



## TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



### Committee Meeting Notes January 18, 2010

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on January 18, 2009 at SEAS:

#### Event Debriefs

- 12/21 Court of Honor - Several comments were made about the event:
  - Plenty of main course for the dinner, maybe not enough of side dishes
  - Awards presentation went well
  - Long evening...a lot of activity going on in the hall during the gift exchange.
- The Honey Baked Ham fundraiser is over. Several scouts sold some certificates and earned money for their accounts.
- The Christmas Tree sales are over. Dave Tast will follow-up with Lisa Powell to obtain a list of the service hours recorded for the scouts who participated. Joe Vaskovic to enter the hours into TroopMaster.
- 12/12 Lock-in at Beautiful Savior Academy – Discussion about this event was revisited with the following comments:
  - There was a report of unruly behavior by some scouts at the event.
  - One comment from a person at Beautiful Savior expressed concern about Troop 209 holding the event there again.
  - Another comment received was that the Troop would be able to hold the clinic at Beautiful Savior next year. Give a month or so notice.
  - Steve Bersack to contact Fr. Lombardo, SEAS, regarding the possibility of holding the clinic at SEAS next year.

#### Near Term Events

- 1/22-1/24 – Parker Canyon Campout discussion included the following:
  - Meet at SEAS at 5:00 PM Friday evening.
  - Webelos will be joining the troop. They need to have had dinner prior to meeting at SEAS.
  - Webelos will need to provide \$10 per scout and need to have one parent accompany on the campout.
  - Dave Ammons will not be going but will bring the trailer to SEAS. Dan Malone volunteered to pull the trailer to Parker Canyon Lake and back.
  - **Thirty (39) scouts signed up, but there are only 24 seats from the drivers list. More drivers will be needed.**
- 1/29 Catalina Council Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner
  - Reserve by Jan 22. At Hilton Tucson East 7600 E. Broadway and it is \$40 seats, table of 10 at \$370. John Longhofer will receive the Silver Beaver Award. John already has a table nearly filled. Purchase of a

table was discussed but it was decided that individuals wanting to attend should buy their own ticket.

- 2/13, 2/20 Wilderness First Aid – Wilderness First Aid along with CPR classes will be held at the Council center. This training is needed by adults participating in high adventure events.
- Planning for April, May, and June Campouts by the scouts
  - The scouts need to decide on events for April, May, and June. There are concerns about the current planned events. Apache Lake may be too cold in April, Family Camp doesn't have a location determined, and Tombstone may be too hot in early June.
  - Dave Ammons provided three alternatives for the location of Winter Survivor Camp planned for February 25-28.
    - Arcadia Campground on Mt. Graham (6700')
    - Another Mt. Graham campground at 9000'
    - Ashford Lake near Flagstaff (7000')

The discussion concluded Arcadia was the recommended location being only about 3 hrs away and not so remote as to have potential difficulties getting there.

The committee had considerable discussion about the campout. Concern was expressed about having young/new scout on a campout that may require boy scout skill not yet acquired. Questions were raised about this being a "high adventure" camp and to limit which scouts would be allowed to go. **A parent planning meeting was requested to be held 2 weeks prior to the campout on February 8 to discuss equipment and what will be planned for the weekend. Also, a contingency needs to be in place in case the campground can not be reached.**

- State park closures were discussed. Picacho Peak may still be open for the May hike, Lyman Lake is planned to be closed for Labor Day. Scouts need to review their calendar of events.

## Future Events

- 2/20 – The Merit Badge College at Raytheon currently is full, but there is a waiting list. Jim Tarleton said that spots were reserved for Girl Scouts but that their allotment may not get filled. Unused spots will be given to Boy Scouts so you should still sign up.
- 2/20 – Catalina Council will be holding Goodwill Good Turn Day. This event is like Scouting for Food but bags currently are not available. Troop 209 will need to decide whether to participate. The Council can be contacted for further info.
- 3/6 – Old Pueblo District Dinner will be held at SEAS. This dinner celebrates volunteers in the district.
  - Barbara Pieper gave a good presentation about the event. Prime rib will be on the menu, a comedian will be the entertainment, and skits will be performed by adult scout leaders.
    - Barbara passed around a sign-up sheet.
- 3/26-28 – Spring Xtremoree – Robert Malis gave an update on the organization of the event.
  - Held at Double V. Only Old Pueblo District camporee for 2010.

