



## TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



### Committee Meeting Notes February 15, 2010

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on February 15, 2010 at SEAS:

The committee meeting was abbreviated to allow time for three topics: Friends of Scouting, Venture Crew verses Patrol, and Parents Meeting for Winter Camp. For the committee meeting, Near Term and Upcoming Events were reviewed:

#### Near Term Events

- **2/13, 2/20 Wilderness First Aid** – The second session is scheduled for this weekend at Catalina Council.
  - **Webelos Transitions Update** – Several crossovers will be attended by the troop this weekend:
    - 2/20 Pack 209, St. Odelia's Church, 5:00 PM
    - 2/20 Pack 244, Trico Building on Tangerine Rd, 2-4:00 PM
    - 2/22 Pack 221, Richardson Elementary, 7:00 PM
- One more crossover was added: 2/21 Pack 251, Catalina State Park, 4-5:00 PM

David Tetrault is coordinating the events. He can be reached at [revtetrault@comcast.net](mailto:revtetrault@comcast.net)

- **YPT at SEAS:** 18 Feb 6:30 PM Basement, 20 Feb 10:00 AM Parish Hall, 21 Feb 2:30 PM Parish Hall

#### Upcoming Events

- **2/20 Merit Badge College** at Raytheon. This event is filled.
- **2/20 Goodwill Good Turn Day** – Scouts pick up donations from homes. Mike Knutson made the plastic bags available to the scout. Scouts will need to drop off the bags at homes, collect them on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and deliver them to Goodwill.
- **3/6 Old Pueblos District Dinner** – SEAS. Barbara Pieper encouraged adults to attend this event.
- **3/6-7 Leave No-Trace Training** – Double V 7:00 AM Sat. – 4 PM Sun
- **3/13 Work Day at SEAS** – Scouts are asked to attend the first in a series of service projects at SEAS. This will include yard work, cleaning, and assisting the parish with various work tasks. Schedule is from 7:00 AM – Noon
- **3/13 Knights of Columbus Dinner.** This is an opportunity for scouts to volunteer time to help seating people, serving food, and cleaning up. Details shortly.

- **3/12-13 Outdoor Leader Training** – Double V 6:30 PM Fri – 4 PM Sat.
- **5/1 & 5/8 Wilderness First Aid**, Catalina Council. This is the second set of classes that have been made available.
- **3/14 Northern Tier** – Silverbell Lake Shakedown. Scouts participating in Northern Tier will be having a canoeing practice session on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.
- **3/26-28 Spring Xtremoree** – Robert Malis
- **5/31 – 6/5 National Youth Leadership Training** – at Double V
- **Merit badge opportunities:** Fly Fishing, Canoeing, Drafting, Genealogy, and Carpentry.
  - Scouts still need to work on Fly Fishing and Canoeing.
  - **Chris Thomas is overseeing the Drafting merit badge and scheduled a session at Honeywell March 6 from 2-4 PM.**
  - Doug Rivard will be overseeing the Genealogy merit badge. Times/places have not yet be determined.
  - Carpentry merit badge will be started soon with Sam Cox, Greg Ogden, and Dave Ammons supervising.
  - Kim Ogden mentioned that Signaling will be offered at some time this summer.

There were several comments from the committee about the scheduling of activities for March 6<sup>th</sup>. On this day, there is:

- Drafting session at Raytheon
- Old Pueblo District Dinner
- Leave No Trace Training
- Scheduled hike to Table Top Mountain.

The committee recommended that the scouts cancel the planned hike.

### **Friends of Scouting – Doug Rivard**

Doug gave a presentation to the committee about the Friends of Scouting which is the Catalina Council fundraiser. This fundraiser accounts for 34% of the Council's revenue. 87% of the amount goes to programs. Items that get paid for include: utility bills, postage, and insurance. Doug explained that there is recognition for two levels of contributions on a troop level: Gold and Platinum. Among the perks, Gold gets a 10% discount on summer camp at the Council camps, one day of use at Camp Lawton, one two-hour use of the pool at Double V. For Platinum, Eagle Scout kits are free, there is use of some of the buildings at Camp Lawton, and there is a preference for 2011 camping reservations.

