



TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



Committee Meeting Notes April 19, 2009

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on April 19, 2010 at SEAS:

Troop 209 at SEAS

- Joe Vaskovic has recently received several e-mails from SEAS expressing the following concerns:
 - Using grills on the concrete sidewalk of the courtyard and getting grease on the walk
 - Unsupervised kids running around the courtyard during the scout meeting
 - Doors to the hall being propped by small stones
 - Need to schedule use of rooms besides the hall

The committee briefly discussed these items. Grilling will be done off concrete areas and a written request for use of the Agave Room for committee meetings has been made. The unsupervised kids were reported to be siblings of the scouts and a request will be made of the parents to oversee them during the scout meeting.

Upcoming Events

- Calendar Update – the scout calendar has again been updated through September 2010 and was included with the agenda. This calendar has already been e-mailed to the troop and will be added to the troop's website.
- 4/23-25 Picacho Peak Campout – This campout will include a hike to the top of Picacho Peak. Kim Ogden circulated a driver sign up list. Mike Knutson will be arriving Saturday. A special treat for the weekend will be Kim's "Mystery Meal" for Saturday night. Dave Ammons reserved the Jackrabbit site. A minimum of 7 cars at \$15/car is required for the site. Drivers are to pay at the park and get reimbursed by the troop. Special note is that the site can't accommodate much more than 7 cars. After the committee meeting, Kim reported that there were enough drivers, someone volunteered to bring the trailer to the campout, and that she would be overseeing food for the adults. 16 scouts were signed up.
- 5/1 – Workday at SEAS – Harry Contrades will coordinate with the Knights of Columbus since there is also a "Multi-Cultural" celebration planned by SEAS for this day. There is the possibility of scouts helping set up for the days/evenings activities. An e-mail will be sent with additional information. Meeting time for either a service project or set up is tentatively planned for 8:00 AM.
- 5/7-9 – Parker Canyon Service Camp/Family Camp – Mike Gay will be coordinating with the ranger regarding the service project. The project is to install monofilament line collection stations around the lake. These are PVC tubes with stickers placed in the ground. The ranger will be providing the

- materials for 6-9 stations. Mike suggested that in addition to those camping at the lake, scouts/adults could come out Saturday to help and that the troop would provide a lunch for all.
- 5/8 Webelos Crossover – Pack 212 – David Tetrault will be coordinating with Joe Windgate regarding the time/place of this crossover. A request was made for two scouts with Indian headdress to help with the ceremony and lead songs. Barbara Pieper said she has some headdresses and would have them available.
 - 5/10 – Paramedic Speaker for the Scout Meeting – The scouts requested a paramedic to speak to the troop since May is First-Aid month. Chris Pena, a scout parent and paramedic will be asked to see if he was available. Kim Ogden said she knew two people that could speak if Chris was unable to. Follow-up, Chris is working the 10th but could speak on the 17th. Joe V. to check with the scouts to see if that would work for them.
 - 5/15 – Eagle Project for Tyler Pieper – Tyler will have his Eagle Project at the DeGrazia School. He will be placing brick pavers in a dirt area between two buildings that gets muddy during rainy periods.
 - 5/26 – Eagle Project for Kyle Pieper – Kyle will also be having his Eagle project at the DeGrazia School and he will be painting and making minor repairs. An 8:00 AM start is planned.

Future Events

- Religious Emblem – Joyce Contrades is coordinating with someone who will be offering the Ad Altare Dea program for scouts 13-14 years old. Further info will be e-mailed as it becomes available with Sunday, May 2nd tentatively planned as the first meeting date.
- 5/20-23 Roosevelt Campout/Northern Tier Shakedown – Adult volunteers will be asked to assist in the planning and supervision of this campout.
 - Dave Ammons will be going there the 20th to stake out the campsite and anticipates securing either Bachelors Cove or Tanya Bay campsites. These sites are on the NW side of the lake.
 - 12 canoes from the council have been reserved and 2 more will be available from the troop. Help will be needed towing both the canoes and the scout trailer.
 - Dave Ammons will be working with scouts who need their canoeing merit badge for Northern Tier as well as those who have already started their canoeing merit badge. Activities will need to be planned for other scouts.
 - The Northern Tier crews will be taking some of the canoes and working on their teamwork. They plan on being away from the troop Saturday and Saturday night so a number of senior scouts will not be around to assist with other camping activities.
 - Swim tests will need to be conducted for everyone canoeing. Adult supervision will be needed here.
- 6/13-19 Summer Camp – Camp Lawton – Jim Tarleton mentioned that the merit badges available for summer camp have now been listed by the Council. There are still efforts being made to offer the historic merit badges.
 - Scouts will need a physical and have the council's physical form filled out.
 - Jim suggested new scouts sign up for the Path to First Class rather than focusing on merit badges. This way they can work on their rank requirements.

