

Parent Meeting

March 4, 2012

1. Welcome new parents. We are glad to have you here. Key people were introduced and their roles explained.
2. Fundraising chair: Ginger Moss. Troop is doing another Merit Badge Clinic, and we need Merit Badge Counselors to teach the classes. This clinic helps raise funds for the scouts, troop gear and scout activities. The clinic is June 29th. We have some adults already signed up. Oceanography and dentistry will be offered again.
3. Religious program: Scouts can earn their purple knot. God and Church for middle school scouts and God and Life for high school scouts. Ginger has connections for scouts of different faiths. She is trying to get this done during a week in July. We need to have at least 3 scouts participate for the class to happen. See Ginger if your scout is interested.
4. Camp cards: Ginger Moss. This is a way for scouts to earn money for their activities. The money goes into their scout accounts. Camp cards are \$5 with \$2.50 going into their scout account and \$2.50 goes to Atlanta Area Council. There is a \$5 coupon for Publix. It expires June 30th. There are also discounts for Six Flags, Great Clips, and White Water. Get the cards from Ginger. Return any that you don't sell. This fundraiser ends April 11th but the final card and money collection will be April 1st due to Spring Break. Pine straw sales: \$4/bale. Minimum order is 10 bales. Print off the flier from the website and put on mailboxes. The customer will order and mail a check to Tylee Rodgers. This is the best quality pine straw. He will deliver it. We can actually sell it all year long. Check with your churches and neighborhoods. Friends and family. The scout gets \$.50/bale into their scout account.
5. Summer Camp: July 7th-13th. Woodruff. \$290 cost plus the cost of 4 t-shirts (\$8 for 2 moisture wicking shirts) and (\$5.50 for 2 cotton shirts). There is a summer camp link on the troop's website. Wendy Peavy will sign up for the merit badges the first week in April. There is also an activity for horseback riding or white water rafting. We need 2 copies of medical forms and copy (front and back) of your insurance card. Medical forms are only good for a year. We will have notaries here next month at the meetings as the forms must be notarized. The Council has camp scholarships if you need help. See Cathy Ritchie if you assistance.
6. April 26th-28th: New Scout Campout. New scouts and one parent must attend. Scouts are in one area and parents are in another area. Parents learn the scouting way. Wendy needs the parent's vehicle information: make, model, year, number of seat belts and insurance information. We also need medical forms, parts A and B. Make several copies of these forms. There needs to a permission form for every activity. March 18th is when the next summer camp payment is due.
7. First Aid Merit Badge: June 8th. New scouts.
8. Scouting For Food: Ferrell. The goal is not for parents to buy 50 cans, but for the scout to go and collect the 50 or more cans. This is a significant benefit to the community and it is a measurable benefit. This benefits Cherokee Must Ministries. Scouts should work with

their patrols to collect the food. It can be done in an afternoon. Find a subdivision, leave the fliers and come back another day to collect the food. Mrs. Heineman has more bags and fliers. There is a pizza party for the first patrol to reach 100% participation.

9. Cindy Thorne: If you eat at Ruby Tuesday tomorrow, 10% goes back to the church. This is the Tuesday of every month. Must Summer Lunch program: Scouts donated food for summer lunches. This is the 14th year doing summer lunches. Scouts will bring cookies and juice boxes next month and fruit snacks and chips the next month. Garage sale to benefit the Haitian Mission Church coming up if anyone has anything they want to donate.
10. If scout need service projects, go to serviceprojects@troop714.org . Mrs. Thorne has a number of service projects available, some being possible Eagle projects.
11. To the new scout parents, there is a lot of information, and it can be overwhelming. The biggest thing to encourage your boys is to be involved. But let the boys take the lead. There are many opportunities for parents to be involved. See Cathy Ritchie.