

Troop 714 Adult Leaders Meeting

September 23, 2008

Called to Order – 7:05 pm

Attendees: Ferrell Moultrie, Kenny Murray, Cindy Moore, Jeanette George, Diana Yuen, Colleen Breaugh, Brian Jacquet, Bradly Jacquet, Barbara Jacquet, Alex Vicen, Jeff Bilkert, Scott Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Mark Neas, Jacqui Hunt and Dietmar

Scouters' Winter Camping – Scott Anderson reported that 18 people have signed up so far with hopes of at least 20 people actually attending in January. Registration will be turned in next Monday, but additional persons can be added. We hope for Camp Site 5 at Woodruff, but having to register the two patrols separately presents a challenge of getting them together in the same site. Cook crew is being formed with Don and Greg already signed up and Scott is going to check with Dennis. The origin of the SWC was to get adults used to camping during cold months so they will feel confident to take Scouts camping year-round. The group will break into two patrols and use the patrol method for a weekend of games.

Recruitment – Mr. Moultrie reported that three visitors were at the Family Campout on September 12-14. We are hoping to have several Webelos to attend the fishing part of the COPE/Fishing/Shooting weekend at Woodruff in October.

COPE/Fishing/Shooting – October 10-12, 2008 - Mr. Moultrie led the discussion of the COPE/Fishing/Shooting weekend because there is no ASM in charge. Mr. Murray will be in charge of the fishing part of the event, but another adult needs to step forward now to help coordinate the COPE and Shooting parts of the event. It was determined that the COPE registration was more than likely too close for us to have anyone attend it. Scouts need to sign up by October 6th, but it is preferred that sign up take place by PLC.

Scouting for Food – October 6 Kick-Off – Colleen Breaugh is Adult in Charge and Evan Cantu is Scout in Charge. Colleen presented a plan followed by discussion. To encourage early participation by Scouts in the food drive, candy bars (which were donated) will be given to each Scout who brings in at least 55 items during the month of October. Patrols are encouraged to use the Patrol Method of working as teams to canvass neighborhoods during the drive. The suggestion of having candy bars as well for the patrols who work together was made. The first patrol that obtains 100% participation of Scouts who bring in 55+ cans will win a pizza party to be hosted in January. The Foothills District will reward new tarps to the first three patrols in the district who gather over 500 cans. MUST Ministries has asked that cans be larger than 10 oz. A flyer with the details will be coming out soon.

Discussion of changing the time of year that the food drive takes place resulted in the fact that a change in dates needs to be presented at the Planning Weekends in August and fall seemed to have the best results for the Scouts.

Popcorn – Jacqui Hunt reported that 57% of the Troop has signed up as participating, but noted that not all Scouts who have sold have signed up. Weekly incentives before the meeting do not seem to be working because the Scouts do not come to get them. The impact of having the incentives outside the announcement time seems to be minimal at best and may not be repeated next year. Popcorn check-out went very well with only one box left in inventory.

There will be two categories of drawings this year for the end of the sell, the Participation drawing and the Fair Share drawing. The drawing will take place the first meeting in December. Hopefully the prizes from Trail-End will be able to be distributed at the same time. The request for donations for the drawings was made again. We hope to get enough items in each of the categories so that all Scouts receive something. The use of a Calling Post Message will be utilized as another method of reaching parents that may have more impact.

Scout Expo – November 15 – We are in charge of the ticket booth. An Adult in Charge and a Scout in Charge are both needed.

Venture Crew – Kenny Murray reported that the Penguins have collected PC equipment and are starting to build a computer from scratch. Russ Richstein is helping the patrol through “Components 101” guidance.

The Duct Tape Patrol is busy making an action plan, material list and budget to present for approval for building a trailer.

Once these projects are complete a slide show will be presented to the Troop with a copy of the presentation given to the Troop Historian. Brief discussion was had about different ways for the Troop Historian to record and present the history of the Troop. It included having slide presentations on continual feed when visitors are present. Adult help was proposed to be given to the Historian to help come up with new ways.

Troop Equipment – Jeanette George reported she was requesting feedback from ASMs and persons who have knowledge of what equipment needs the Troop has, a wish list per-say. She would like to know what the shed needs and if there are particular brands of equipment that should be purchased and why those brands. She will be sending out an email with the request soon.

Calendar

Oct 4	Aviation Merit Badge	
Oct 10-12	COPE/Fishing/Shooting	ASM needed for Shooting
Oct 13	Popcorn forms and money due	
Oct 24-26	Backpacking trip for those who have already gone on a check-out. 2 Scouts and 2 adults signed up. Need to promote among Scouts as a easy, laid-back agenda.	
Nov 1	Troop Leadership Training	Must be 1 st Class. Scouts going for November Troop election positions need to have been trained.

- Nov 3 Troop Elections Tickets needed
- Nov 7-9 Backpacking Check-Out Location TBD. Younger Scouts need to participate.
Troop equipment can be checked out – good selection of backpacks, tents (weight to be distributed among tent partners), and Sierra Flashlights. Coordination among Scouts of food and packing will make for a better experience. Two stoves should be able to serve the whole group.
- Mr. Moultrie reported that coordination of a Gear Sell/Gear Swap may be a good leadership position for rank advancement of an older Scout.
- Nov 10 Patrol Elections
- Nov 14-16 Wilderness First Aid Training – Bert Adams and Allatoona Required for adults going on High Adventure treks. Solo Basic First Aid will be March 14-15.
- Nov 15 Scout Expo ASM and Scout in Charge NEEDED
- Nov 28-29 Bethlehem Build
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- Dec 1 Scouting For Food Final Turn-In
- Dec 6-7 Bethlehem Walk Lock-In Mr. King is ASM in Charge
- Dec 8 Troop Holiday Party May have to be moved due to conflict with another group
- Dec 13-14 Lost Sea Caving Need ASM in Charge. Reservations are already made.
- Dec 20 Merit Badge Clean-Up and Bethlehem Walk tear down
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- Jan 9-11 Scouters' Winter Camping
- Jan 17-19 Pensacola Trip

Just Added to Calendar – June 19-20 Mill Springs Lock-In

Final Note: Adults in Charge are needed for many events that may not happen if they are not covered. Every family should plan to take on at least one event each year.

Meeting adjourned 8:39 pm.

Submitted by
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