

Troop Reorganization

In August, probably the first week of school, we will have elections for SPL. We will set a new requirement that the SPL be 1st Class. Other positions have no rank requirement for now.

Following the election, the SPL will need to select an ASPL. I will work with the Scouts that are eligible and get them thinking about their choice.

That night, we will also offer Scouts the option of forming a new Patrol. Assuming that 4-5 Scouts decide that they want to do that, we will then ask about any Scouts that want to swap Patrols. My gut-feel on this is that we will get the same effect as if we simply said form new Patrols. The difference will be that any Scout that doesn't want to move will already have a Patrol. The only real ending requirement that we will have will be that the Patrols are about the same size (plus we have veto power). That same evening the Patrols will elect a PL and the new Patrol will develop a name.

Need to encourage flags, yells, etc once we reach this point.

We will go into the School year with four Patrols of 4-5 Scouts each and that will pretty much stay a permanent arrangement. (this means we need to get the "D" box outfitted before August)

If a Patrol is too small on a campout (say only 2 Scouts go) they can option to combine with another Patrol for that campout.

SPL and ASPL will become members of the Pizza Patrol during their term. After their term they will go into the Patrol where the new SPL/ASPL has come from. In general they will not have duties around cooking/cleaning/etc and will be expected to monitor the Troop.

Troop size limited to about 36 (I see SPL, ASPL1, ASPL2, & QM as all being part of Pizza patrol in the end). This leaves us with 4, ~8 Scout Patrols. Probably pull ASPL2 and QM across at February election. Goal is quality not quantity.

Will ask David Payne to step up as 4th liaison.

When new Scouts come in February/March, they will select the Patrol they want subject to size limits, PLC approval, and SM veto.

We need Troop Committee to develop rules for who gets preference for position. (I feel strongly that parental commitment to help should be a factor)

Will hold a JLT ASAP after elections.

Scheduling

Meeting after campout will have three elements BOR, PLC, Liaison Signoff opportunities, no general meeting

All meetings will be worked to have FCE and older Scout programs, Patrol Meetings, Troop Wide Activity

Yearly planning meeting (lock-in) probably August 15-16.

Need to get schedule plans published.

COH postponed until after Cima to get CPR done (6/27/03)

August camp is Brosig

Need FCE + older Scout activities!

Planned service project

Unclear there is any real push for early departure to Cima, may work on a Scout-to-Scout level.

Advancement

Discussed Strake and where we got to in FCE. Liaisons will help encourage Scouts to complete partials (probably should apply to all Scouts, not just FCE). Will work CPR and TF, 1st, 2nd first aid issues as a troop. Scouts need to work home first aid kit.

Long discussion on Strake feedback (see separate sheet sent to Strake Leaders, will send out to general group after review)

Need to work with summer camp to better understand prerequisites and training goals. Only eight of a possible 36 MB for FCE Scouts were completed, versus 32 of 32 last year.

Need to get lists of who has applied as MBC's into TMME so that we can publish list, Chris to get with Dave W. to work. Only have Darlene and Chris in system right now.

Need to get copies of TMME to all SMs along with database info so they know where their Scouts are.

Equipment

Priority – trailer interior for towing to Cima (Mark/Chris to work as leads)

Trailer Storage at Clear Lake Church of Christ – Danny/Jerry to work on fencing

Outfit 4th Patrol "D" box, need two more red water coolers, need for Brosig in August

Get plastic boxes to replace equipment rolls in Grub Boxes

Lockable medication storage

Lockable money storage (Troop bank for Scouts)

Equipment Not Discussed but with actions needed

axe box with stanchions for ax yard.

propane storage methods (box for bottles, "rack" for tanks)

extra propane hose for Cima (Chris has one, need second due to cooking requirements)

Small toolbox with nails, duct tape, hammer, pliers, screwdriver etc

Utility rope.

All dining flies outfitted in bags with rope and stakes.

All gear labeled for Patrols.

Dining fly poles are losing bottom plug. Need to figure an alternative plug that won't fall off and will keep pole from sinking into ground (PVC Cap?)

Other Topics

Concerned that some Scouts overspent money early at Strake and didn't save any to buy kits for handicrafts. Some borrowed some didn't. Need method to ensure money for kits is there when needed at Summer Camp. Will need to really watch this next year. For some reason was no issue last year. Troop "Bank" seems workable option.

Need parents to be aware of which Scouts borrowed money. Payback owed to several SMs.

Cima medication rules have been different than Strake's (meds not locked up in Health Lodge). Need to lock up meds in camp especially considering some meds in use. (small lockable action packer?)

Two Scouts from T-95 will probably be joining us for Cima. Their Super Troop was cancelled due to Cima week #7 going away. Darlene knows both and Chris knows one.

Danny has 1-2 former Scouts at CL CofC that he is encouraging to join Troop.

SMs all agreed that a change in Charter Org may be best with lack of BAPC support and interest shown by CL CofC.