



TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



Committee Meeting Notes December 14, 2009

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on December 14, 2009 at SEAS:

Event Debriefs

- 11/21-22 Backpacking Trip to Mt. Lemmon – Troop 209 went on a backpacking trip from near Camp Lawton to Hutch’s Pool on Saturday the 21st and out to Sabino Canyon on the 22nd for an 18 mile point to point hike. First off, there were comments that the boys had a great learning experience. The weather was dry and not too hot. There were, however, a number of comments from the committee concerning the preparation and the manner that the hike played out. Regarding the preparation, a number of scouts had too much gear and some had inappropriate gear. The troop did conduct a backpack inspection during the two prior scout meetings but comments came back the scouts changed what they had brought for the hike. During the hike, reports were that the older scouts went off ahead leaving the younger scouts and adults. The adults ended up carrying equipment from the younger scouts and there were comments about the older scouts not assisting the younger scouts. There were also comments of some scouts not getting enough food but additional comments were that the food was available but the some scouts didn’t like what was there. Suggestions for addressing these concerns on future hikes included: having a pack weight limit, having a shorter hike for the younger scouts, assigning older scouts to groups of younger scouts.
- 12/12-13 Pin Clinic and Lock-In - A pin clinic and lock-in was held at Beautiful Savior Academy by the troop for cub scouts to help them with their advancements. Five pins were offered. Scouts supervising the pin clinic were able to stay the evening and overnight to play games, watch videos, and to hang out. Robert Malis provided Joe Vaskovic with a recap/summary detailing the attendance, agenda, and food supply and will make that available for future planning of the event. Barbara Pieper gave adults an overview of the troop at 10:00 AM while the clinic began. A total of approximately 50 cub scouts from 14 packs attended and the troop had nearly 30 scouts at the clinic and lock-in. Comments regarding the pin clinic include: need for an activity for the cub scouts during registration prior to the clinic, assignment of older boy scouts with younger boy scouts at each pin offering. Regarding the lock-in, comments included: the need for all the boy scouts to remain to help with clean-up Sunday morning.
- 12/10 Roundtable – Joe Vaskovic mentioned that a packet was distributed at Roundtable that had a number of upcoming events. Among the flyers, these events may be of interest to the troop:
 - 1/29 – Catalina Council Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner

- 1/30 – Super Saturday at LDS West Stake Center 3530 Magee for Position Training for scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, program leaders
- 2/13 and 2/20 or 5/1 and 5/8 Wilderness First Aid and CPR at Catalina Council Service Center
- 3/6 – District Dinner at SEAS
- 3/6-7 Leave No Trace Trainer Training at Double V
- 3/26-28 – Xtremoree (Spring Camporee) at Double V
- Fundraiser: Scout-O-Rama 35% unit commission on sale of coupons
- Fundraiser: Kawasaki Mule Ticket Sales to earn 50% commission on sales of tickets
- Dues Collection for Recharter – the collection for dues and registration for recharter is nearly complete and Joe Vaskovic will be delivering the recharter package to the Council shortly.

Near Term Events

- 12/21 Court of Honor – Barbara Pieper has been overseeing the planning for the event themed “Home for the Holidays”. John Longhofer has mailed notices to the scout families. The main dish will be provided by the troop and attending families are being asked to supply a dish, side or dessert, depending on their last name. The committee had asked the scouts to have patrols meet early to assist in the set-up and one to stay late to help with clean-up. Louis Pieper has been updating the advancements/merit badges/awards and can have service records available to scouts/parents to confirm the records. There will be a gift exchange with a \$10 max price/gift for scouts and adults. You need to bring a gift to get a gift. Webelos will be invited to attend and participate in the gift exchange. Barbara mentioned that she will bring “extra” gifts to cover some of the kids. Plates, forks, spoons, napkins, and large coolers will be brought from the scout trailer by Dave Ammons. John Longhofer is working with the scouts on the program.
- 12/28 – No scout meeting following Christmas
- Honey Baked Ham Fundraiser – Barbara Pieper reported that there have been over \$600 dollars in sales of honey baked ham certificates. Scouts receive 15% of these sales.
- Christmas tree sales – This event has been winding down with several of the scouts attending the YMCA Christmas Tree yard at Magee/Shannon to assist in the sale of Christmas Trees. Service hours will be recorded. Joe Vaskovic will inquire about an attendance list from Dave Tast and Lisa Powell.

