

September Parent Meeting Minutes

September – 2017

Called to order 7:05 by Kevin Klein Meeting

Flags – Discussed Flags as primary fundraiser. Flags will be picked up this week Thursday and Friday from 5-7pm. Mr. Fincke will be at the Flag storage both Thursday and Friday to accommodate those with band/football games. Make sure flags that are dirty or damaged are set off to the side and be sure to let Mr. Fincke know as well.

Remember: The Flags are our only fundraiser allowing our troop to offset the cost for our boys to go to summer and winter camps so please participate and or find another scout to help you fulfill your duty.

******Fundraiser - (each scout and parent is required to participate - 1 work day & 2 holidays)******

- a. **Workdays:** Our next workday will be scheduled for spring 2018. We need to have One more person coordinate the flag workdays/flag maintenance. Please consider volunteering as this will greatly impact the overall success of our fundraiser and the integrity of our flags.
 - b. **Flag Workday Coordinator Opportunity:** This person would schedule the flag workdays in spring 2018 and arrange equipment necessary to clean, repair and maintain our Flags. Keep in mind that while one person would coordinate this, additional adults could also volunteer to assist. Additionally, we discussed looking at having a troop position of leadership for an older scout needing leadership within the troop to help with this as well. We will continue to determine how to create this new position as well as expectations.
 - c. **Flag Fundraiser dates: Please note the following dates for flag distribution and pick-up**
 - Memorial: Wed May 24/Wed May 31
 - Independence: Fri June 30/Fri July 7
 - Patriot: Thur Sept. 7/Thur Sept. 14 & Fri. Sept 15th
 - Veterans: Sun Nov 5/Sun Nov 12
2. **Volunteer Update and Committee Positions Available** – still looking for volunteers:
- a. **Outdoor Committee – Rich Bourns** This committee is in charge of planning and scheduling monthly campouts as well as handling paperwork associated with the campout. You do not have to attend the campouts. Currently we need at least 5-6 additional adults to help with this. We have 4-5 people at this time and really need a total of 12+ for our campouts to be successful and well planned.
 - b. **Merit Badge Counselors –** We need more parents to volunteer for merit badge counselors. Adults – We are recruiting an adult leadership position for this. -

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- c. **Need Adult Coordinator who will include a list of merit badges and the counselors for the badges**
Bring Merit Badge counselor sign up forms (<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>)
 - d. **Boards of Review** – Volunteers are needed most every month and there is no training required. This is a good opportunity for newer parents to interact with other scouts and see how the Scouts progress through the ranks – you will be impressed by the young men in our troop! It basically entails meeting with the Scouts and discussing their Scout activities and getting feedback on ways the Troop can improve. A large part of the Boards is to help the Scout become more comfortable speaking in front of a group. If you are interested contact Amanda Brown to volunteer or look for her emails at the beginning of each month.
 - e. **Secretary:** Anne Anguiano is our new secretary. We want to thank Suzanne Sambell for her dedication as our outgoing secretary...great job.
3. **Summer triathlon** – We had a very successful triathlon with a Great Turnout! We want to extend our Congratulations to our 870 top finishers:
Trevor Marston - Swimming
Cole Klein- Running
Zach Sambell-Biking
- ***Thank You to all of our parents and volunteers who made this such a success! ****
4. **September Campout** - September Campout will be at Lake Livingston September 22-24th. There are several boys who will be horseback riding. Horseback riding will be in the morning. There will be two groups with one riding for an hour while the other group is learning how to care for and work with the horses. The two groups will switch after an hour. Saturday afternoon the boys will go canoeing. Load-Out will be at 6pm Thursday September 21st.....look for an email confirming details from Rich Bourns. The Plan is to leave around 6 on Friday Sept. 22nd and return Sunday Sept 24th at 1:00 .
5. **Winter Camp and Summer Camp**– Our camp will be the week of Dec. 26-31th 2017. Location of Winter Camp is still being determined. Bovay is currently the main prospect and details will follow. Summer Camp is in the process of being decided with planning to begin soon and details to follow.
6. **Service Projects** – UBC extended their sincere gratitude to all of the Boy Scouts of troop 870 for their service. They have been very complimentary of our Boy Scouts and their time helping our community. In an effort to keep our scouts safe we do not at this time recommend our boy scouts volunteering to clean out houses as conditions are no longer safe. We encourage you to continue to volunteer but please do so in other ways that maintain safety first.
- **Please remember scouts need at least 3 hours before attending winter/fall camp. **
7. **Senior Patrol Leader/Scout Master Announcements** Zach Sambell/Steve Sambell

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- a. Mr. Sambell requested that sign-ups for camp-outs be closed the Monday 2 weeks prior to each camp-out. This will give the boys and their patrols two Monday meetings for the boys to plan.
- b. January COH will need to be moved to later in January to allow time for Mrs. Brown to input all information from winter camp.
- c. Next campout is in September 22-24 – Lake Livingston
- d. Philmont Eligible scouts -Boyscouts must be 14 years old and /or completed 8th grade. Boys also need to be 1st class rank. (Need to be able to carry at least a 40 lbs. pack as well)
- e. Philmont Prep. Hikes will begin in the near future. Mr. Roark will arrange dates and times for practice hikes so look for details to come soon.

September 2017 deposits due \$400

Payment deadlines

Jan 2018 \$400

May 2018 \$400

June 2018 \$TBD final settle up

- f. web is almost active – this will allow scouts and family's to more easily track their scout's advancement.
- g. Tent purchase - ALPS zephyr 3 with ground cloth - \$100.00 – see Steve Bernay
- h. Scoutmaster and ASM training – Saturday 10/7
- i. NYLT winter session is the week before Christmas Dec 18-23.
- j. IOLS (Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills) opportunity Oct 13-14 on San Jacinto District Calendar for up and coming ASMs and SMs

8. Upcoming events & Announcements:

- a. COH in January 8, 2018...Discussed moving to later in January so all data from winter camp can be added by Mrs. Brown.
- b. Sam Houston Area Council <communications@shac.org -

Check out the website and familiarize yourself with events that are going on in our council. Can also Join Sam Houston Area Council's mailing list and stay up to date regarding scouting events in the area

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- i. Scout fair, staffing at camps, National Jamboree, Powder Horn, Philmont, training courses, OA, venturing, etc.
9. Troop calendar – update from troop website. Please check out the troop website and calendar and encourage your scout to as well. It is important to know what is going on and how to navigate the calendar as well as the website.

(https://troop870wubc.com/concrete5/files/9214/8816/7100/Troop_870_calendar_1_27_17.pdf)

10. Scouting education – each month I will present a new item about scouting to help make the parents aware of a specific topic – Ex. Eagle, high adventure camps, jobs available to youth in scouts at camps- national wildlife refuges -parks, etc., September – Jobs available to scouts at summer camps - Mr. Klein also spoke of the great opportunities for the Boy Scouts as individuals to work at different summer camps and earn money. The camps tend to be flexible with the boys schedules as they need lots of volunteers and many of these positions are paid!
11. Mr. Edwards spoke about Emergency preparedness classes for the community that will be starting September 28th. Classes will be offered by BAYCERT on Thursdays beginning on September 28th for 3 hours each Thursday for 8 weeks.

Mr. Edwards also spoke of considering looking at September 11th and Memorial flag dates due to our inability to being able to move flags to half staff to correspond with the holiday

Meeting adjourned 8:03