- Troop 209 will be running 3 events
- 8 troops will be participating in running events
- E-mail Robert at [rmbow@gmail.com](mailto:rmbow@gmail.com) for sign-up to help with registration at the event and there is a need for checkout support on Saturday and Sunday.
- Troop 209 has scheduled a campout at Double V the week before and will use part of their time to set up some events.
- 5/31-6/5 – National Youth Leadership Training will be held at Double V. A bargain this year...if you signed up last year there is a 25% discount and can get another 25% discount for early sign up at the Council.
- Northern Tier Update – Ed Madson gave an update to Northern Tier planning:
  - Ed's son gave a presentation about Northern Tier at last scout meeting.
  - Adults need to get their Wilderness First Aid training and physical.
  - Shakedown events will be planned for April, May, and June.

### **Scoutmaster Update**

- Mike Knutson focused the majority of his talk with the council to discuss the possibility of starting a Venture Crew or Patrol. Concern has been expressed to the council that there is a need to provide an opportunity for adventure apart from the current troop activities in order to keep the scouts interested in scouting. Venture outings can be more easily tailored towards high adventure.
  - Venture Crew is a separately chartered group apart from the troop.
    - Needs its own scoutmaster
  - Venture Patrol is organized within the troop
    - Needs adult leaders to work with the patrol
  - There was discussion about the potential of losing the senior leadership from the troop. A suggestion was to have a Varsity patrol attend one scout meeting a month to help the younger scouts.
  - The committee expressed support for a Venture Patrol rather than Crew as a first step. There will be a solicitation of the adult committee members interested in assisting with the organization of a Venture Patrol.

### **Subcommittees**

- Max Jimenez spoke to the Council about the scouts volunteering time to help the Knights of Columbus.
  - The troop used to have work days about once a quarter to clean up the grounds around the rectory and the church grounds.
  - Dates/times proposed for the volunteer work this year are:
    - March 13<sup>th</sup> 7- noon
    - May 8<sup>th</sup> 7-noon
- Webelos Transition will be overseen by David Tetrault. Upcoming crossovers are as follows:
  - Feb 6, Pack 261, 4-6 scouts, Quail Run Elementary School
  - Feb 13, Pack 303, 1 scout, Catalina State Park, Dinner at 7, Crossover 8:30-9:00.
  - Feb 20, Pack 209, SEAS
  - Pack 221, no date set, maybe in March
- Membership Chairman was discussed. This position will oversee new people coming into the troop. Holly Presley volunteered for the role. Duties will include:
  - Greet new people coming to visit SEAS

- Provide them with information about the troop
  - Oversee materials for visitors
- Historic Merit Badges were mentioned by Sam Cox. This year scouts have an opportunity to earn merit badges in four activities: Carpentry, Tracking, Signaling, and Pathfinding. Sam volunteered to assist scouts interested in the Carpentry badge. These badges are only being offered this year in celebration of 100 years in scouting.
- Genealogy Merit badge will be offered by Barbara Pieper with assistance by Doug Rivard. Further information will be forthcoming.

### **Other Topics**

- Kim Ogden brought an issue before the committee that Pack 261 visited Troop 209 at SEAS back in December and reported that no one was there to assist them, greet them, or make them feel welcome to the troop. As a result, Webelos will be going on to other troops after their crossover.

This was an issue brought before the committee last year and the committee decided that uniformed adults will informally watch to see if visitors come to a troop meeting and to greet them.

In order to address the issue in a proactive manner, the following was proposed:

- Initiate the Membership Chairman – Holly Presley volunteered.
- Committee to purchase name tags. Joe Vaskovic to provide Ed Madson with a list and to distribute the list for review of spelling. Ed will then order the tags.
- Suggest that the scouts assign a leadership role to have someone provide guidance to visiting scouts.

**Next Committee Meeting – February 15<sup>th</sup> , 2009**