



TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



Committee Meeting Notes March 15, 2010

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

The following were discussed at the monthly committee meeting for Troop 209:

Upcoming Events

- **3/19-21 Double V Campout** – Robert Malis will be overseeing the campout. Dave Ammons and Robert will coordinate the hauling of the trailer. Chris Pendleton is still able to process tour permits and will need the number of scouts, adult leaders, and departure and return times. Scouts were collecting \$10 for food. Plan on being at SEAS at 5:00 this Friday to check in and be ready for a 5:30 departure. There are currently enough drivers available for the event
- **3/25 Crossover for Pack 219** – Steve and Evelyn Bersack and Chris Thomas will be the adults attending this event. A sign-up sheet was circulated for scouts to attend. David Tetrault will provide epaulets and neckerchiefs. There are 4 scouts planning to join Troop 209!
- **3/26-28 Spring Xtremoree** – Robert Malis is also coordinating this event at the Double V. Area troops will be participating in competitions and activities. Troop 209 is the sponsor troop for the event.
- **3/29 – New Parent Orientation** – Joe Vaskovic and Barbara Pieper will hold a presentation for new Troop 209 parents that will review the operations of the troop. This meeting will start at 7:00 PM at the same time as the scout meeting.
- **4/10 Scout-O-Rama** – This event will be held at Binghampton Park, 3761 E. Kleindale, in Tucson. Barbara Pieper will be getting tickets for the event that scouts can sell. They cost \$5, have \$16 worth of coupons, and scouts can keep \$1.75 per ticket sale for their scout account. Tickets will be available next Monday.
- **4/12 Court of Honor** – The spring court of honor will be held at SEAS. Chris Thomas, Michelle Macado, and Ben Jimenez volunteered to assist in the preparation of the event and will coordinate with John Longhofer. The scouts will need to plan the ceremony and select a MC for the event. Additional planning for items such as food, invitations, plates/utensils, and drinks will be done at the next scout meetings.

Future Events

- **4/16-18 Camp Lawton Service Camp** – This event is a council sponsored event where scouts go to Camp Lawton on Mt. Lemmon and work on cleaning/repairing/building activities for most of the Saturday at the camp.
- **6/13 – 19 Summer Camp at Camp Lawton** – David Tetrault/Jim Tarleton will be overseeing summer camp this year. Additional adults are welcome and encouraged

to spend some time up at camp assisting supervising the scouts. The Gila campsite is the one reserved for the troop. There is room for 35 scouts but additional tents can be set up to accommodate more. First year scouts are particularly encouraged to attend since there is a special program jump starting them towards first class. Mike Knutson may be able to attend the summer camp this year. Medical forms will be needed for all scouts and adults attending camp. They can be downloaded from the troops website, aztroop209.org, and turned in to Dave Ammons.

Costs per scout and adult are: \$166.50 prior to April 1, \$184.50 from April 1 to May 1st. and \$202.50 after May 1st. This is with the 10% discount from our platinum status from the Friends of Scouting. For every 8 scouts that sign up, 1 adult get to go for free.

- **6/28 – 7/8 Northern Tier** – A “shakedown” meeting was held at Silverbell Lake this past Sunday for the participants. Future meetings/events for additional preparation will be planned.
- **2011 Cavalcade** – There are eight scouts that have signed up so far for next year’s high adventure camp. There is room for 7 more.

Scout Update

David Ogden and Isaac Allwin from the troop briefed the committee on an updated calendar they worked on during a planning meeting they held earlier in the day. The updates are as follows:

April 23-25 – Catalina State Park campout with hike planned to Romero Pools.

May 1 – SEAS service project

May 7-9 – Parker Canyon campout/service camp. This is a planned family camp.

May 10 – Scout Meeting w/ Paramedic Speaker

May 20-23 – Roosevelt Lake campout. Canoeing will be featured. Scouts can work on the camping merit badge and Northern Tier scouts can have another “shake down”.

May 31 – No scout meeting

June 7 – Committee meeting

June 21 – No scout meeting

July 5 – No scout meeting

July 23-24 – Lock-In (either at SEAS or Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church)

Aug 9 – Troop elections

Aug 20-22 – Campout at Mt. Lemmon with field trip to observatory

Aug 30 – Elected leaders begin term

Sept 3-6 – Planning Camp at either Patagonia Lake or Rustler’s Peak

Dave Ammons will begin work on reserving campsites for the new schedule and these dates are finalized and incorporated into the website calendar. National Youth Leadership, summer camp, and Northern Tier dates remain the same. Scouts will be looking for assistance in getting a paramedic speaker for May 10. Chris Pena was suggested as a contact since he is a fireman.

