



## TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



### Committee Meeting Notes October 19, 2009

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on October 19, 2009 at SEAS:

#### Event Debriefs

- 10/16 Fall Camporee – Troop 209 attended the Fall Camporee this past weekend that was held at the Willow Springs Ranch near Oracle, AZ. This camporee had approximately 11 troops participating with the scout total near 100 scouts. Mike Knutson commented that this was one of the smaller camporees. Our Maverick patrol took first place in their class with the Shadow Wolves getting the best flag award. John Longhofer produced a memorable video that was shown at the campfire and had images of the activities at the camporee. Several favorable comments were made regarding Kyle Pieper. One item that needed to be addressed prior to the campout was arrangements for the trailer. Dave Ammons was able to bring the trailer to SEAS on short notice.

#### Near Term Events

- 10/26 Popcorn Orders – Carol Dusek was collecting money from popcorn sales this evening. The schedule is to make a payment to Council by 10/26. On 10/26, the troop may be placing a second order. Ernie Vigil mentioned that sales, so far, have topped \$10,000 for the troop which would put us over last year's totals.
- 11/1 Scout Olympics – Barbara Pieper circulated a sign-up sheet for the scouts to volunteer some time to help with the Scout Olympics that she organizes each year. These games are for Webelos and will be held on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Harrelson Elementary School near Chapala Drive from 11-3 PM
- 11/7 – Anza Trek – Harry Contrades mentioned that scouts may have an opportunity to participate in the Anza Trek on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>. The event ends at the Mission at Tumacacori where Mass will be celebrated. There will be a campfire in the evening and scouts will be able to camp overnight. Contact Chip Travers at 520-294-3333 or [chipnjo@cox.net](mailto:chipnjo@cox.net). The link to the application is <http://www.sahuarogsc.org/uploads/files/TREK%20AdFlyer-8-09%20final%20to%20go.pdf> Close of registration was October 18<sup>th</sup> so you may need to ask if applications are still accepted. The fee for the event is \$20/scout.
- 11/9 – Merit Badge Councilor Training – Dave Tast will be taking over for Blake Kelley as the Merit Badge Councilor Chairman for the troop. A training session for adults interested in becoming a Merit Badge Councilor will be held on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> during the regular scout meeting.
- 11/11 – Veteran's Day – No formal requests have been received to have Troop 209 scouts participate in any Veteran's Day activities, however, the Knights of Columbus have a dinner in the evening honoring WWII and Korean Vets. Joe

- Vaskovic will inquire to see if they can use some assistance from the scouts for that dinner.
- 11/12 – Catalina Council Open House – An Open House will be held on 11/12 at the Christ the King Church on Ina Road east of Shannon Road for Webelos to check out the various Council Boy Scout units. Troop 209 has participated in this event in the past with flyers, slide show, and having scouts attend to talk to Webelos interested in the troop. The troop's scouts will need to begin planning for this activity in the next three scout meetings.
  - 11/20-11/23 Backpacking at Mt. Wrightson – Todd Wickizer recommended the weekend of the 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> over an alternative date of the 13-15<sup>th</sup> since that weekend there is an Order of the Arrow Conclave in Las Vegas. Mike Knutson said that two hikes will be planned, one shorter for the younger scouts and one more adventurous for the older scouts. The scouts will begin planning for his weekend campout in the next scout meetings.

### **Future Events**

- Northern Tier Planning Meetings – Ed Madson and Harry Contrades are the Co-Chairs for organizing the high adventure trip next summer to Northern Tier. They held one planning meeting so far and plan to hold one a month till next summer. Items that were discussed at the first meeting were: transportation (John Wares to check out various flights), medical training (wilderness first aid is needed for one member per crew), clothing, boots, shake-down canoeing trips, crew members etc. The first meeting was an informal and briefly discussed a variety of topics.
- Religious Medal Opportunity – Joe Martinez offered to advise scouts interested in pursuing a non-denominational religious emblem. Scouts will be given an opportunity to sign up to work on this medal. Joe will be doing some research in the next few weeks to determine the exact requirements and will begin meeting with the scouts shortly.
- Recharter Packets are IN! – Troop 209 will need to complete the recharter by December 10<sup>th</sup>. In doing so, dues will need to be collected for the first half of next year and that will be \$40 per scout. A yearly registration fee will also need to be collected and that has increased from \$10 to \$15. We will be collecting this money in the month of November and e-mail reminders will be sent out.
- 12/12 – Pin Clinic and Lock-In – The annual Troop 209 Pin Clinic and Lock-in is scheduled this year on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from approximately 9:30 AM till 3:00 PM at the Beautiful Savior Lutheran church hall located at 7570 N. Thornydale Road, just north of Ina Rd. The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity for Webelos to work on their pin requirements and give them a chance to work with Troop 209 scouts. A sign-up sheet was circulated this evening for scouts to sign-up to volunteer for the event. Following the Pin-Clinic, the scouts will be able to participate in a lock-in Saturday evening till Sunday morning, 7:00 AM and play video games and other fun activities. Robert Malis volunteered to chair the event. Scouts will need to plan the activities that they will need to accomplish. Robert will be looking for adults to supervise the scouts during both the Pin Clinic and Lock-in. Adults will also need to plan lunch for the scouts. The committee discussed that adults can work in short shifts if enough signed up.
- Spring Camporee – Troop 209 was asked if they were interested in overseeing the Spring Camporee for 2010. Items that would need to be organized include:

cooking, awards, activities, campfire program, SPL event, adult patrol event, SM competition. The camporee will be held at Double V which eliminates some of the effort to find suitable campsites, restrooms, and water. There was talk that a goal of this camporee is to attract 300-400 scouts and to involve other scout units in planning for the camporee. Troop 209 would serve as the lead to coordinate with other troops and to facilitate the planning and involvement of the other troops. Financial commitment was discussed. The District has a budget for the camporee and the Troop would not have any outlay of expenses. A fee of \$10 is usually collected per scout for a camporee. The troop has organized a camporee in the past. The committee discussed the opportunity and endorsed Troop 209 organizing the camporee. Dates were next discussed with March 26-28<sup>th</sup> being selected as the target date. This is usually the weekend of the Scout Expo at Reid Park but that may be scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup> in 2010.

### **Scoutmaster Update**

- Mike Knutson gave the following update at the meeting:
  - Mike gave a brief recap of the camporee noting that the Maverick's won their class and the troop came in second in a dessert contest. The camporee was lightly attended; one of the smaller camporee's that he had seen. Special recognition went out to Mike Gay for some great cooking.
  - Mike joined in the discussion of the troop's participation in the Spring Camporee.
  - The backpacking trip to Mt. Wrightson was discussed. No special permits will be needed, but there may be some parking permits. Two trips will be planned – one longer, more strenuous hike for the older scouts and a shorter easier hike for the younger scouts. Scouts will be planning the hike in the next scout meetings. A question about water availability came up and a comment was made that there is water on both the Super Trail and Mt. Baldy Trail.

### **Subcommittees**

- Ernie Vigil passed out a summary of account transactions for the troop that have occurred so far this year. He noted that there have been some significant expenses and that the overall troop account is at one of its lowest points. Some of the expenses that have been incurred include canoe rentals and Court of Honor awards.
- Troop equipment was discussed. Dave Ammons noted that one of the tent zipper's was broken and that John Longhofer volunteered to have it fixed. The troop has 10 tents, 6 of the newer kind and 4 of the old style that are serviceable. One propane tree will also need to be repaired. As of now, no new tent purchases are anticipated.
- Webelos Transition was discussed. Barbara mentioned that the troop has a number of activities planned that involve Webelos: Scout Olympics, Pin Clinic, Council Open House, and the next troop Court of Honor. The troop also now is beginning to get more den chiefs involved in cub scout packs: Patrick Bersack with Pack 219, Kyle Pieper, Paul Horton, and Aaron Young with Pack 209, and Max Vaskovic and Russell Tast with Pack 303. Lucas Cox is also planning on being a den chief.

- Adult Training was briefly discussed by Jim Tarleton with him noting that any registered adult needs to complete Youth Protection and can complete This is Scouting and Troop Committee Challenge. All are on-line. Joe Vaskovic mentioned needing to contact Deacon Jim regarding SEAS summary of adults listed as completing the SEAS youth protection training.
- Uniformed adult involvement with patrols was discussed and assistant scoutmasters will be involved in helping the scouts plan for the upcoming backpacking trip to Mt. Wrightson.

### **Other Topics**

- Joe Vaskovic noted that the troop's calendar was updated since the last committee meeting and he requested that any comments/changes be forwarded to him.
- Honey Baked Ham - Barbara Pieper mentioned that the Honey Baked Ham fundraiser could still be held and that she would look into it. The way this fundraiser works is that scouts sell certificates in, say, \$10 or \$20 amounts. Scouts receive 15% of the certificate sales. Customers buying the certificates then can redeem them at the Honey Baked Ham store, one of which is located near Ina/Oracle. In the past, the troop has been able to collect nearly \$500.
- Christmas Tree Sales – Someone wondered if the scouts would be able to participate in the sale of Christmas Trees this year. Last year, the troop worked a lot at the YMCA on Shannon/Cortaro. Dave Tast said he would see if the program is still on and if the troop could participate.
- Landscape Architect Merit Badge/Jamboree – Jim Tarleton brought flyer from Lennar . They are offering an opportunity for scouts to work on a Landscaping Architect merit badge on 11/14 and 11/15 as well as making a \$10 donation to the Catalina Council Contingent for the national jamboree for scouts returning the flyer to one of 5 Lennar home locations in Tucson. Flyers will be available at the next few scout meetings.