- Sign-ups are now being taken. It will cost \$184.50 till May 1, then \$202.50 and this includes our troop 10% Platinum Status discount. Ernie Vigil is taking payment.
- 6/28-7/8 – Northern Tier – Notices have been sent to Northern Tier participants regarding payment. The first “shakedown” campout and practice will be held at the Roosevelt Lake campout on May 20-23rd.
- 2011 – Calvalcade – Mike Knutson reported that there are still 4 spots open for scouts on this high adventure camp for next year. Dates of the camp have not been decided.

Scoutmaster Update

- Mike Knutson gave the following update at the meeting:
 - Mike will be able to be at Picacho Peak Saturday and drive back Sunday.
 - The scouts OK’ed Kim’s planned “Mystery Dinner” at the campout.
 - This weekend will also see several scouts attending the Order of the Arrow Ordeal up at Mount Lemmon.

Reports

- Charter Org Rep & Liaison – Harry Contrades will report back to the troop about the Knights of Columbus plans for May 1st and what needs they will have regarding a service project or set up for the multi-cultural day activities.
- Equipment – Greg Ogden had the scouts over the other week to reorganize the scout trailer. Info about the equipment include:
 - Action packers have been restocked
 - Tents have been examined and are OK
 - Propane trees have been purchased
 - Two first-aid kits need to be replaced, two are OK

There are extra supplies that the troop has in the trailer that are taking up space that can be used for scout overnight gear. The trailer now is at or over capacity. Dave Ammons had to have the suspension replaced recently and he had a heavy duty one installed. The increased size of the troop requires us to haul a lot of scout gear. We have a lot of paper goods, a couple of rope bridges, extra pots and pans, and 5 action packers with extra supplies. Suggestions were made to purchase an extra trailer or store the extra supplies in a rented storage facility. The extra trailer still needs a place to be stored. SEAS does not have any storage available for gear or trailer. The issue with what to do with the extra supplies will be addressed at the next committee meeting.
- Outdoor Activities – Dave Ammons reported that reservations for scout activities have been made for our activities through September 2010.
- Fundraising – Barbara Pieper said that the Troop is now back at Platinum Status from the Friends of Scouting fundraising campaign. Initially, there were some issues with pledges being fulfilled. Platinum Status, among other things, enables the troop to get Eagle Kits for free. This is important now that a number of scouts are close to achieving their Eagle rank.
- Scout Store – Ed Madson is inquiring about purchasing embroidered patches for our neckerchiefs. Costs are 50 at \$7.50 each or 100 at \$6.90 each. The patch then would need to get sewn on to the neckerchief at an extra cost. Our scout store (closet) also has troop 209 tee shirts and baseball caps. Additional tee shirts are on order.

- Training – Jim Tarleton reminded the committee about taking BSA Youth Protection Training as well as training for your position such as This is Scouting and Troop Committee Challenge. Training is available on-line through the Catalina Council website <http://olc.scouting.org/> Wilderness First-Aid is being offered through the Council in two parts, on May 1 followed by the second session on May 8.
- Treasurers Report – Ernie Vigil was not available to provide an update to the troop's finances for this meeting.
- Advancement – Louis Pieper was working towards providing a summary of instructions to download TroopMaster and view, read-only, advancement, leadership, camping, and service records of scouts in the troop. At the last Court of Honor, Linda Longhofer reported that we had 5 scouts that were recognized that didn't get into the program. Louis stated that they came to him that day with their information. A suggestion was made to provide a summary of the recorded advancements, merit badges, awards etc. one week prior to the Court of Honor for review by parents and scouts.
- Website – Evelyn Bersack has been keeping the troop's website current and updated with the latest calendar changes.
- Webelos Transition – David Tetrault provided Joe Vaskovic with a summary of the crossovers that the troop has attended so far that included attending scouts and adults as well as the names of scouts that have crossed over to the troop. As of now, 16 new scouts have joined our unit. Two more crossovers are scheduled: Pack 212 on May 8th and Pack 221 will be having a second crossover. Dave will receive information about the Pack 221 crossover soon.

Old Business

- Venturing Crew – Barbara Pieper reported that there was a planning meeting this evening regarding organizing a Venture Crew apart from the troop. Another meeting is scheduled for 6:30 next Tuesday at SEAS. There are 3 scouts not currently associated with the troop interested in joining the Venturing Crew. The crew will be chartered through the Knights of Columbus.

Other Topics/Announcements

- Several merit badges supervised by adults and offered to the scouts in the upcoming weeks and months:
 - Pathfinding – Jim Tarleton
 - Signaling – Kim Ogden
 - Environmental Science – Kim Ogden
- Louis Pieper circulated a list of nights camping for review
- Joe Vaskovic reported receiving a Thank You card from Anita Elliot, the lady the troop assisted at the campout at Parker Canyon Lake. She also included a \$100 check for the troop. Barbara Pieper will be getting a card for Anita and plans on getting all the scouts to sign it.