Reports

- **Charter Org Rep & Liason** – Harry Contrades reported that 22 scouts helped with the SEAS service project this past weekend and 10 helped with the Knights of Columbus dinner this past Saturday evening. A number of *great comments* about the scouts and the work they did. Harry said that Mike Knutson has rosters of scouts that attended each event.
- **Equipment** – Dave Ammons went through some of the scout equipment and found 3 old style tents that are in good shape and can be used by the troop. One EZ-UP is damaged. The committee voted to buy a new one and Dave Ammons will make the purchase. There are 5 action packers with supplies for 8 scouts per packer so we are covered for up to 40 scouts at a campout. Dave also reported that there are some spare parts for stoves. A review of the equipment was suggested to be done at this weekend's campout at Double V.
- **Health Forms** – Dave Ammons will be collecting health forms. These are needed for summer camp but also should be on file for other camping events they attend. He cautioned to use the new forms and that some website links go to the old style forms.
- **Merit badge opportunities:** Fly Fishing and Canoeing are still ongoing. Drafting and Carpentry are complete. Genealogy, Personal Fitness, and Signaling will be started this summer. These opportunities are ones where adults have come forward to offer to formally work with scouts and assist in their progress completing the merit badges.
- **Roster Data** – Joe Vaskovic has updated the troop's TroopMaster database with roster and service hours info for Jacob Calis's Eagle project ,new scouts/adults, and troop leadership positions. Barbara Gowdy volunteered to work with Louis Pieper on obtaining information from scouts/adults that may not be included on the registration forms.

Joe Vaskovic will e-mail registered adults to see who has objections to having the roster of adults and scouts passed out to the troop adults. Roster data will include phone numbers and e-mail.

- **Scout Store** – Ed Madson oversees the scout store but Barbara Pieper gave an update. We have hats and neckerchiefs for \$10 and tee shirts of various sized available for \$7. These are considered the "Class B" uniform shirt. We may need to get more hats. Right now, there are enough epaulets and neckerchiefs.
- **Tour Permits** – A replacement is needed for Chris Pendleton. Chris spoke to the committed and said his position includes overseeing the Tour Permits and the driver-sign up. Tour permits involve knowing the adults, number of scouts, departure/return and location, filling out the permit form, faxing/e-mailing this to Council and getting it back from them and passed on to the supervising adults. A qualified drivers list also needs to be maintained. Brian Fuehret spoke to Joe Vaskovic following the meeting about taking over this position. Brian will discuss the particulars with Chris next Monday.
- **Training** – Jim Tarleton said we need to update our BSA Youth Protection Training and this can be taken on-line through the Catalina Council website. Also, adults need to take training for their position and need Committee Challenge, Boy Scout Leader Fast Start, and Troop Committee Challenge. SEAS also requires youth

protection training and this can also be taken on-line. Here is the link to the instructions for setting up an account:

http://seas.seastucson.org/index.php?module=pagemaster&PAGE_user_op=view_page&PAGE_id=25

Here is the link to the login page: <http://diocesetucson.setanet.org>

- **Treasurer's Report** – Ernie Vigil gave a very brief overview of the scout account balance. The troop requested that the committee approve \$510 for registration to Xtremoree. This is to cover a \$10 registration fee per scout/adult. In the past, the troop has covered this expense for camporees. The committee approved the payment. An additional \$10 per scout/adult will be needed to be collected next Monday for the troop's food for that weekend.
- **Website** – Evelyn Bersack had been keeping the troop's website at aztroop209.org updated. Please see the website for troop information.
- **Webelos Transition** – David Tetrault has been keeping record of this year's cub scout crossovers. Attendance by troop scouts at these events counts towards the Dibs list Mike Knutson has for the troop.

Old Business

- **Venture Crew/Patrol** – the troop briefly discussed a Venture Crew/Patrol. Mike Knutson said we can organize a Venture Patrol right now, then transition to a crew. Barbara Pieper spoke in favor of a patrol. The Knights of Columbus could be the charter organization for the Venture Crew. They, however, haven't been contacted regarding the matter. No additional steps were discussed. This item will be continued forward with the troop with discussions occurring in the upcoming weeks with interested adults and scouts.

Other

- June 5 – Scuba and Scouting Day – Barbara Pieper brought info to the committee about this event. Details: At Double V, 11 AM-4 PM, opportunity to try scuba diving, speak with instructors. The Dive Shop providing hotdogs, chips, soda. \$5 donation per family suggested. RSVP to Catalina Council – 750-0385.
- June 8-12 and July 6-10 Scuba Merit Badge. Cost \$380. Contact Catalina Council for additional details. Includes opportunity for lifetime certification. Scouts need to be 13 or older.

Next Committee Meeting – April 19th , 2010