Collections can be taken by check, credit card, and pledge. The Platinum for the troop was set at \$5000 from the Council.

Doug was available after the presentation to accept the checks, credit card info, and pledges.

Doug reported at the end of the evening that **Troop 209 reached the Platinum goal!**

### **Venturing Crew verses Patrol – Doug Rivard**

Doug talked to the committee about the differences between a Venture Crew and a Venture Patrol.

Venture Patrol:

- Separate patrol within the Troop, boy only, limited in some of the activities.

Venture Crew:

- Separate charter apart from the Troop, Co-ed, can experience all allowed activities.

Venture Patrol/Crew meet less frequently than the Troop, typically 2x a month with 4 outings per year. Venture Patrols/Crews cover more of their own planning in terms of arranging transportation and keep track of their own funds. As part of Venturing, boys can come back to the troop to teach younger scouts. Adults serve as “consultants” to the Venture Patrol/Crew. They, however, may need to be certified by a particular organization or by the Council. Venture Crews need to have a separate charter than the troop and it could be through the troop’s charter organization, the Knights of Columbus.

### **Scoutmaster Update**

Mike Knutson gave a short Scoutmaster Update:

- David Ogden will be having his Eagle Board of Review this Thursday.
- Scouts are planning menus for Winter Camp. Kyle Pieper, SPL, will be reviewing prior to the scouts making the food purchase.
- Scouts selected Cavalcade over the standard Philmont high adventure camp for 2011.
  - No dates set yet
  - Still some openings
  - Need to be at least 13 and graduated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Weight restriction of 200 lbs per person
  - Can not earn Horsemanship merit badge at Philmont, but can work towards one. The troop needs to have a merit badge councilor to supervise.
- Bear Riskey is home recovering from a motorcycle accident. An e-mail will be sent with updates.
- Venture Crew verses Patrol – Mike’s comments:
  - Would support either one
  - His feedback from the scouts is that they would support either one.
  - May impact Eagle requirements with the troop requiring participation in  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the meetings and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the outings to be considered “active” in the troop.

- There was some discussion about the definition of “active” and how BSA recognizes this verses the troop. Barbara Pieper will check with Council on this.
- The committee initially supported a Patrol transitioning later to a Crew.

### **Winter Camp Planning:**

Greg Ogden and Mike Gay spoke to parents about the upcoming Winter Camp planned for February 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> (Thursday – Saturday) with the planned departure Thursday morning. Here are the tips

- No jeans.
- Dress in layers. Fleece jacket, hat and gloves.
- A hooded sweatshirt is not considered a hat.
- Use a hat for sleeping.
- Troop tents will be used.
- Hand warmers are nice to have. There are chemical packets available at Walmart and sporting stores.
- Bring 30-50 gallon plastic bags to put clothes in to keep dry or if wet, away from dry.
- Need changes of clothes.
- Change socks when going into sleeping bags. Wet socks won't dry while being worn.
- Put dry cloths for use the next day in plastic bags and place in sleeping bag the night before.
- Put “daily” cloths in separate bags.
- Wool is good.
- Check Goodwill for inexpensive old wool pants/fleece.
- Boots needed. Sneakers can't be main shoe.
- Mummy sleeping bags 20-25 degree are recommended. Can add fleece blanket to make warmer.
- Goulashes are cheap at Walmart
- Bring extra changes of socks, loose and wool are good.

We will need drivers!!! If your scout is planning on going, consider driving them there and picking up scouts. Repeat...Drivers Needed!!! More sign-ups next Monday.

Next Monday, finalize: Adult Leaders, Trailer hauler, permit, final roster.

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