



TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



Committee Meeting Notes June 15, 2009

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on June 15, 2009 at SEAS:

Event Debriefs

- 6/14 A flag retirement ceremony was held at SEAS at 10:00 AM. Several scouts and adults from Troop 209 participated. The scouts were: Jonathan Malone, Paul Horton, Patrick Bersack, and Daniel Tetrault. The adults were: George Horton, Steve Bersack, and David Tetrault.

Near Term Events

- Near term events are events that occur between now and the next committee meeting which will be July 27.
 - 6/21-6/27 Summer Camp at Camp Lawton
 - 6/26-7/4 Cavalcade
 - 7/13-7/18 Polaris
 - 7/19-7/25 Pimaree

Summer camp at Camp Lawton was discussed. Dan Malone had sent out a reminder regarding forms that are needed. These include: medical forms, photo copy of insurance form, merit badge sign-ups, and photo release forms. Regarding the medical forms, these need to be turned in PRIOR to departing for summer camp. No scout will be allowed to attend without having medical forms filled out. Forms are available on the troop's website: aztroop209.org. Parts A, B, and C need to be filled out. The photo release is also part of the forms. Sign-ups for merit badges can still be made. Word from Council is that they will try and accommodate the merit badge classes requested by the scouts. With this, scouts could purchase handbooks for their choices before heading to camp.

Scouts had formed patrols for summer camp at tonight's meeting. The plan for departure is to arrive at SEAS on Sunday, June 21st at 2:30 PM and be ready for departure at 3:00 PM. Drivers driving the return trip from Camp Lawton are asked to be at Camp Lawton on Saturday, June 27th, at 9:00 AM.

Family night is Friday night. Parents can be at camp at 5:00 PM but should call ahead to the Council Service Center at 520-750-0385.

MORE ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! A request from Dan Malone, Assistant Scoutmaster, was made for volunteers to help supervise summer camp. We have several adults scheduled for portions of the camp, but only three

adults signed up for the whole week. If you can help out, please contact Dan at malone@pharmacy.arizona.edu. Steve Bersack, Kim Ogden, Jim Tarleton, and Carol Dusek said that they may be able to help out.

Polaris will have 5 scouts from Troop 209 attending. Polaris is a youth leadership camp and there is still opportunity to sign up. You need to be 13 or older and at least a First Class scout.

Pimaree is an international scout camp that will be held this year at Camp Lawton. About 50 USA scouts have signed up and about 50 scouts from Mexico have signed up. June 16th was the official last day for sign-ups, but the Council may accept late additions.

NEXT SCOUT MEETING – July 6th. There will not be a scout meeting next Monday since there will be Summer Camp and there will not be a meeting the Monday following Summer Camp.

Future Events

- 8/14-8/16 or 8/21-8/23 Rifle Shooting in Tombstone. Dave Ammons will be talking with folks near Sierra Vista regarding this August campout. He will be trying to finalize the dates and discussing details of the campout.

Scoutmaster Update

- Mike Knutson gave the following update at the meeting:
 - Harry Contrades just had double bypass surgery today and is at Tucson Heart Hospital on Stone Avenue near the Tucson Mall, in Room 231. Mike said Harry was scheduled to be up this evening with plans of returning home possibly Thursday or Friday
 - Cavalcade planning is done and scouts/adults will be leaving 5:30 AM on the 26th.
 - Mike talked briefly about Summer Camp. Parents should provide the troop with ANY special medications or information on medical conditions prior to having the scout at camp. The troop needs this info in order in case of an emergency.
 - Mike mentioned that the Labor Day planning camp was set. It will be held at Quemado Lake, New Mexico. The site has been reserved. Canoeing will be one of the activities.

Subcommittees

- Handbook Update – Joe Vaskovic reported a subcommittee met on June 1st to discuss edits/updates to the Troop Handbook. Revisions and comments to revisions were discussed. All but two issues were agreed upon and they were with regards to the Assistant Scoutmaster duties and the duplication of items from the Bylaws with items in the handbook. Joe requested that the Committee approve the revisions agreed upon – Revision D and hold over the two unresolved issues to another date. The Committee approved Revision D.
- Jim Tarleton discussed adult training for the troop and that:
 - The troop records are close to the Council records
 - New registered adults need to complete the BSA Youth Protection Training, which is available on-line, within 90 days.

- Anyone who completes on-line training needs to print out a certificate and turn it into Jim.
- Joe Vaskovic will be reviewing a spreadsheet of the training summary that Jim has developed.
- The following merit badges are currently being actively supervised by the troop: Fly Fishing, Cycling, Dog Care, and Canoeing.
- The uniformed adults still need to meet prior to the end of June to discuss ways of mentoring scouts within the troop.
 - A suggestion by Max Jimenez was to have an Assistant Scoutmaster assigned to each patrol as a guide to help out with issues that arise. Max mentioned that this was done in the past. Our current roster of Assistant Scoutmasters may allow that to again happen.

Other

- Troop Equipment Wish List – Dave Ammons gave an update on the status of our equipment::
 - The trailer has been repaired at a cost of approximately \$400.
 - Tents have been repaired. Damaged zippers have been fixed and broken poles replaced. Eureka was contacted and the total repair bill came to near \$70.
 - A wish list hadn't formally been prepared, but a couple of new stoves are needed as well as lantern trees. New stoves run around \$100. The troop could also use ground tarps for the tents.
- Jamboree – the 100 year Jamboree was briefly discussed. Little information is available from Council. Interested scouts/adults should check the national website for more information on sign-ups and costs. A \$100 initial sign-up fee was mentioned.
- Popcorn Sales will be beginning to be organized by the Council on July 30th with a meeting taking place at St. Joseph's Church, 215 S. Craycroft, Healey Hall, 10:00 AM.
 - Dan Malone will no longer be serving as fundraising chair.
 - Jeffery Young, Carol Dusek, and Ann Pena volunteered to oversee this year's popcorn fundraising activities.
 - Joe Vaskovic will plan to arrange a meeting with them and with Dan Malone and Lisa Waress prior to July 30 to review past "lessons learned" for this fundraising event.
- The troop's budget was discussed. Several committee members requested a copy of a report to be available at each committee meeting. Ernie Vigil said that he would prepare a summary for next meeting.
- Additional fundraising was discussed:
 - Nila Horton's fundraising event involving Las Vegas entertainment currently is on hold till scheduling and details could be worked out.
 - Barbara Pieper said that her husband Louis could champion a honey baked ham sale as a fundraiser. She said she would confirm his interest.
 - Scouts will be presented with this idea at the next scout meeting.
 - These additional fundraising activities were discussed to be targeted to a specific goal such as equipment repair/replacement.
- Registration Fee's will be increasing from \$10 to \$15 as of January 1, 2010.
- 2nd Half Dues will be collected by the Troop in July. The dues are \$40 for the second half of 2009.

- Scouts are encouraged to serve as a Den Chief. This is a leadership position and a chance to get to know cub scouts in the area. Pack 209 needs Den Chiefs and the pack meets on Friday nights. See Barbara Pieper if you are interested.