

Troop Committee Meeting May 18, 2010

Attendees – Heather Barratt, Greg McAloney, Steve Marsh, Mike Mehrbrodt, Connie and Ray Niacaris, Mike Rondinelli, Steve Salyards, David Shade

The report on “**Scouts Not Advancing**” was discussed. Of the 27 boys on the list, ten of them will be advancing within the next week or so, as they are ready (or almost ready) for a Scoutmaster Conference. Many of the other scouts on the list are higher in rank and typically don’t advance within a year.

Regarding a **Second/First Class requirement: meet/interview a civil official/leader**. It was suggested that a civil official/leader be invited to attend one of the troop meetings during the summer to complete this requirement. **Are there any suggestions/recommendations on who to invite and on which Monday evening?**

The **Swimming Merit Badge** - Newer scouts joining the troop are required to acquire this merit badge before participating in water activities with the troop, for safety purposes. The committee discussed possible ways to accomplish this goal in an organized, thorough fashion for the following **two** reasons: it’s extremely important for a scout to demonstrate a given level of skill and the number of scouts needing this badge is large.

Adult Leaders Needed – New adult leaders are necessary as the troop grows and some of the current leaders are leaving (their sons have acquired the rank of Eagle and/or have turned 18.) **More Assistant Scoutmasters are needed, as every patrol is required to have two assigned leaders (that means at least 16 adults.)** New adult leaders should be registered with the Council and need to be “trained”. This involves an on-line course and a one-day seminar. Please get involved as the troop can only thrive with the necessary support of the parents.

Fundraisers – The growth of the troop (which is awesome) coupled with the age of the current camping gear has created a serious need for new tents and equipment. These fundraisers have been planned:

Tupperware - Starts - June 13 @ the Court of Honor

Ends – Monday, June 28

* Mrs. Cerna (Angelo and Carlo) will be coordinating this event.

30% of what a scout sells goes to his “Scout Bucks”

10% will go into the Troop account

Car Wash - _____

*100% of sales will come back to the Troop

*location - Gladstone Elem. School

(across the street from Sam’s Club)

Summer Troop Meetings

June 21–Aug. 30 – Troop meetings will be held at Finkbinder Park

*Monday meetings continue through the summer but scouts can wear red shirts to the meetings (Exception: a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review)

Bike to the Beach/Family Outing – Saturday, 8/28

This event will be a combined activity this year:

- a 20-mile bike to the beach (scouts and willing leaders/parents)
- Beach Activity (swim, food, bonfire) for families who would like to join us for the day at Huntington Beach)

June Court of Honor- Sunday, June 13 at Big Dalton Canyon

Dinner (hot dogs and hamburgers) will be served.

Awards ceremony includes bonfire, awards & video presentation

A calendar of upcoming summer events will soon follow...so stay tuned!!!