Future Events

A number of the future events had flyers distributed in the Roundtable meeting on 12/10. Additional information is noted below:

- 1/22-24 Parker Canyon Campout – The campsites have been reserved and flyers are being distributed by Barbara Pieper to extend an invitation to Webelos scouts to participate in the campout with Troop 209
- 1/29 Catalina Council Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner
- 2/13, 2/30 Wilderness First Aid & CPR

- 2/20 – Merit Badge College – Raytheon, Sign-up between Christmas and February 1. This event will be coordinated through the Catalina Council offices. Further information will be forthcoming on their web site. Five merit badges will be offered.
- 3/6 – District Dinner at SEAS
- 3/26-28 – Xtremoree at Double V
- Planning for April, May, and June campouts by the scouts – There were discussion at previous committee meetings regarding the events planned for these months. A camping trip to Apache Lake in April may have the lake too cold to have canoeing or swimming. A family campsite for May had not been planned and the scouts had identified a shooting camp for June with a possibility of returning to Tombstone. This location likely will be very hot in early June so an alternative location is being asked to be considered. The committee put a request to the scouts to consider reviewing the campouts for these months soon so that reservations can be pursued. Many locations require considerable lead time.
- Summer Camp Dates – Dates for summer camp at Camp Lawton are June 13th through the 19th. Campsite “Gila” has been reserved.
- Northern Tier dates are as follows: Leave Tucson on June 28th, arrive at Northern Tier on June 29th, return to camp on July 7th, return to Tucson on July 8th.

Scoutmaster Update

- Mike Knutson was not at the evenings scout meeting but did send notice that Troop 209 had been selected to attend the high adventure camp Philmont in 2011! This continues a practice by the troop to attend one high adventure camp per year with the 2010 destination being Northern Tier.

Subcommittees

- Ernie Vigil did not have a treasure’s report but was busy collecting dues and registration fees for the recharter.
- Webelos Transition – A chairman is needed to oversee the upcoming Webelo Cross Over events that occur at the end of January and February. A request will be made to the registered troop adults. Duties include: check-in with packs to see if they would like Troop 209 at their event, record dates of the events, arrange scout/adult attendance, keep track of the inventory of neckerchiefs and epaulets (and arrange resupply if needed)
- Adult Training was discussed. Regarding Youth Protection Training, Joe Vaskovic contacted Deacon Jim at SEAS regarding last years training and a list will need to be supplied to SEAS regarding active adults with the troop. This list will then be checked against a SEAS list to see who needs updates or the initial training with associated fee, fingerprints, and background check. Dave Ammons suggested supplying SEAS with a list of registered adults who have been on campouts and are merit badge councilors. Jim Tarleton announced that we have 100% compliance with BSA youth protection training for Troop 209 registered adults. Additional adult training was noted above and include:
 - 1/30 – Super Saturday at LDS West Stake Center 3530 Magee for Position Training for scoutmasters, assistant scoutmasters, program leaders
 - 3/6-7 Leave No Trace Trainer Training at Double V

- Merit badge opportunities were discussed. Dan Malone reported that Jonathan Malone and Isaac Alwin participated in the 36 mile El Tour de Tucson ride a few weeks ago and added 15 mile before the event to achieve the 50 mile ride requirement for the Cycling merit badge. Dan mentioned that those needing to complete the Fly Fishing merit badge can use the campout at Parker Canyon Lake in January but cautioned that early morning or late afternoon would be the only times that there might be success in catching trout in that lake.
- Joe Vaskovic has been updating the adult position list for the troop and has not heard back from Hector Tellez regarding registration and asked if anyone was interested in being the Church Liason between SEAS and Troop 209. Steve Bersack offered to take on the role.

Other Topics

- National Youth Leadership Training will be held from May 30th through June 5th for 2010.
- Ed Madson extends an invite to the troop to attend an open house this coming Saturday from 5:30 till ??? The location is 360 E. Hillcrest, 85704.

Next Committee Meeting – January 18th, 2009