

Troop Committee and Parent Meeting

9/8/08

1. Roundtable: We need people to go to the meetings once a month to gather information for our troop and meet other troops. They have different breakout sessions so there is something for everyone who attends. Mr. Poole and Mrs. Roberts are scheduled to go this Thursday night. They are offered the 2nd Thursday of every month. We must attend these meetings to meet the District requirements for the Chicken Pin. Every troop serves on hospitality, and this week is our week. Mrs. Roberts is asking for a dollar or two to help buy snacks. A new sign-up sheet was passed around for people to sign up for the month they want to go. People were encouraged to sign up at least once.
2. Mr. Watkins, Committee Chair, introduced himself and reviewed the calendar and adult and scout goals that were made during the planning campout. The adult goals and the calendar were approved for this next year by the adults present at this meeting. We also covered the Key dates at a glance with emphasis on the Fishing/shooting / and COPE weekend on 10/10th-12th and the BP checkout on 10/24th-26th. We covered some of the day activities such as Troop Leader Training with emphasis on a scout must be troop leader trained to hold a leader position and strongly encouraged to be Green Bar trained to be SPL or ASPL.
3. There was a big emphasis on recruitment and introducing Webelos to our troop. As the older scouts start leaving, there needs to be younger scouts in place to keep the troop running.
4. Venture Patrol: the life of these scouts is busy when they get in high school and have activities and homework. It is important to offer them a program to keep them active and to get them on campouts together as a patrol. Also, to get them acquainted with other Venture patrols in our area.
5. There will be informal parent meetings in the farmhouse each week to talk, ask questions or sometimes may include a topic such as backpacking. Cookies may be provided sometimes. Parents, please plan to attend and save your gas instead of just dropping your scouts off. New scout parents need to get plugged in. Ask Mr. Watkins if you would like to help in some way. The first meeting next week will be about backpacking per Mr. Moultrie's suggestion.
6. Communication: Pauline Miller will be helping to send information via email and phone to parents as needed. We need to establish a Committee Chair for this position.
7. Continue Troop Training goals; Mr. Jacquet is the Chair. There is a new course called Hazard training on the website. Woodbadge is advance leader training. Several adults will be taking this training soon. Mrs. Hunt is one of the adults.
8. We will be offering God and Country to Protestant scouts. Mrs. Thorne and Mrs. Franz. Mrs. Franz will be the Chaplain Chair.

9. Offer a District Merit Badge Clinic, Eagle required MB. Mrs. Frazier. Mr. Richstein will be in charge of the Merit Badge Clean-Up Day.
10. Colleen Breaugh and Debbie Fowler volunteered to be the Scouting For food Chairpersons.
11. Stephanie Schramm volunteered to be the Uniform Closet Chair.
12. Service projects: see Mrs. Thorne.
13. Scout Goals: Increase community service and community visibility; increase originality in games and patrol outings; improve meeting programs; improve patrol functions, uniform appearance and patrol yell.
14. Equipment Chair: Mrs. George.
15. Mrs. West volunteered to be t-shirt and hat chair.
16. Mrs. Franz reported that there are new scout uniforms, but they won't be required until 2010. Every piece of the uniform is changing.
17. Mrs. Anderson asked for adults to sign up to be the adult in charge for these activities over the next year. Scouts need their parent's support to make trips and activities happen. She emphasized that the adult doesn't have to go on the trip.
18. Mr. Watkins encouraged parents to be committee members and had the forms for parents to fill out. \$10 fee. He asked parents where they are going to plug in. Our program is only as good as our support of our boys. We owe it to the boys to support their program.
19. All of the adult goals and troop calendar is on the troop's website.