

Scoutmaster's Report to Troop Committee

Sunday February 8, 2004

- TMME DotNet going well, still need to get a bit more consistent on inputting requirements updates
- Scout Sunday –
 - Brentley and Alex did great leading parts of worship
 - Renny handled the ushers well
 - Great response – David Layman wants to work with us on other service items
- Bastrop Orienteering went well. Not as many completed course as was expected. Brentley Rehak and Steven Jacob came in 2nd place in S-T-2 division out of about 50 teams. Scouts had fun but probably took skills needed for granted.
- Firearms Training – Scoutmasters are continuing with training in prep for Shooting Sports this summer. These folks that have completed the NRA training will run courses but we will need plenty of help from parents to stay safe. See CO also.
 - Rifle Trained – Counts, D. Williford, Rehak
 - Shotgun Trained – Counts, D. Williford, REhak, Hulsey
 - Muzzle Loading Rifle – Counts, D. Williford
 - Muzzle Loading Shotgun – TBD (Counts for sure)
- Movie Night – less turnout than what was “reserved”, Scouts seemed to have fun with movie and we had a good discussion of various leadership and character traits. Continuing this month with The Emperors Club.
- Purchases
 - Neckerchiefs, Loops, Slides, Unit Numbers for incoming (have notebooks)
 - Class – B Design voting on Tuesday 2/10 then will press with shirts
 - Tents – 10 7x9 Unipens on order (need to make ground tarps)
 - Still Need – 2 red water coolers
 - Looking at printed gym shorts for Personal Fitness in the fall
- Trailer Cleanup – only 10 Scouts showed up (< ½ of Troop)
- Scoutmaster Meetings – will continue about once a month
- Elections – PLC and OA on Tuesday 2/10. We will need to work another reorg and are going to have Scouts figure out patrols in a more controlled environment.
- Rising Star Canoe Clinic Training – Flatwater and Whitewater Training was originally planned for adults but has now been opened up to Scouts also. Adult training required to take Troop on canoe trips. Youth may not be allowed to do Whitewater if they don't have sufficient strength during flatwater.
 - Adults – Counts, Rehak, J. Williford, D. Williford, Burbank, Wright, MacLean
 - Youth – Counts, Rehak, Williford, Burbank, J. Wright, E. Wright, Berno, Hall, MacLean
- Jamboree – Forms need to go in ASAP or will be on waiting list.

- Cooking MB – started last week – great smells from the kitchens
 - Need to work with CLCC on schedules and Danny on repairing range in kitchen
 - February is a cooking campout at Brosig. Free time for advancements.
- May Campout – being held at Blutworth Farm (Jody's family's farm) the weekend after school is out. Leave Friday – come back ??? (late Sunday or late on Memorial Day?) Would be a three night CO if we stay till Monday. Will have canoes on stock pond, lots of spots to explore, and the shooting sports. Will definitely need adults to monitor activities.
- Incoming Scouts (8 sure, 2 will join and not participate, 13 unknown)
 - Pack 957 - David Jacob, Weston O'Neill, Robert Beisert, Drew Manning, Ben Musso, David Levy, C. J. Primm (parents have not come to meeting yet), Garrett Johnson, Viking Patrol – will make decision today (12 Scouts)
 - Pack 956 - ?????? Lloyd, Allen Wild, Julian Gallardo
 - Expect more inquiries over the next month. Won't be able to accommodate.
 - Current Troop level – 21 on the books, only expect 16 to be active.
 - If we get all the Scouts that have talked about coming over we will be at 44 with an expectation of only 37 being active. This looks good!
- Summer Camp
 - Buffalo Trails – will take all Scouts interested if we have enough adults
 - McDonald Observatory + ?????
 - Camp Strake – rotate leaders but need one there all week for continuity
- Florida Sea Base
 - Summer 2005 – have entered lottery – 5 Scouts eligible to go – first HA activity
 - Survivor type island adventure vs sailing the Florida Keys or Bahamas
 - ~ \$1000 / person includes airfare
 - Would require meeting Troop's HA activities
- Older Scout Program
 - Opportunities for older Scouts to work on MB outside TM. Example is Hiking MB.
- March 9 Webelos / Scout Open House
 - Need photos to Darlene for Slide Show. Any and all you've got. Any activity.
 - Probably need to cut CD-Rom and hand out to everyone with all pix
 - Will show past Camp Strake video and BTSR slides
 - Need snacks
 - CC/SM – talks to adults
 - Scouts get to know patrol members
 - Expect some 956 Scouts to begin attending in 2 weeks.
 - Will be in fellowship hall due to primary election
- Troop "Official Photo"
 - Would like group and individual photos of each member
 - History + pix when on campouts in case of emergency