



## TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



### Committee Meeting Notes May 24, 2009

The following are highlights from the Committee Meeting held for Troop 209 on May 24, 2010 at SEAS:

#### Upcoming Events

- 5/26 - Kyle Pieper Eagle Project – to be held at the Degrazia Elementary School at 5051 Overton Road this coming Wednesday. Please come out and help with painting and sprucing up restrooms at the school. Project begins at 8:00 AM. Bring old clothes.
- 6/5 – Workday at SEAS for the Knights of Columbus on Saturday beginning at 7:00 AM to beat the heat. Chores include yard work around the church grounds. Bring gloves and rakes. We NEED ADULT SUPERVISION. Please e-mail Joe Vaskovic at [jvaskovic@hotmail.com](mailto:jvaskovic@hotmail.com) if you can help out.
- 6/6 – Ad Altare Dei - Virginia Robillard 12597 N La Cholla Blvd. This catholic religious emblem class will be offered at 2:30 PM at Virginia's house. Class A's aren't needed. Please purchase the book for the class at the Catalina Council scout shop. Class is expected to last 1.5 hrs.
- 6/7 – SEAS Safe Environment Training is scheduled during the regular scout meeting. This will be the initial training. All adults active with the scouts in the troop need to take this training if they haven't already done so. Included will be viewing a video, signing an attestation form, filling out an application for a background check, getting fingerprinting, and paying a fee. The exact amount is unknown at this time but is expected to be near \$25-\$26. The amount will be e-mailed to all prior to the meeting. Once the initial training is complete, the training needs to be renewed yearly and can now be accomplished on-line through the Diocese of Tucson website. 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](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>. Regarding on-line renewal, there are three videos to choose. Deacon Jim recommends viewing the third one about a child molester. You only need to view 1 of the 3 videos. Upon finishing a video, you will be asked 5 questions. When you complete the 5 questions, you'll get a notice on your account saying you completed the training video. The Diocese will e-mail you a form that you must print out, sign, and hand in to SEAS to get credit. Your info at SEAS will then be updated. Please bring any signed form from the training to Jim Tarleton from the troop. He'll pass on to SEAS.
- 6/13 – 19 Summer Camp at Camp Lawton – The following information was provided regarding the summer camp from David Tetrault:
  - 35 scouts signed up, 31 have paid so far. The fee is \$202.50 till June 1.
  - Scouts need a physical and health form filled out. Parts A, B, and C need to be complete. See the troop website for the form at [http://www.aztroop209.org/summer\\_camp.php](http://www.aztroop209.org/summer_camp.php)

- Merit badges offered are on-line at the Catalina Council. Schedules are not yet available. David recommended scouts plan on what merit badges they would like to take and prepare accordingly. Some have prerequisites.
- Regarding merit badges, please consider signing up for one you can complete at camp. Coupling this with a service project at camp gets you a Papago Lodge patch.
- Notify David at [revtetrault@comcast.net](mailto:revtetrault@comcast.net) if you need a name tag ASAP. He needs to place the order this week. Scouts can use the ones from previous summer camps.
- 5 adults including Mike Knutson are signed up to be at summer camp. Other adults are encouraged to stop up and help out during the week, if only for a few hours.
- Departure from SEAS to Camp Lawton will be on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Plan on being at SEAS at 11:30, departing by Noon. Registration begins at 2:00 PM. Jim Tarleton has started a drivers list. PLEASE E-MAIL JIM IF YOU CAN DRIVE SCOUTS TO CAMP. Jim's e-mail is [jhtarleton@comcast.net](mailto:jhtarleton@comcast.net)
- 6/28 – 7/8 Northern Tier Update – full payment is due to Ernie Vigil. The troop now has the national tour permit in hand. Scouts and adults still need to turn in completed Northern Tier Medical Forms to Greg Ogden. John Wares informed the committee about an issue he is working to resolve regarding the airfare payment. The troop has paid for the tickets, but United is only recognizing this as a “retainer” type of fee and not crediting the money towards the tickets. The committee voted to submit additional fees, if necessary, for the airfare but only if those fees are refunded back to the troop. Updates will be provided when additional information is made available.

### **Scoutmaster Update**

- Mike Knutson gave the following update at the meeting:
  - Adults going to summer camp will need to supply their own tents due to the large number of scouts needing to use the camp's tents. A quick list of items to bring to camp include: water bottles, extra clothes, soap, towel, rain gear, extra money, and toothbrush. Evenings are cool so bring a jacket. Cards are OK, video games/electronics are not. Bring a flashlight for a possible nighttime hike to Mt. Bigalow. Scout money will be held by the adults. Please provide small denominations in an envelope marked with the scout name and amount. Chris Pena commented that he and his son will be saying the rosary nightly and welcomed scouts to bring theirs and join them. First year scouts are encouraged to take the Trail to First Class which is a jump start on requirements to achieving the rank of First Class scout.

### **Reports**

- Charter Org Rep & Liaison – Harry Contrades provided the information regarding the June 5<sup>th</sup> work day at SEAS for the Knights of Columbus. Additional news from the Knights of Columbus include:
  - Reimbursement to the troop for the cost of a second Eagle Plaque. The current plaque is filled and David Ogden, our newest scout achieving the Eagle Rank, will be the first name on the new plaque. Kim Ogden has selected and ordered the new plaque.

