

Troop 870 Parent Meeting Minutes November 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by Mike Marston, Troop Committee Chair.

Campouts – Fall Camp is November 18-23 in Lost Bayou, Louisiana. Loading is planned for Thursday, Nov. 17 at 6:30. Departure is TBD as the troop is confirming the actual start time of camp activities on Saturday the 19th. Departure will either be Friday afternoon or very early Saturday morning. Please check for an email from Kevin Chian with information on the final decision. The return will be on Wednesday, Nov. 23 around 1-2:00 pm. Scouts should check the weather reports and pack accordingly as weather is very changeable this time of year. Matt McBurnett is the SMIC for the campout.

December Camp will be a one night event on December 11 at Taylor Lake Village. The troop is inviting local Webelos to participate and would like strong participation from our troop as it is a good opportunity to meet and provide leadership to younger Scouts who may be joining our troop soon. Registration form has been emailed and is due no later than Dec. 5.

Service Projects – Chris Lupo Matt Estes' Eagle project at Habitat for Horses is ongoing, he will send an email with all his upcoming work dates. **Seafarers Shoe Box Drive** – We will again participate in this event by providing items and filling the boxes at our holiday party. There will be an email sent regarding the list of items needed for donations. Scouts who help to deliver the items to the port will receive service hours. The **Bay Area Turning Point** is coordinating a Food Drive over Thanksgiving weekend at area Kroger stores. The troop is not participating as a group, but scouts are encouraged to contact Mr. Lupo if they would like to volunteer and will receive service hours if they participate. The **Galveston Half Marathon** on Dec. 18 is in need of volunteers. Click on the link for more information. Scouts who volunteer will receive service hours. <http://www.santahustle.com/galveston/volunteers/>

Recharter – Wilna Moree The recharter paper work will be submitted by the Nov. 10th deadline. She thanked everyone for turning in the forms and payments.

Flag Fundraiser – Joe Layden thanked everyone who put out flags on Sunday, and noted that there were no complaints of missing flags. He asked that when flags are brought in that any needing repair or cleaning should be noted as such when returned.

Rama-Hana-Kwanz-Mas Party – Our holiday party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 15. The

hospitality chair will send an email with requested food and drink items, and the troop will purchase pizza. Please note the start time will be 6:00 pm. At the party, the boys will also be filling the shoeboxes for the Seafarers service project. Please remember to bring gift wrap, tape and scissors for your scout to help with the service project.

Eagle Projects– William Gensler - William presented his proposed Eagle Project which will be to plant 20 donated trees in the Brookwood neighborhood. His workdays are scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 8-4, and Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19 & 20, 8-4. William will be sending an email this week with additional details.

Scoutmaster/Steve Sambell-Mr. Sambell said the October rappelling campout was fun, although lightly attended and a long drive. Upcoming campouts are planned for December

10 at Taylor Lake Village, with local Webelos, and the January campout in Bastrop, with backpacking as the activity. Camporee will be held in late February and Webelos Woods in April. The March campout will be March 11, the first Saturday of spring break, and the troop has plans to do the Bike to the Battleship and spend the night on the Battleship Texas. The troop has purchased a new large (7x12) double-axle trailer, and will sell the 6x10 single axle trailer we still own. Any interested buyers should contact Steve Sambell. The troop would like to customize our new trailer with artwork. Any interested Scouts with artistic talents should contact Andy Croce.

Volunteer Openings/Needs

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE CHAIR - Joe Layden will be resigning his position in February as his son Chris is aging out of our troop. Joe has a wealth of knowledge, so please contact him now if you would like to be a part of planning our troop's outdoor activities.

TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIR – Mike Marston is resigning this position in January to focus on his other roles in the troop. Duties include coordination of troop volunteers, parent meetings, communicating with UBC, and supporting Scouts as they progress. Please contact Mike if you can take on this important role.

We need all parents helping to keep the troop successful – these are important positions, but definitely manageable, and a great way to be more involved with your son's troop. Please contact Joe or Mike ASAP for more information on the positions.

Calendar

November 14 – Troop Meeting – Will be held downstairs. Please note that meetings on the second Monday of each month will be downstairs

Nov. 18-23 – Fall Camp – Lost Bayou, LA

November 21 - No Meeting

November 28 –Tentatively planned as a Merit Badge work night

December 5 – Troop Meeting/Parent Meeting

December 12 – No Meeting

Thursday - December 15 Holiday Party/Seafarers Service project 6:00-9:00

December 19 – Tentatively planned as a Merit Badge work night

December 26 – No Meeting

Adjourned at 8:07 pm

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