

Troop 870 Parent Meeting Minutes July 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Joe Layden.

Campouts – Summer Camp – July 12-18. Joe has sent a detailed email with the latest information regarding summer camp including packing lists, flight schedules and each Scout's camp itinerary. Please review this email if you have questions. Noted at Monday's parent meeting:

Any Scout who is will be taking prescription medication must bring a completed medication form to either the load out on Thursday or Friday or to the airport on Sunday morning. All adults and scouts attending camp must be healthy to go to camp. Persons showing any signs of fever, vomiting, muscle aches or pains will not be allowed to attend camp. Airport Transportation – Steve McGehee will be at UBC on Sunday with a 15 pax van to transport campers to Hobby Airport. The van will leave at 4:15 am for those on the first flight and at 6:00 am for the group on the second flight. The van will leave promptly at these times, - if you miss the van's departure you will have to provide your own transportation to the airport. Scout Mail – Parents should send any mail to their scouts on Thursday or Friday of this week in order for their scout to receive that mail while at camp.

Woodruff Scout Camp

"Scout's Name"

Unit # T870 (SHAC) Week # 7

31 Woodruff Drive

Blairsville, GA 30512

Money for Camp – Scouts will need to purchase at least two meals (on the trips to and from the airport). The second group (leaving ATL at 8 p.m.) will need to purchase a third meal as well. The adults attending camp have agreed that they can hold the cash, in properly labeled envelopes, for scouts. The camp recommends each Scout take ~\$60 for incidental expenses (snacks, drinks, souvenirs). In the past, our troop has recommended \$30 - \$40 for these. Again, if you would like an adult to hold the money for your scout, please have the money in labeled envelopes.

Load-Out – The regular load out is scheduled for Friday, at 5:30 pm. However, Joe Layden is transporting footlockers for a limited number of scouts. (You should have received a notice from Joe if he is expecting you on Thursday at 7:00) Please note that whatever does not fit into your footlocker (i.e. sleeping bag) must be brought to the Friday night 5:30 loading.

Chris Grafe is the SMIC for summer camp. He requests that you please send him any food allergy information for your scout so that the camp kitchen personnel are aware. He also requested that each scout remember to bring a reusable water bottle, pack two pairs of shoes – hiking and sneakers, and if participating in water activities at camp they should have closed toe water shoes. Remember:

DO NOT pack the Class "A" uniform. Plan to wear that on the plane.

DO pack your knife INSIDE the footlocker. If you bring a knife (in your footlocker), you MUST have and BRING your totin' chip. If you try and carry on a knife, it will be confiscated, so check any carry-on to make sure NO KNIVES.

• LABEL ALL BELONGINGS WITH NAME / INITIALS. Also consider including T870 on your labels.

Eagle Projects

Reed Blanchard presented his Eagle project. He will be renovating a garden at the small children's playground at UBC. The dates for the project are July 24 and 25th. Volunteers are needed on Friday from 5:30 -7:30 pm (prefers older scouts to help on Friday) and from 8:30am-1:30 pm on Saturday. Please bring a shovel, work gloves, a water bottle and safety glasses. Wear closed toe shoes and Troop t-shirts. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for Saturday's volunteers. The flier with the project description and volunteer information is attached to these minutes.

Andrew Lawson – Andrew will be holding the workdays for his project this Saturday and Sunday, July 11-12. He will be constructing plywood props for the Clear Lake High School Band. There will be two shifts: 8-11:30 and 12-4:00. The project will take place in the CLHS 9th Grade Center parking lot. He will need 10-15 volunteers, so please email Andrew at andrew@lawsontexas.com. by Thursday night if you can attend. The project description is attached with further information.

Flag Fundraiser – The flags will be taken in on Wednesday July 8. If you are scheduled to help but have a conflict, please contact Paul Nguyen as soon as possible. Also, if you are available to help retrieve flags on Wednesday, please let Paul know. Remember that the flag fundraiser is our major source of income and provides large subsidies for camps that all boys attend. Each Scout must participate in the fundraiser.

Scoutmaster/Notes – Steve Sambell Scout Leadership position elections will be held at the July 27 meeting. Scouts interested in pursuing a leadership position (Patrol leaders, Senior Patrol Leader, ASPLs - Service, Meetings, Camping) should let their interest be known to their fellow Scouts as soon as possible. New terms will start in August and the Troop Leadership Training (TLT) sessions will be scheduled during the first two weeks of August. Any Scout in a Star or Life rank needs to hold a leadership position at some point to advance further. In addition to leadership positions, the troop also has openings for scouts to serve as Librarian, Historian, Guide, Instructor and Trainer. There is more information on each of these positions in the scout's handbook.

Steve suggested that non-summer campers can contact Barton Bennett of the Venture crew for activities this week or for those interested in learning to sail, the Beginners Sailing course at Bay Area Access is highly recommended. Steve also noted that starting in August, the troop will begin to plan the calendar for the upcoming year.

Philmont Hike – There will be a 5-7 mile practice hike on Saturday, August 8 For those scouts planning to attend Philmont next summer. The hike will be held in the Clear Lake area, and is planned to finish up at a Scouts home for a swim afterward. Please contact Joe Layden if interested.

Triathlon – Mike Lovelace announced that our annual troop triathlon is scheduled for Saturday, August 15. The triathlon will begin at 7 am and is usually complete by 11:00. Many parent volunteers are needed to make the triathlon a success. An email will be sent with more volunteer and registration information. On Saturday, August 8, Mike is coordinating a bike ride that will cover the entire route used for the triathlon. If your scout has never participated in a group ride or has any hesitation about doing so, this is a great opportunity to ride the route beforehand. Please email Mike if you are interested in participating.

[Advancements](#) - No advancements this month. Please contact Amanda Brown if you have questions about advancements. mandabrown703@gmail.com

Calendar

[July 11-12 – Andrew Lawson Eagle Project at CLHS 9th Grade Center](#)

[July 12-18 Summer Camp](#)

[July 13 – No Troop Meeting due to summer camp](#)

[July 20 - Troop Meeting - Summer campers should arrive at UBC at 6:30 to unload the vans.](#)

[July 24-25 – Reed Blanchard Eagle Project at UBC](#)

[July 27 – Troop meeting at UBC – Troop elections](#)

[August 3 – Troop Meeting and Parent Meeting](#)

[August 8 – Practice Hike for Philmont Group](#)

[August 8 – Familiarization Bike Ride for Triathlon](#)

[August 10 – Troop Meeting](#)

[August 15 – Triathlon \(at Brookwood Pool\)](#)

[August 17 – Troop Meeting](#)

[August 24 – Troop Meeting](#)

[August 31 – Troop Meeting](#)

Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Suzanne Sambell

Troop 870 Secretary