

Parent's Meeting

July 5, 2005

1. Class B uniforms until September 12th.
2. Next few meetings are very important. August 13th: Adults only, Annual Planning meeting. We take troop apart and put it back together. We assess what worked well and what didn't. We come up with 6-10 goals for next year. There should be one representative from each family present at the meeting. 8:30-12:30 at the church. There will be food and drinks. Come with suggestions of trips and activities that you might like to see happen.
3. September 12th is the Parent Meeting and is **very important**. We go over the tentative calendar for the next year and vote on its approval or not. Each activity must have an Adult in charge, an ASM, and a Scout in charge. This is your opportunity to sign up for the activity you want. Every family should do at least one. Adult in charge and Scout in charge do not necessarily have to go on trip or activity. So far, all calendars have been approved.
4. August 19th-21st is the Planning Campout. The SPL, ASPL, Patrol Leaders, Assistant PL, and 2 Troop Guides go. There must be 2 Scouts from each Patrol represented. New Scouts designate who gets to go from their Patrols. There will be adult staff, Mr. Moultrie, Mrs. Franz, Activity Chairperson, and the cook staff. Mr. Moultrie will give out to the boys individual sheets about what the boys liked and what they didn't like. They should give their input and suggestions.
5. August 5th-7th: Pisgah/ Sliding Rock. Fun trip with an open schedule.
6. **Summer Camp**: Mrs. Roberts needs to know if Scout is not traveling to or from camp with the Troop.
7. Scouts should read their merit badge books and be familiar with the requirements. Some MB books have been updated and camp might be teaching from old books. If there is a problem, see Mr. Richstein. There is a fee schedule with some MBs. Scouts are to bring money with them for these fees. The trading post will have the items required for their MB. Also, some MBs may require you to bring items with you to camp. All merit badges may not be completed at camp. Mr. Richstein will get the information from the counselors as to what has been completed on the MBs. Blue cards won't be sent home with the Scouts. It will take a couple weeks before they will be finished. We want our Scouts to earn the merit badge not just be given to them.
8. There are many adults going so the scouts will be supervised. Mr. Richstein is the Scoutmaster for the week. They will not let the boys just hand around in camp. The adults will have a roster of the Scouts and what MBs they are taking.
9. Be at Davis at 9:00. Plan to leave around 10. Wear swimsuit under Scout shorts if you need to take the swim test. If you were passed off at the Aquatics weekend, you do not have to be checked off again.
10. Every Scout needs a daypack. Plenty of sunscreen. Wear hats. Bring extra socks and an extra pair of shoes. An extra towel would also be good.
11. **NO CELL PHONES**. If adults have to use a cell phone, go where the Scouts cannot see you. There is a leader room for the adults with coffee. Absolutely no smoking or alcohol.

12. Homesickness hits usually in the middle of the week. Some kids won't admit it, but the adults will get them through it. Mr. Richstein is there to talk to any Scout, and there is a lantern outside his tent that is lit at night if they need him. There are always at least 2 adult females that go to camp. Encourage your boys to have a great time. Send care packages now so they can get them at camp. No chocolate. Cards and hard candies are great.
13. T-shirts are \$10 and hats are \$7 and will be for sale after the meeting if you need one or extras.
14. No moms or dads in Scouts. Refer to them as Mr. or Mrs. Scouts should respect adults, and we should respect them. Be positive and don't degrade them. This is a boy led Troop. We can offer hints, but let them learn. We are there to make sure they are safe.