

Parent meeting

March 7, 2004

1. Justin Thomas, Executive Director, here to visit our Troop. He talked about Friends of Scouting for the Atlanta Area Council. Money from Friends of Scouting supports the Scouting Program. Scouting makes a big difference in a boy's life. Besides being fun, it teaches character, physical fitness, and citizenship. A gift of \$300 gets you a patch. Mr. Plumley is the contact person for Friends of Scouting.
2. Mr. Neas is in charge of the Northern Tier trip. He showed a slide presentation of the area. Scout must be 13 by the date of the trip. It is an expensive trip, at least \$800, and does not include airfare. All your gear must fit in a 3-gallon bucket. There is a sign-up sheet if interested. Each crew will be 6-8 Scouts and adults. Great opportunity.
3. Pine straw: We sold 2600 bales and 60 baskets. Boys who sold the baskets will deliver them if they want to. Otherwise, we will have other Scouts to deliver them. The boys get 40 cents a bale and different amounts on the flower baskets.
4. Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader's positions will be up for election in May. We are looking for an ASPL. 29 boys are eligible for Junior Leader Training and 5 have signed up.
5. Ivey Moultrie has volunteered to help John McFarland with the records of training. If you have had training, please let John know so they get the records straight as to who has been trained and who needs training. Recertification is only one evening.
6. We are glad to have the ASMs at this Parent Meeting since they are unable to attend due to helping the boys with the weekly meetings.
7. We are starting to welcome the New Scouts. We have 20 boys crossing over. There will be 2 new Patrols. Please make the boys and their families feel welcome.
8. Court Of Honor in September: Family campout. We want to get the families to camp. Most families would just come for the dinner and the COH and not camp. Should we have a separate campout another weekend than the COH for families? The parents and present ASMs voted, and there were more votes for having the family campout another weekend. The Committee will bring this to the boys and get their input.

9. Summer Camp: \$60 is due March 21st. Every Scout got their choices for Summer Camp. Look over Merit Badge requirements. Some requirements may be able to be done before camp.
10. Emergency Preparedness Opportunity: April 2nd – 3rd; 11pm-5am. Scouts volunteer to be victims for this drill. This is an excellent opportunity for the boys. It is a requirement for the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge. (Eagle required MB). Scout can get service hours if not working on the merit badge. It will take adult support. Email Pamela Roberts if you want to participate.
11. www.meritbadge.com is the site for looking up MB requirements.
12. Spring Camporee: April 22-24; Jamerson @ Bert Adams. Order of the Arrow tap-out Ceremony will be held and is impressive to watch.