

Troop 870 Parent's meeting

May 6, 2013

- There is a lot going on in the month of May, and the meeting began with the following items highlighted from the calendar:

May 11- Paul Nguyen is asking for parents to assist with preparing flags for this year's fund raising activities. Please email Paul [k43pnguyen@yahoo.com] if you would be available for a couple of hours in the morning.

May 11-2:00 p.m. Eagle Court of Honor (C of H) at UBC in the Great Room which is on the second floor of the church. RSVP's appreciated by not required. Scouts attending should wear the full class A uniform, including scarf and merit badge sash.

May 13-The meeting next week will feature the scuba video that must be watched before scouts can enter the water at the scuba event later in the month. Also there will be a gear exchange—any camping gear that is excess to your need may be sold during the meeting.

May 18-Paul Nguyen will be installing holes for the flag installation for new and returning subscribers. Contact him if you can help.

May 20- Quarterly C of H in the Fellowship Hall. Again, full class A is the expected uniform for this event.

May 27-tentative date for Joe Godwin's Eagle project. More details to follow.

Looking ahead for some dates during the summer: The troop triathlon is July 20. The troop meeting on August 12 will feature an interesting video about protecting yourself during an "active shooter" situation. Given the mature nature of this subject, only those scouts who are high school age will be viewing the video. Younger scouts will be having an alternate activity during the video.

- Following the calendar overview, there were several committee reports:

Advancements: reminder that you do not need to request a blue card before summer camp

Treasurer: Mrs. Croce reports approximately \$18,000 in the account for now. A question was raised about how much was needed for summer camp and Mrs. Croce advised that summer camp is paid for with the exception of the van rental.

Fund Raising: Mr. Nguyen reminded those that are participating in the Memorial Day Flag distribution that flags need to go out on May 24. He said that 82% of scouts had signed up for flag distribution/pick up already for the coming year.

Outdoor/camping: Mr. Layden reminded parents that you must have current YPT if you are going to drive to campouts and/or camp with the troop. There was also a reminder that a doctor must sign the form for Scuba, even if you have a part C medical form on file with the troop. Finally, Mr. Layden said that there will probably be a committee meeting at next week's troop meeting.

Mr. Marston announced that there are several committee positions open including the outdoor committee and merit badge counselors are always needed. Mrs. Francis reminded parents that you must fill out a specific application form if you want to be a counselor, even if you are already a registered troop member.

After the committee reports, the meeting adjourned.