

August Parent Meeting Minutes 8/1/11

Taken by Robin Barrett, Troop Secretary

- Kari Francis called the meeting to order.
- Still looking for Advancement Chair to take over for Julie Lovelace. Drive to SHAC headquarters is only to turn in paperwork for each Eagle Scout. Go a total of three times- first step takes about 10 minutes and the last two much quicker. Occasionally, trips can be doubled up between Eagle Scouts' paperwork.
- Treasurer's Report from Leah Galliker- if you have receipts from summer camp please turn them into Cheryl Paul or Leah Galliker as soon as possible. We will be able to restock the garage and fix the trailers. The flags have been very successful for the troop. Our ending cash was \$17,781.20. We are waiting for our barcode for the grocery store rebate and as soon as Leah gets it she will post it to the website.
- Next year's budget- we are developing it for next year which is part of the quality award- we are right on target.
- Advancement report from Julie Lovelace- we have 4 scoutmaster conferences. We will need 2 boards. Julie put together lists of partial and complete merit badges and the boys got them tonight. Please let her know if they are not right.
- Court of Honor will be first day of school- Monday, August 22nd. Please attend! ☺ More information to follow.
- Recap of Summer Camp- Mike Fodroci
- Thanks to a lot of hard work to many people in this room (Cheryl Paul ☺)- there was a lot of logistics to partial boys riding the train and bus. Not a good idea. Mike would recommend leaving very early Sunday morning and getting there about time to sign in. The church in SA was great that hosted us. The camp itself was great in terms of activities; climbing swimming, horseback riding, swimming, shooting. It was very hot and dusty due to the drought. The swimming was so popular that there were extra volunteers needed. They were not able to finish all parts of the swimming but Mr. Fodroci will set up a time to allow the scouts to finish. The part where they have to jump in fully clothed (with swim suits underneath), take off shirts and pants and inflate them is what most of the boys were not able to finish. Mr. Fodroci will make sure that they boys finish before COH. There were 3 boys who got to go live as cowboys at the camp. Most everyone stayed at base camp. Another recommendation is to take advantage of the tents and cots because the camp sets the tents up for the boys. Everything went well as far as scheduling etc. Went swimming at Balmorhea State Park which was cool. There was a star party where they set up telescopes for the boy. They were able to see close ups of Saturn, the moon, and satellites etc. The camp is going through major fundraising to upgrade the facility, namely the latrines ☺. They are going to build cabins for campers...unimaginable luxury! Kari thought it was great but would have to agree that the train may not be included with the trip next time.
- Schlitterbahn- David Alrahwan is collecting money today. There are forms on the website if you need fill it out and turn it in as soon as possible.
- If you still want to donate to the troop who lost their Scout Master on their way back from BTR please get a check to Leah and she will make sure it gets to the proper place.

- Report from Scoutmaster- Mike Lovelace-
- Galveston campout- See David Alrahwan for more information. Friday August 12-14. Look for an email.
- Scout behaviors from summer camp that need to be resolved- if your son was involved you will be notified...don't freak out! Want to let the troop know proper behavior.
- One had to do with Andrew Francis- he had a pocket knife out on the table- one boy from another troop took Andrew's knife and refused to return it. Consequently, Andrew drew his "reserve knife". We want the boys to know that when they feel threatened about anything to please talk to an adult. Andrew addressed the troop to explain the consequences of his actions and to apologize to the troop.
- Boards of review next week- 4 Scouts needing 2 boards.
- Troop Leadership Training (TLT) tentatively scheduled for Friday August 19. Your son does not have to be in a leadership position to attend. More information to come.
- August 29 is date when the boys plan what is going to happen in 2012—TOW (Troop Organizational Workshop). Going to try to break it up into patrols.

- Eagle Scout project- Matt Mucha- Tour de Autism- This Saturday, August 6 will be meeting at UBC at 4:30 am. to travel to New Waverly. Matthew is in charge of setting up and coordinating resupply of the rest stops for the bike riders. This is to benefit the Sean Ashley House which is a local, non-profit organization that provides day care and residential care for people living with autism.
- Materials the scouts need to bring are class B shirts and closed toe shoes, sunscreen, bug spray, hat and chair
- Minimum 3 scouts per station with 2 adults for a total of about 20 volunteers @ 10 hours
- The scouts will be encouraging the riders, handing out water, Gatorade and snacks.
- Please see previous email for further information and to let Matthew know you can help.
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- Plan on returning around 2-4 pm
- If you need to make arrangements to leave early that can be done.
- Matthew chose this project because he saw how much the riders needed the rest stops and wanted to be the one to help provide the rest stops for the riders this year.
- Court of Honor- Tess Bauder- August 22
- Ask the scouts for \$4.00 each to get cookie cakes. Nadine will be collecting money- an email will be going out.
- Troop leadership training tentatively Friday August 19. Any age is welcome.
- August 29 is date when the boys plan what is going to happen in the next year. Going to break it up into the patrols and then pull all the ideas together.
- Service Project Coordinator Al Estes- looking at Quality Unit new program that SHAC has out. He will get back with us on that as far as what needs to be done to reach that goal.

Misc. Latest update on Care Packages to Leah Galliker's husbands patrol in the Middle East- the convoys were able to get some of the care packages to very out of reach outposts and they were GREATLY appreciated