

Parent Meeting

10/3/05

1. We have made a mistake this year in the fact that we put the most expensive trips in the front of the calendar. Parents, try to catch us next year so we don't repeat this but have the expensive trips scattered throughout the calendar year. If there are Scouts who want to go, but there may be a financial issue, let the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair know, so arrangements can be made, such as delayed payments.
2. The Troop is going to be more intense on training this year. There is Committee training this Sat. 10/8- (9-12) at Roswell Street Church. Every Registered Committee Member and ASM should be trained. Recertification is every 3 years. Training is open to everyone.
3. Board of Review: BORs must be done after the Scoutmaster's conference. Check to make sure everything in his book is complete and signed off. Usually three Committee Members conduct the BOR's. This is not a retest on the skills they have learned but to get their feedback on the Troop is doing. The Scout can discuss what he likes and what he can do to help improve the Troop. He can also set goals for his next advancement. The BORs should last at least 15-20min. The Scout should be in full Class A uniform. Have the Scout recite the Scout Oath or Law. Try to make them feel at ease and get them used to talking with adults. There are no wrong answers. The questions asked should be harder as they advance. Help the Scout to get a respect for the BOR. Ask them about Scout Spirit and what it means (Living your life by the Scout Oath and Law). Let Mr. Richstein know if the Committee members feel that the Scout is not ready to advance and why. Bullying is one reason they can't advance. This issue should be addressed before the Scout ever gets to their BOR. Be consistent with the BORs so it is fair with all Scouts. We want the Scouts to succeed. The BORs are preparation for their Eagle BOR. They hold mock BORs prior to their Eagle BOR. After the BOR, the Scout should be recognized immediately at closing.