejoin the troop. It is not a time for just hanging out. Another goal is increasing parent participation. Thanks go to Jacqui Hunt for stepping up to be Popcorn Chair and in charge to the Family Campout/COH. One goal is to help the middle school scouts continue to progress in ranks and participation in activities. The last goal is to have 100% of adults trained as needed for troop positions and adults working with the scouts.

2. Lisa Anderson, Activities Chair went through the calendar. She encouraged parents to sign up for activities. Committee members and parents help support the activities and get the scouts where they need to be and ASMs help with the activity or program and keep them safe. Without proper adult help the scouting program is not very good. You don't have to go on trip if you are the adult in charge unless you choose to. Summer Camp- 3 choices: Buck Toms, 1st choice, Skymont, 2nd choice and Daniel Boone, 3rd choice. Some parents concerned about COH being on a holiday. If there are issues, parents don't have to approve the calendar, but the troop goes on hold until we get a calendar that meets approval. The calendar was approved after a vote. Scouts should also sign up to be the scout in charge. Get the scout in charge involved with the trip or activity by letting him make the flyer and announce it at meetings. It is not always good for the parent and son to sign up for the same activity to be in charge of due to the scouts need to learn to work with other adults. Keep the ASM in charge informed of the plans for the trip or activity. It should be a 3-team approach.

3. Look at the troop goals, both adult and scout. Be proud of your boys. They are working hard to make it a great troop. It is not a perfect troop and

never will be. Parents plan ahead to be at the next adult planning meeting in August to see if we met our goals. Attend the parent meetings each month. This is how you know what is really going on and is a great way to communicate everything to you. Don't ever hesitate to talk to Ferrell or Maggie if you have any issues. Plan to come to the adult leader meetings once a month (Tuesdays) to find out what is going on with the ASM side of the troop.

4. Please plan to stay for the Wood Badge Ceremony. Mr. Richstein and Mr. Como completed their Wood Badge. This is a great opportunity for the adults to get recognized for their hard work in training to be better leaders. It is also great for the scouts to experience this.