



## Troop 870 Parent Meeting Minutes February 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Mike Marston.

**Campouts** - Webelos Woods is from February 27- March 1 at Challenger Park. The troop will be in charge of building the bonfire on Saturday, scouts can earn service hours for helping with the building and maintenance of the camp bonfire. SMIC will be Al Estes, and Erich Klein is the outdoor committee member collecting paperwork for this campout. No cost for this campout, only for food. Registrations are due by March 9. Mr. Estes will be camping on Friday and Saturday nights so scouts may choose to also stay for 1 or 2 nights.

**Summer Camp** - We have 16 Scouts signed up currently, but could still add a few more. The troop will be traveling by air to Georgia, with an adult driving and towing the trailer. Anyone interested in going should turn in their forms ASAP to Joe Layden. Camp is from Sunday, July 12 - Saturday, July 18. Loading will likely be on July 10 or 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Philmont** - A crew of scouts who are interested and qualified to attend Philmont is forming. Scouts must have completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade, be at least 14 years old, and a 1<sup>st</sup> class Scout. The troop will plan approx. 6-8 long practice hikes between now and Philmont, scheduled for June 2016.

**Service Projects** Epicurean Night at Space Center Houston is on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 5:45-9:30. Scouts will help pick up trash during and after the event. Jay Hobstetter is the troop's new Service Patrol leader. Please contact Jay or Chris Lupo if interested in this project. On Sunday, February 8 the troop will be cooking their "man crepes" in Dutch ovens for UBC parishioners. All Scouts are encouraged to participate and will be cooking, serving, and cleaning during this event. There will be a detailed email soon from Jay Hobstetter about sign up.

### **Volunteers /Troop Leadership-**

#### **Congratulations to the following parent volunteers:**

Amanda Brown - Has been selected as Troop 870's Advancements Chair to replace Leah Galliker. We wish her well in this very important job. Also Bernadette Bennett will replace Amanda as the Hospitality Chair.

The following committees need volunteers and are seeking new leaders to help with our continued success. Each family in the troop is expected to volunteer in some capacity with the troop.

Outdoor Committee (current chair- Joe Layden)  
Flag Fundraiser Registration (Jennifer Crucian)  
Troop Membership/Registration (Sharon Marston)  
Flag Fundraiser Chair (Paul Nguyen)

#### **New troop leaders** - Congratulations also to our new troop leaders:

Matt Estes - Senior Patrol Leader  
Zach Sambell - Camping  
Jay Hobstetter - Service Projects

Flag Fundraiser - There is a slight change to our policy for the flag fundraiser. Scouts must work at least three flag-related events each year. This includes working two of the holidays and at least one other work day. The holidays are: Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, and Patriots' Day. Signups will begin in March. The flag committee is also seeking adult volunteers who will sign up to help distribute flags for each specific holiday. Upcoming planned work days in April at the Pinebrook pool tab distribution and the storage facility, and in May for PVC inserts and repaint.

Scoutmaster Steve Sambell - Noted his thanks to those parents who organized last month's Award ceremony. Reminded everyone to come to UBC on Sunday. Each scout should work a two hour minimum and he would like to have full patrols volunteer. There will be a University of Scouting at Davis HS on Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> for those interested. Please check the troop calendar if scouts are interested in additional camping opportunities. He said that Camp Woodruff (summer camp) does offer options for Scouts who don't want to sign up for traditional merit badge classes. These include white water rafting and other high adventure excursions. The cost of this year's camp is currently estimated at \$450, pending the number of attendees and the final cost of air travel. If you can't make 870's summer campout, Troop 595 in Clear Lake is also accepting campers for their long-term summer camp. Mr. Sambell noted that we need higher attendance at our monthly campouts. Please try to attend as much as possible.

Venture Crew - Mr. Bennett noted that he is sending an email asking for those interested in participating in the crew's activities. These are separate from the troop.

Training - Mr. Croce noted the NYLT for summer 2015 signups are now open. Scouts must be 13 years old and at least a 1<sup>st</sup> class rank. At NYLT scouts learn advanced leadership skills, and this course is required by our troop before holding any Senior leadership position.

Advancements - Scouts received any merit badges earned from Fall camp at this meeting. Ms. Galliker also distributed the last Land Stewardship patch. Many thanks to Leah for all her hours of service as the troop's Advancements Chair. Well done!

Adjourned at 8:14 pm

Suzanne Sambell

Troop 870 Secretary