

Items covered:

1. John England needs your trash for the troop, old printer cartridges, ink and toner cartridges. Great fundraiser!
2. Mike Breaugh wants to keep Chris England's Park Street School Service Project still going. Details to follow at a later date.
3. Mark Neas talked about the Seabase Trip. The Scout must be 14 by September 1st, 2005. No exceptions. They will only hold reservations for 3 weeks. We need 20 interested Scouts and Adults plus \$100 per person deposit for the trip to happen. The place will be in the Florida Keys. You will not need any equipment for this trip. A flier is available.
4. Ferrell Moultrie and Rick McNealy talked about the upcoming Backpacking Trip. Mr. Moultrie is in charge of the longer trip (20miles). He needs 3 more adults. The Scouts may divide into 2 groups. The younger Scouts will go to Pine Mountain. Mr. McNealy has campsites for 3 groups. He needs at least 6 adults to come and backpack to help. A flier is available for each trip.
5. October 13th is a pack check in the Fellowship Hall at the Church at 7pm. Once the backpack is checked, do not add anything else to it. They will do a weight check. The weight is the single most thing that determines the success of backpacking and whether the boys like it. The Troop has 6 or 7 tents that can be used. The bigger tents can be split between 2 or 3 boys to help with the weight. If you buy a tent, it should be in the 2-pound range. Minimize clothing. The boys will not change clothes, but an extra pair of socks is important. A rain suit is a MUST! No Ponchos. The troop has a couple of stoves. If you buy a stove, they have some in the \$15 - \$20 range (REI or Galyans). Need 2-3 cook stoves for a 12-person group. The boys learn to work together in planning on what to take, and sharing the weight. They live out of their packs. Not all boys will like backpacking, but they should at least give it a try.
6. Kenny Murray talked about SWC, camping in the winter, for Adult Leaders and Parents. January 7-9 at Woodruff. Training for adults to take back to troop and a lot of fun. The adults are in patrols and compete with other patrols in games. Fun activities and plenty of good food.
7. Joel Dinoff talked about Scouting for Food. Last year there were 38 active Scouts and 3400 cans were collected. With so many more Scouts, we can collect so much more. The goal is for 100% for all troop officers and 85% of active scouts to contribute at least 50 cans or packages. You can bring the cans to the meetings or take them to Cherokee Must yourself. You can pass out fliers in the neighborhood and pick them up a designated time. Publix and Kroger will donate the paper bags. Can totals will need to be turned in by the end on November for the Chicken pin. If you give to your school or church, this will count toward the boy's count.
8. Mary Pfau talked about Cumberland Island trip in May. 20 scouts and adults per one reservation. Must sign up by November 1st and, it is on a first come first serve basis. Cost is \$24 per person, which includes camping and the ferry over to the island. The Scouts will backpack in to their site in the backcountry. There is a flier. More details to follow.

9. Gail Luttrell talked a little about the Yorktown trip in January (21-23). They will camp on Friday night and stay on the ship on Saturday night. Reservations were made for about 50 people with 4-5 being for females.
10. There will be an Okefenokee trip on January 14-17 for the older Scouts.
11. October 10th: Den Chief Training. Good for Leadership requirements. There are only a limited number of troop positions. Don't have to do Junior Leader training first to do Den Chief training. November 6th is Junior Leader training.
12. November 12-14 is WSR Shooting/Fishing campout. This event is through the Council so boys have to sign up for the activities on their own. There are only 12-13 slots per time slot for each activity. Archery and Shotgun are available.
13. October 14th is the District Roundtable. We need adults to attend each month. The meetings are at Roswell Street Baptist Church. You will need to sign in and bring back the information to the Troop.
14. Summer Camp is set for the next 2 years. 2004: Camp Rainey Mountain July 10th-16th; 2005: Woodruff
15. Uniform inspections: Maggie Franz thanked the parents for helping boys be fully uniformed. There is a uniform closet that has uniforms pieces you can use. Be sure to add your son's uniform pieces that he has outgrown. Adult leaders can also recycle their clothes. You can use money out of the boy's accounts to help pay for the uniform. There is no reason that every boy cannot be fully uniformed. There will be random inspections and one was done last Monday. Most of the boys were in full uniform.
16. PT Nielsen talked about Raccoon Mountain on December 10th-12th. It is one of the most popular events with the boys. They spend one night in the cave. Bring old clothes you do not want back. They will get dirty. They need adults to help. There is an opportunity to earn a Merit Badge.