



## TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



### Committee Meeting Notes December 8, 2008

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on December 8, 2008 at SEAS:

#### Event Debriefs

Several events were held since the November 10<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting and the following was discussed regarding the events:

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Flag Retirement Ceremony at SEAS was well attended by the scouts. The Knights of Columbus had asked for assistance with this event.

- It is important to record the attendance by both adults and scouts so that the service records can be updated in a timely manner.

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Veteran's Appreciation Dinner had several scouts attend helping out with serving and cleaning. There were favorable comments. The Knights of Columbus had also asked for assistance with this event.

- Attendance at this event needs to be recorded as well.

November 13<sup>th</sup> – Scout Open House at Christ the King Church on Ina was well attended by other scouts and webelos. There were some technical difficulties with the video presentation, but those were resolved. Our Troop has several scouts there to help answer questions, but most were part of the Order of the Arrow and they had to leave early for their meeting. Mr. Longhofer supplied cookies and there were updated Troop 209 pamphlets and Committee Meeting agendas available.

- One item to address for the next open house include: scheduling scouts to be in attendance at the table the entire open house.
- A comment was made that another troop had a balloon game that drew a lot of attention. We can possibly schedule some type of activity ourselves to draw more people to our booth. Better advance planning would help next time with this too.

November 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> - Family Camp at Double V with the Survivor game was a success with many favorable comments. The following points were made:

- There was hype for the gross food but the reality consisted of Twinkies and cereal.
- Scouts not participating with Survivor could have had more scheduled activities
- Not many activities were planned for family members who attended.
- A recommendation was made to not include the Survivor game at the next Family Camp so that the senior scouts could help plan/run activities for the other attendees

November 17<sup>th</sup> - Merit Badge Counselor Orientation was attended by several adults from the troop. A couple of comments were made that the slides were difficult to read and that there was a lot of material that could have been presented in more detail

December 1<sup>st</sup> - Trout Unlimited members attended the scout meeting to begin the first of two sessions of instruction for fly fishing that the scouts could use for their fly fishing merit badge. There were 18 scouts that signed up for this merit badge and participated in the instruction and there were 6 volunteers from Trout Unlimited. The second part of the instruction will occur at the Parker Canyon Campout January 23-25<sup>th</sup>.

- Greg Ogden, who helped organize the presentation, mentioned that the chapter has several projects that could be used as Eagle Scout projects. The contact is Clay Hernandez at [czhernandez@comcast.net](mailto:czhernandez@comcast.net) or at 299-9811.

December 3-20<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Tree Sale at the YMCA was discussed. There were several comments about this activity. One was that on one night, there were too many scouts and parents there making it difficult to work. Another was that the schedule was limited in the available sign-ups and only a couple of slots were open. A suggestion was made to try and include wreath sales into the Christmas tree sales next year. Lastly, we need to see the results regarding what the scouts make from this years sale to see whether the Troop would participate next year. General consensus was that better planning would be needed with regards to schedule and scout sign-up if we were to participate next year as well.

December 6<sup>th</sup> - The Pin Clinic and Lock-in was held at the Beautiful Savior Academy on Thornydale Road this past weekend. We had 39 Webelos attend and there were 20 scouts. Max Jimenez has the sign-in sheet. In general, the event was a success. Barbara Pieper gave a presentation to the parents of the Webelos Saturday morning. The Lock-in was held in the main hall and the scouts were able to clean up Sunday morning and leave on time.

- This activity too could have had better planning regarding adult supervision. While not short, Greg Ogden, Kim Ogden, Mike Gay, and Pete Peterson were able to cover. We should have had a formal adult sign-up for different times to cover both Saturday daytime and Saturday night into Sunday.

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Scouting for Food collection was held by the Troop. Grocery bags were passed out at the previous scout meeting and scouts were asked to bring them in at the Pin-Clinic. We collected the back of a truck full of food and Bob Cramb delivered the food to the drop at the Fry's on Oracle/First in Oro Valley. He mentioned that our drop was the largest they had seen. Great Job Troop!

- Bob volunteered on short notice to deliver the food. We didn't have this covered when we were working out the plan for food collection.
- Several comments were made regarding the food drive. One was that the Council didn't have a flexible schedule with only the Saturday 9-1 PM drop off time.
- The Troop will have to see how the Council will be organizing the event to determine if we want to participate next year.

## Near Term Events

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Court of Honor will be held next Monday, 6:30 PM at SEAS. The following items were planned:

- John Longhofer sent out postcard invitations on December 8<sup>th</sup>
- This will be a pot-luck dinner. John included a breakdown on the post card about what food to bring, depending on the beginning letter of your last name.
- Utensils will need to be provided by the Troop. Greg Ogden volunteered to call Dave Ammons regarding the availability of plates, spoons, forks and napkins from the troop trailer.
- Ed Madson volunteered to pick up additional utensils if we didn't have enough. Greg was going to call Ed to tell him if he needs to get any more. We anticipate needing 300 plates etc. Extras can go into the troop trailer.
- John Longhofer requested for scout volunteers to help set up. He also asked that they be at SEAS at 5:00 PM
  - Joe Vaskovic to call Deanna at SEAS to see if the hall is available at 5:00 PM
- Kim Ogden volunteered to take care of drinks. Coolers may be available from the scout trailer.
- A comment was made that the MC for the evening be able to review the name of those scouts receiving recognition
- Joe Vaskovic to coordinate with Mike Knutson on any special awards that will be given.
- Shannon Marty will be dropping off her main dish food item and table cloths at 5:00 PM next Monday.
- Irene Calis volunteered to help with the set-up.
- Max Jimenez was working on the script for the Court of Honor
  - A comment was made that this is a great opportunity for someone to work on a Communication Merit Badge.

December 29-30<sup>th</sup> Webelos Winter Camp will be held at Double V and Greg Ogden requested scout volunteers to help with the activities. Scouts need to be 14 years or older. There is some paperwork that needs to be filled out and Greg can provide the information to those who sign up.

January 12<sup>th</sup> – Scout Elections. There wasn't any discussion on this item

January 23-25<sup>th</sup> – Parker Canyon Campout, Webelos invite. This event was briefly discussed with a request that Webelos RSVP the troop ahead of time so that we have a listing of those planning on attending.

## Scoutmaster Update

Mike Knutson commented on the Pin Clinic and Lock-In that this is a good recruiting tool for the Webelos and that there was a great turn-out. Board games and video games were the order of the Lock-In and he didn't hear about any issues about the boys.

## **Subcommittees**

Adult training was again discussed. Jim Tarleton has been updating our records regarding youth protection training, assistant scoutmaster training, troop committee challenge, and other adult training requirements. Regarding training:

- Training is available on-line
- Printouts of certificates of completions can be made
- Jim can take copies of those certificates and record them in our database.

Upcoming scout crossovers were briefly discussed. With the season for scouts transitioning to boy scouts fast approaching, the Troop should plan ahead for covering these activities.

There was an early dismissal of the committee to be able to see the scout leaders “taste whipped cream” as scouts were able to throw whipped cream pies into the faces of the leader of their choice as a result of selling over \$500 worth of popcorn. Special thanks to Mike Knutson, John Longhofer, and Max Jimenez.

The remaining agenda items were not discussed:

- Treasurers Report, Scout Recharter, registration fee/Boys Life
- Merit badge opportunities: Personal Fitness, Family Life
- Webelo Recruitment, beginning January, Pack visits?
- Guest Speakers
- Polo shirts

**Next Meeting – January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**