

Troop 870 Parent Meeting Minutes November 2017

7:06 Meeting called to order **by Erich Klein**

Flags Holiday Veterans Day

- Veterans Day Holiday Flags already out and great job
- Flag Return Sunday Nov 12th from 2:00-4:00
- Make sure when returning flags that you set damaged flags aside and communicate what the damage is.

Flag Update and Info..

- Special thanks to those who were able to repair flags prior to our Veterans Day Holiday.
- Flag Maintenance is necessary in order to keep our flags beautiful and ready for each Holiday.
- Please consider helping coordinate a Flag Workday. There will be assistance and you will be well supported in helping set up and arrange the workday. If not You then Who?
- Flags to be Retired. There is a special ceremony to retire flags. We are currently in the process of setting a time and date to retire damaged flags.
- Our troop is also looking to receive input regarding what days work best for flag distribution. Consider weekdays vs weekends. Discussion will continue.
- Flags are our primary fundraiser and they offer each scout an opportunity to participate and take advantage of the Troops Generosity in subsidizing Camps and troop events.
- Each scout is required to work 2 flag holidays of your choice and 1 flag workday.
- The flag sign-up schedule will be available soon.

Volunteer Opportunities/Update

- Special Thanks to all of those who have joined the Outdoor Committee
- Wanted! Awesome parent to coordinate the next flag workday.
- Merit Badge Counselors. Our troop has done well to have parents generously serve and volunteer their time as merit badges counselors. We would love to have each family sign up for a merit badge of their choice (or more than one to help guide our scouts and support them on the scouting journey.
- BOR Board of Reviews are this week. November 13th. Please consider volunteering your time to help. Everyone enjoys seeing the scouts advance in rank. Please help these scouts as the move forward. No experience is needed and you will be amazed when you see how the scouts are doing.
- Advancement Chair Open Position after Jan Court of Honor! This position has been held by Mrs. Amanda Brown for several years and we appreciate all of her hard work. It's time to find two adults who can share the responsibilities. The plan is to divide the duties into two positions. One

for attendance and the second for advancements/Court of Honor. Please consider if this would be a good fit for you.

October Campout

- October Campout was a success. It was well attended and quite chilly. Lots of cold weather lessons learned.
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November Campout

Webelos Woods November 10-12th

- Thursday Loadout 6:30
- Depart UBC Friday at 6:00
- Return Sunday at 12:30
- Those who will help with the bonfire can arrive Saturday between 11:45-12:00
- Those who will help with cleanup on Sunday should be at camp by 8:00S Sunday.
- Service hours will be counted for assisting with the bonfire as well as clean up.
- (At the time of the minutes) Still needed trailer for loading firewood...(already Located)
- Thank you to Patricia Denson and Joe Layden for coordinating this campout.

Winter Camp

Clements Scout Ranch Dec. 27-31st

- Last day to sign-up November 6th
- Scouts will be cooking their own meals during this winter camp!
- there is an option to order barbecue for the night before heading back home
- If you would like to participate in the barbecue let Mr. Bourns know and please pay him.
- Camp cost is \$100.00 with an option to order barbecue for \$10.00
- Each scout can sign up for three Merit Badges
- Plan is to depart for camp Dec. 27th and Return Dec. 31st.
- Currently we have nine scouts who are attending winter camp

Summer Camp

Camp Emerald Bay Catalina Island July 14-21st

- Cost \$900.00 per scout (for the traditional track)
- Additional fees will be added if a scout opts to do a track that is different then the traditional

- Troop 870 is subsidizing each scout that has fulfilled their flag holiday commitment of two holidays and one workday for 2017.
- That subsidy is taking the cost from 1300.00 down to 900.00 for each scout that has participated.
- Currently we have reservations for fifteen scouts. We can easily add more scouts. However, if we adjust the reservation for less scouts we are financially penalized.
- First payment due January 12th
- Plan to leave July 14th and stay overnight on the USS Iowa
- On July 15th scouts & adults will take the ferry over to the Island
- Return July 21st.
- Adults attending would pay fees of \$550.00

Service Projects

House of Prayer Service Day

- Well Attended by troop 870 and lots of great service done.

Kroger Hunger Bags Oct. 21st and 22nd

- Lots of scouts from troops across our area participated
- Troop 870 was also there participating.
- Sold 500 hunger bags and many donations received to help the Food Pantry at St. Bernadette's Church for locals who are in need.
- The Kroger Hunger bags help those in need during the Holidays when kids are off of school and need to be fed.

UBC Fall Festival Oct. 31st

- Great Job to all of those who were able to come out and help
- For those who were not officially on the schedule make sure to let William Anguiano know if you volunteered

Webelos Woods Bonfire Service Opportunity

- For those helping with the bonfire on Saturday but not camping please arrive between 11:45- Noon
- For those helping with clean up on Sunday please be there by 8:00 Sunday morning.

Zach Sambell Senior Patrol Leader Announcements

- Oct campout went well and was well attended
- Webelos Woods this weekend and we need an Emcee for the Bonfire

Steve Sambell Scoutmaster Announcements

- Troop tents for sale. We have six more that will be available for purchase at \$125.00 each.
- Our troop does have a tent on reserve to be used by adults who attend camp.
- Hiker direct is a great place to order with a great sale going on right now.

- Email Erich Klein for the link.

General Info...

- Please familiarize yourself with the troop website and calendar
- Parents: Please make sure emails are from your child. Parents are not to be sending correspondence for their scouts.
- Our next Court of Honor is in January. There may be a change in the week that we have the COH so please stay tuned.
- NYLT is the week before Christmas. If your child is eligible, make sure to sign up early!! This leadership training fills up fast..
- The Boy Scouts have made a decision to allow girls to join Boy Scouts.
- In 2018 sons and daughters will be allowed to join cub scouts
- Packs will determine the makeup of their packs composition. All boy all girl or combination.
- BSA will announce how older girls can participate in 2018 and have the opportunity to earn the rank of Eagle with implementation in 2019.

Meeting Adjourned 7:47