- Equipment – Dave Ammons gave the following update regarding troop equipment:
  - Dave Ammons and Greg Ogden purchased 4 Coleman 8-man tents from Costco at a cost of \$100 each. This was a sales deal that came up on short notice and Dave and Greg thought was too good to pass up considering the wear and tear issues we have been having with the current Eureka tents. The new tents were used at this past weekend's campout at Apache Lake. The scouts had many good comments regarding the tents. The doors have a Velcro closure to supplement zippers and they held up well in the high winds. Dave asked for consideration by the committee for reimbursement of the purchase and the committee voted "yes" to pay for the tents. A second vote was cast approving the purchase of stuff sacks for the tents for use over the very small bags that came with the tent. Dave Ammons will make that purchase.
  - Action Packer (camping equipment) issues were discussed. An ongoing issue is that the equipment in the packers never seems to be complete from campout to campout. Equipment seems to end up missing from them. This is an issue when a patrol tries to use an action packer to prepare their meals etc.
    - Recommendation from the Committee: The Troop Quartermaster is to see that each action packer is complete after each campout. If they can not be at a campout, they need to designate a stand-in. The Quartermaster, or stand in, shall coordinate with someone in each patrol on ensuring that the action packer is repacked with clean plates, utensils, cooking supplies etc. Each patrol should have a patrol quartermaster designated per campout.
- Outdoor Activities – Dave Ammons reported that reservations for scout activities have been made for our activities through September 2010.
- Fundraising – Popcorn Sales. Carol Dusek discussed that the troop should be thinking about the fall's popcorn sales. The kick-off meeting is August 21. September 11<sup>th</sup> will be popcorn pick-up and this can be the first show-and-sell date. Those attending the kick-off will get to go to a Tucson Toros baseball game. There was a lengthy debate on how the troop splits up the money from show-and-sells. In the past, all the show-and-sell money was divided among scouts participating in the show-and-sells. Carol has received comments that this is unfair to scouts who sell a lot during their time slots and an alternative money split proposed for the money collected during each show-and-sell slot to only be divided amongst those scouts at that particular time slot.
  - Discussion for the current practice:
    - Rewards all scouts participating in the show-and-sells
    - Makes up for the scouts being at a low sales location or off-hours time slot that may be beyond their control.
    - Show-and-sells are only one way to earn money. Scouts can still sell popcorn on their own.
  - Discussion for changing to splitting the money per time slot:
    - Rewards scouts who put in a hard effort and do get a lot of sales.

The committee discussed the options and issues and recommended to continue the current practice of dividing the profits from the show-and-sell sales among the participants.

There was also discussion about scouts not showing up at scheduled events and issues with not recording their attendance and balancing the money after each session. Carol encouraged parents to improve on these issues for the coming popcorn sales season.

Rewards for the top 3 popcorn sellers were discussed. In the past, there hasn't been a special recognition for the top sellers. Dan Malone and Ed Madson each pledged \$100 to be used toward a reward for those top sellers.

In an effort to coordinate the popcorn sales, a subcommittee was formed : Michelle Machado, Joyce Contrades, and Barbara Pieper. They will report back to the committee their planning efforts for reward options for the top 3 sellers as well as other updates.

- Scout Store – Ed Madson reported that Class B tee-shirts are in stock as well as an order of emblems for neckerchiefs.
- Training – Jim Tarleton said that all troop adults need to take BSA Youth Protection Training which is available on-line. In addition, they need training for their position.
- Treasurer's Report – Ernie Vigil provided a financial update for the troop. A large sum is available for Northern Tier payment.
- Merit Badges – There are several merit badges being overseen by adults of the troop with sessions being held prior to the Monday scout meetings. Path finding is nearly complete. Jim Tarleton will be offering the merit badge again later this summer and may offer a third session after that. The Automotive merit badge is also currently on-going.

## **New Business**

Brief discussion occurred regarding campout issues. Several concerns have been raised by parents regarding advance planning of the campouts, meal planning, duty rosters, and scout sign-up. Regarding each:

- Advance Planning – Campouts should have planning begin two weeks in advance of the campout. Adult leader selected and driver list initiated.
- Meal Planning – should have an assistant scoutmaster overseeing the patrol menu plans to ensure nutritious meals and the reasonable amounts of food items.
- Duty Rosters – scouts need to have responsibilities delegated to them such as patrol quartermaster duties.
- Scout Sign-Ups – scouts signing up need to include payment for food. This is usually \$10 per scout. A suggestion was made for scouts not paying to not be allowed to go to the campout. Notification should be made to the adult leader regarding a No-Show so the troop can plan accordingly.

## **Future Events**

- 7/23-24 Revised Dates for the Lock-In at Beautiful Savior Academy. This is a Friday into Saturday time for the scouts to have fun, stay up all night, play video games, watch movies, and snack.

Due to the lengthy discussions during the Committee Meeting regarding Summer Camp and Popcorn Sales, a portion of the agenda was not covered by 8:30. This includes the following items:

- Website – Evelyn Bersack
- Webelos Transition – David Tetrault – Final Tally – again.
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
  - Committee Support
- **Future Events**
- 8/9 – Troop Elections
- 8/20-22 – Campout – Camp Lawton/Observatory Visit
- 9/3-6 – Camping at Rustlers Peak, Planning Camp
- 2011 Cavalcade
- **Other Topics**

**Next Committee Meeting – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**