

Parent Meeting

November 7, 2005

Attendees: Maggie Franz, Marsha and Paul Egbert, Dwight and Mary Pfau, Gail and Steve Scherer, Pauline Miller, Janet Tate, Yvonne Loggins, Dietmar Breitzkreuz, Chris Cantu, Chris Einertson, Kay Watkins, Terri Butler, Tom Lynch, Eileen Poole, Rick Sands, Danny West, Judy Torchia, P.T. Nielson and Ivy Moultrie

1. The next 2 months will be very busy. We have Recharter, the Yorktown trip, Scout Expo, Thanksgiving and the Troop Party.
2. Recharter: Ivy Moultrie is the Records chairperson. This church owns the Troop not the Council and determines whether to recharter this troop again. They have agreed to support us again. The recharter form is on the website under events. There are 171 adults and 93 Scouts to keep track of. The problem is getting all the needed information entered into the Troopmaster, but plan to have it all up to date within the year. Please turn the paperwork and check in to Ivy no later than Nov. 21st. If money is a problem let Gail Luttrell know, and something can be worked out. The Scout can use his Scout Bucks in his account (money earned from popcorn and pine straw sales). If not rechartering, please still turn in the form and check the box that says you are not going to recharter. Scouts with email have had the form sent to them in their email box.
3. Quartermaster Advisor: Tom Lynch has been the advisor for several years and is looking for someone to train to take over. They would like the person to be uniformed since they will be working with the Scouts. They have a card system set up with every item having a number. Most of the hard work is done. Easy opportunity to contribute to the troop. See Tom Lynch for more details.
4. Gail Luttrell is the Treasurer and is keeping up with the funds. She has been doing it for the past several years and has done a great job. Her husband, Steve thanked everyone for all the hard work, support and meals that people contributed during his accident.
5. Scout Expo: November 19th. Participation is a requirement for the Honor Roll and the chicken pin. Make sure your Scout can participate. The booth will need to be manned all day and will be done in shifts by patrols. The troop is doing camp gadgets. The next 2 troop meetings, they will be working on their gadgets and practicing their knots to demonstrate at the Expo.

6. November 12th is the Popcorn Lock-in for the scouts who sold \$200 in popcorn. They have enough adult help.
7. Troop Party: December 5th at Rocky Mount Elementary School. Scouts usually do a gift exchange (\$5-\$10 range).
8. Bethlehem Walk: December 3rd-4th. At the church. Adult help is needed. Fun event for the boys as well as giving service to the church.
9. Pine straw sales: Kick-off is January 9th. We will also be selling flower baskets again and potted plants.
10. Yorktown Trip: December 16th-18th. There is an opening for 2 boys and 2 adults; no age limit. 2 adults desperately needed, at least one of them to be male. We will be staying at a different church and will be hooking up with that church's Scout troop.
11. The Election has occurred and Matt Slother and Jonathan Egbert are the new SPL and ASPL. It was a close race. They are reviewing the troop positions that the scouts have applied for and will reveal them at the end of this meeting or the beginning of the next one. Their ultimate goal is to choose who will do the best job in each of the troop's positions. Another possible position is a Games coordinator. They would need to design a booklet of 12 appropriate games to play at meetings including how to play, the rules, and equipment needed. Patrol Elections are next week. The Scouts have an option of changing Patrols, but it requires planning. They can't leave orphans; all must have a home. The Patrol must be at least 6 and no more than 12 boys. The patrol must have an ASM. First year Scouts must finish their rotation and then will elect their patrol leader.
12. Scout Master conference and Board of Review: Last SM conference is January 8th and last BOR is January 13th. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings as well as Sunday afternoons are good for a SM conference. Everything must be signed off in book except SM conference. Before you come. Don't schedule BOR until the SM conference is complete. The BOR's will be done prior to the meeting at 6:40 p.m. We need Committee members there to help. Mr. Richstein will notify committee members when they have some. The BOR is not testing the Scouts on their skills, but is a quality check on how well the ASMs and the Scoutmaster is doing on teaching the boys what they need to learn. Also, it gives the Scout an opportunity to comment on what he thinks of the Troop and any suggestions on how to make the troop better.