

Troop 870 Parent Meeting Minutes September 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Mike Marston.

Campouts –The September campout is scheduled for this weekend. NOTE: the loading will now be on Friday at 6 pm, and departure will be on Saturday at 5:00 am. The troop will participate in climbing activities on Saturday. There will also be other planned activities for Scouts who do not wish to climb. Please look for an additional email from Joe Layden regarding camp details. Ron Roark will be the SMIC for this campout.

Advancements – Amanda explained that as of January 1, 2016 there will be changes made to the rank advancement requirements. Scouts may finish their current next higher rank under the old requirements, but if this rank is not achieved by Jan. 1, 2017 they must complete it under the new requirements. If you have questions, Amanda can send the PDF of full set of changes if you are interested in having them. She also wanted to emphasize that Scouts must have the proper signatures for their Merit Badge cards. They must be signed by the Merit Badge Counselor who is registered for that specific Merit Badge. A full list of our merit badge counselors is available on our website. mandabrown703@gmail.com

Flag Fundraiser – Patriot Day Flags were taken down yesterday. Our final Flag Duty is Veterans Day; flags will go out on November 8 and back in on Nov. 14. Remember that each Scout must participate in two holiday flag distributions. So, if your son has not already completed two holidays this year, he must help out this time. Paul Nguyen will be emailing the troop with more information as we approach the holiday.

Upcoming Eagle Project – Andrew Francis presented information about his upcoming Eagle project. Andrew will be repairing and refurbishing an existing bench swing as well as building an additional bench swing, by the baseball field at UBC, near the scout storage shed. His project is planned for September 26 and 27th. He will need 5-10 scouts each day. The project will start at 8 am on Saturday and 1 pm on Sunday. Please bring your own water bottle, shovel, wheelbarrow and post hole digger if you have one. Food will be provided.

SPL Update Reed Blanchard – Reed noted that the troop's theme for September is Climbing. The troop will be covering climbing safety, climbing knots, Leave No Trace principles and plans to cover all aspects of the climbing Merit badge so that Scouts should receive their badge if they attend this month's camp and

complete the climbing. He noted the patrol duties are as follows: Service – Eagles; Games – Scorpions, Skills – Phoenix and Requirements – Dragons.

Scoutmaster/Notes – Steve Sambell noted that 23 Scouts are signed up for this month's campout, a good turnout. There were also a large number of scouts at the Maintenance visit at Hobby Airport last week and many of those scouts have now completed the bulk of the Aviation merit badge. The troop has had several successful Eagle projects and expects several more in the coming months. Please have your Scout plan to volunteer to help when possible. The Order of the Arrow elections will be held in November. To be eligible, a scout must be at least First Class rank, 13 years old and have at least 15 completed camping nights. Andrew Croce is working on a new troop t-shirt design and shirts will be ordered soon. If your scout has not received their uniform name tag, they should now be available from Mr. Rodriguez. Parents should check their YPT status and complete this required on-line training as necessary. Any Troop committee member must now also complete the troop Committee Challenge on-line training. You may go to myscouting.scouting.org and follow the links to complete the training.

Calendar

September 26-27 Andrew Francis Eagle Project Workdays

October 3 – Xander Rodriguez – Eagle Court of Honor @ Freeman Library

October 18 – Dylan Senderling Eagle Court of Honor @ NASA Gilruth Center

October 16-18 – Campout – Location TBD/Theme: Wilderness Survival

DEC 26-31 – NYLT Winter session. To attend must be First Class and 13 years old

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Adjourned at 7:50 pm

Suzanne Sambell

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