

Parent's Meeting

May 2, 2004

Attendees: Maggie Franz, Paul Egbert, Kay Watkins, Ivy Moultrie, Jean Richstein, Ray Butler, Mike King, Chris Cantu, Chuck Cross,, Mike Torchia, Tim Morris, Mary Pfau, Dietmar Breitzkreuz, Tom Siebert, Grey Wright and Kenny Murray.

1. New Policy for trip reimbursements for gas was discussed. Policy sheets were passed out to everyone. Mrs. Franz discussed that if anyone receives more for the trip than IRS allows, 14 cents per mile, the balance received must be counted as earned income. Trips less than 150 miles one-way are not reimbursable and that amount for gas can be taken off your taxes as a charitable donation at 14 cents per mile.
2. Summer Camp: Scouts need trunks that are no more than 13 inches tall so they can fit under their cots and need to be lockable. Mrs. Roberts would look into finding her 2004 paperwork on her contact with Rubbermaid and get some information to share. Some trunks have been bought at Lowe's, Home Depot and Big Lots but they go fast. Shop early. Money for some of the activities that require a fee should be **brought to camp with the Scout**. The website for the individual prices is www.NEGABSA.org.
3. SSA/SD: May 7th and June 11th & 25th. This is held at Lake Allatoona and is for adults to get trained in Safe swim and safety afloat. June 25th weekend is a great weekend to get your swim check for summer camp. It is recommended for Scouts to practice jumping in a body of water that they can't see the bottom.
4. A sheet was passed around for Round Table for people to sign up to attend.
5. May 6th-8th: Patrol Campouts for some of the Patrols. Other Patrols who are not going this weekend must let the SPL know of the alternate date for their campout.
6. Flower orders have arrived, and they looked very good. It will probably be a fundraiser for next year.
7. May 21st: Date for Swim checks through Mr. Moultrie. Mrs. Franz will find out if this can be done as a Troop only, Patrol or group of individuals. ASM's (SSD/SA trained) can schedule individual swim checks at the Cobb County Pool on Sandy Plains. Individuals can contact these ASM's . Swim checks are required for the Cumberland Trip. Rainey Mountain does not require swim checks to be done at camp and so can be done here. If swim checks were done prior to Summer Camp last year, they can count for the Cumberland trip.
8. Mr. Murray has a sheet with websites where camping equipment can be purchased. He asked if anyone else has sites to recommend. He will get this posted to the website.
9. Cumberland Trip is still in question unless they get another adult to go. So far there are 5 Scouts and 1 adult. Need parental support so as to not get canceled.
10. Policy of deposits before trips and its non-refund ability will have to be enforced more consistently.
11. June 10th-12th: River tubing in Helen. Family camping opportunity, but the boys will need to camp as a patrol to reinforce the patrol method. Mr. Murray and Mr. Foley are in charge of the planning. Must have a swim check if you plan to go tubing.

12. June 24th-26th: First Aid Campout. Older Scouts can work on Aquatic Merit Badges. They may have charges associated with them.
13. July 4th: There is no meeting. **Parent meeting and Scout meeting will be changed to July 5th (Tuesday).** Very important meeting because it is the last one before summer camp. No Troop meeting July 11th.
14. July 29th-30th: Mills Springs Lock-In. We need adults willing to chaperone this all night event. Great fun for the boys.
15. July 29th-30th is also the National Scout Jamboree in Virginia. Mr. McFarland, Mr. McNealy and Mr. Stevenson are heading up a campout of 4-5 days (Friday-Tuesday) that will include a day at the Jamboree. Cost should be about \$150.00. This Jamboree only happens every 4 years.
16. May 16th: Court of Honor in the Sanctuary of Mountain View with a reception following in the fellowship hall. Last names A-L bring appetizers and M-Z brings desserts. Please fewer chips and more sweets.
17. May 9th is the last chance for a Board of Review.
18. Mr. Neas said he had contributed over 500 volunteer hours to the Scouts for last year and his company, Lockheed/Martin, donated a check for \$250.00 on his behalf to our Troop.
19. Mrs. Luttrell has hats for the new Scouts who did not get them yet.
20. Tonight was Troop Elections. Next Week is Patrol Elections for some Patrols.
21. There are shorts, t-shirts and socks available for recycling.
22. Mr. McFarland asked for a double check on awards prior to the Court of Honor.