

Troop 870 Parent Meeting Minutes February 1, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 by Mike Marston, Troop Committee Chair.

Campouts –The February campout will be held at Bastrop State Park, February 20-21. Ron Roark is the SMIC for this campout. Campers will be working on skills to advance to First Class rank, including completing a five mile hike, backpacking skills and preparing a trail meal. Registration forms are due at our next meeting. Mr. Roark emphasized that scouts should be comfortable packing their own gear for campouts. They should have an appropriate sized stuff sack (not a sleeping bag sack) for their items and have their sleeping bags properly secured for travel and hiking. Please also ensure that your Scout does not bring a tent that is too large for them to assemble on their own. Scouts only need a two, or at most a three man size tent. Anything larger becomes too large and unwieldy for them to manage alone. If you have questions about the correct gear to bring on campouts there is a list on our troop website or have your Scout talk to a Patrol leader or Scoutmaster if they have questions.

Philmont – The Philmont crew will also be camping that weekend at Bastrop. They will leave on Friday, February 19 so that they can hike both Saturday and Sunday.

March Campout – Webelos Woods– The troop will participate in Webelos Woods, and Troop 870 will again be in charge of the Bonfire at the camp. The troop plans to build, light and maintain the fire as well as clean up the fire site Sunday morning. We will include inbound Webelos to the troop during the lighting of the fire. The campout is scheduled for March 4-6, but the troop will more than likely only attend on Saturday, March 5.

Summer Camp – Summer camp is set for July 17-23 at Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch. Because the troop is planning to travel by train, there will be an extra day needed on either end for travel to/from the camp. **You must have your registration form to Joe Layden today to ensure that your Scout will have a reserved seat on the train.** The train will leave Houston on Saturday, July 16 in the early evening and will depart Saturday, the 23rd, and arrive in Houston early morning on Sunday, July 24th.

Service - 1) The Epicurean evening at Space Center Houston is Thursday, Feb. 4. Scouts should wear their Class A uniform and meet at Space Center Houston at 6:15. George Rodriguez will be the Scoutmaster in charge at this event. 2) Scouting for Food – the food pickup will be this Saturday. Scouts should meet at 9:00 am in the St Clare Church parking lot to pick up donated items and deliver them to Bay Area Turning Point.

Scout Sunday - Sunday, February 7 is Scout Sunday with Dutch Oven cooking of Man Crepes for the UBC congregation. We need both Scout and adult volunteers to help with preparing and serving the crepes to the members of UBC. The event will need help starting at 7am until approximately 2pm. Please come for at least a couple of hours to say Thank you to the members of UBC who so generously support our Troop. Look for an email from Kai Lupo – ASPL Service with more details.

SPL/Scoutmaster/Notes – Xander Rodriguez is our new Senior Patrol Leader. He worked with his assistant patrol leaders this past weekend to complete their Troop Leadership Training, and noted that their new term starts today. He reminded Scouts of the upcoming service projects and Scout Sunday volunteer needs. Scouts should have washed dishes at home for the first time!

Scoutmaster Steve Sambell – Reminded Scouts and parents to make sure that Scouts are learning how to pack efficiently for campouts, bringing their own mess kit, No disposable dishes or disposable water bottles should be brought on campouts.

Open Committee Positions

Activity Committee Chair

Treasurer

Troop Committee Chair

Thank you to Steve Bernay who has volunteered to be our Merit Badge Counselor!

Calendar

Thursday, February 4 – Epicurean Evening Service project at Space Center Houston

Saturday, February 6- Scouting for Food, Donations pickup

Sunday, February 7 - Scout Sunday @ UBC

Monday, February 8 – Troop Meeting

Monday, February 15 – Troop Meeting

Friday, February 19-21 – Philmont Group to Bastrop State Park

Saturday, February 20-21 Backpacking Campout @Bastrop State Park

Monday February 22 – Troop Meeting

Monday, February 29 – Troop Meeting

Adjourned at 8:25

Suzanne Sambell

Troop 870 Secretary

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