

**October 2017**

**Troop 870 Parent Meeting Minutes**

7:07 Meeting called to order by Jim Stein

**Flags**

\* Next flag Holiday in November for Veterans Day

\*Flags will go out on Sunday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> and Pick-up/Return will be Sunday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

\*Currently we have 427 flag subscribers with options to pay online or by mail with cash or check.

\*Steve Bernay will be in charge of Flag Subscriptions.

\*Mike Fincke will be in charge of Flag distribution.

\*Still in need of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Adult/parent to coordinate flag workdays and maintenance. The troop is also considering creating a position of leadership for a scout who can work with the parent volunteer. All interested parents and scouts can talk with Mr. Fincke or Mr. Sambell for more information.

**Flag Workday**

\*Currently there are 30 flags that need to be repaired before our November Holiday.

\* Work day will be scheduled to repair these flags sometime in October; please plan on joining our fellow scouts as workdays are a necessary and required part of our fundraiser.

\*Watch your email for the information and the date/times regarding flag repair.

\*Mr. Fincke will also be sending out additional volunteer opportunities to assist with Flags. We really need additional help if this is going to continue to be our primary fundraiser.

## **Volunteer Update and Openings**

\*Outdoor Committee

\*Merit Badge Counselors...please consider being a merit badge counselor. You do not need to be an expert, just have an interest in the badge you choose to be a counselor for. It is also recommended that you have the book/ requirements. Books can be checked out by the troop librarian if you so desire or purchased at the scout store.

\*Flag Workday Coordinator

\*Flag Holiday Adult volunteers to help with a Holiday of your choice.

\* Adults to sit on Boards of Review (BOR)

## Board of Reviews..(cont)

Each month on the first Monday our scout master conferences are held. The following Monday Board of Reviews are held. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to help our scouts as they move up in rank. As a Board member, you become more connected with our scouts witnessing firsthand their achievements and progress in the program. Serving on the board is both rewarding and also a great way to get to know our troop 870 scouts and families.

## Campouts

**\*September Campout** at Livingston was a success. There were 27 scouts that participated. They enjoyed lots of activities including canoeing and horseback riding. Lessons learned: KP duty takes a loooooong time!

**\*October Campout Oct. 27-29<sup>th</sup> at Lost Pines in Bastrop**

\*Jim Stein and Naveen Atluru are planning this campout on behalf of the outdoor committee.

**....sign up deadline is October 16<sup>th</sup> !!!**

\*This campout is being hosted by Troop 848 and will include a total of 13 troops with many activities planned for the weekend.

\* “Atl Atl” is the activity that our Troop 870 will be in charge of for the October campout. We plan to have our activity run from 8:00 until 12 noon. Jim Stein is making arrangements to have the equipment for “Atl Atl” at a future October meeting so our scouts can practice and coordinate how to run the activity for the campout.

\*The fee for the October Campout will be \$25.00

\*Please note that this campout is the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend of the month.!!

**\*November Campout @Webelos Woods Nov. 10-12<sup>th</sup>**

\* This campout is being planned by Joe Layden and Patricia Denson. More information to follow as planning continues.

\* Deadline for sign-up is October 30<sup>th</sup> !!

**\*December Camp @ Clements Scout Ranch Dec. 26-31<sup>st</sup>**

\* This campout is being planned by Rich Bournes & Erich Klein

\* Need a rough estimate of how many scouts plan to attend so we can start moving forward with deposits and planning etc..

\*Cost will be somewhere around \$200.00...final cost will come as planning continues.

\*Please let Mr. Bournes know if you are attending.

### **Philmont Camp June 2018**

\*Ron Roark is coordinating this trek. First payments due now. The trek will be June 2018 and practice hikes will be in the near future so stay tuned if you are planning on going to Philmont.

\**Payment* of 400 due in Sept. 400 due in Jan 400 in May and a final (if any left to be payed) by June 2018.

\*Will Need at least one and possibly 2 people who are trained in Wilderness First Aid.

\*UHCL Wilderness First Aid Nov 4/5<sup>th</sup> cost is \$250.00 with troop reimbursement of \$100.00 toward the class.

\*2<sup>nd</sup> option for the class is to do another course set up through members of our troop at a cost of \$100.00 but will need to also take CPR as it is not part of this particular one.

\*Philmont Dates June 16<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> with travel also to be added possibly total trek will be June 14<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Summer Camp @Camp Emerald Bay Catalina Island, California**

\*Rich Bournes is planning the summer camp.

\*Dates to be determined. There are scouts attending Philmont who are interested in summer camp as well so dates will be researched and announced. Will look at July for dates in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week. Please look for more information to come.

\* Cost has not yet been set and will be determined as planning begins. The troop will also look at the troop subsidy and evaluate and determine amount.

\* Summer Camp Fees...once determined will start in January and complete payment by March 2018.

\* Scouts will travel by Airplane and Ferry over to the island.

\*Scouts will carry what they need for camp. Troop 870 will not need to bring equipment for this summer camp.

\*It is possible that that the scouts will stay the Saturday night before camp so they can catch the ferry early Sunday. Will research options for accommodations?

\* Discussed possibly staying on the US Iowa to limit cost of overnight stay and to be in close proximity to the ferry.

\*Discussed additional options to raise money including possibly a one time opportunity to earn money through the flag program but still in discussion phase and will be above troop requirement.

\* Opportunity to raise money for camp could also be a car wash that scouts could run at Collision Center. Mr. Jerry Graham is a great supporter of the scouts so perhaps may be another option.

## **Tents**

\*Our troop has agreed to order more tents that will be available for purchase in the near future.

\*There is a possibility that tent price may be adjusted based upon the final cost to the troop.

\*Benefit of ordering the same tent is to allow ease of set up and uniformity when attending other campouts with other troops.

\*Our troop does keep one tent on reserve for use by Parents who are attending camp.

## **Court Of Honor**

\*Next Court of Honor will the Last week of January 2018

## **Troop Calendar**

\*Parents please look at the troop 870 calendar and website and encourage your scout to also go online and check everything

out as well. The best way to know what resources are available is to spend time on the website.

### **Camp Strake Update**

\*Due to open in 2019 with lots of great opportunities.

**\*\*\*Parents\*\*\***

***It is the scouts responsibility to communicate and send their own emails. Please make sure they are the ones communicating within and outside of the troop.***

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06