



TROOP 209 CATALINA COUNCIL, TUCSON, ARIZONA



Committee Meeting Notes July 19, 2010

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

Upcoming Events

- 7/23-24 – Lock-in at Beautiful Savior Academy (7570 N. Thornydale, 85741) in Warner Hall – Pete Pederson, Mike Gay, David Tetrault, and Jim Tarleton volunteered to supervise. The event begins at 6:00 PM on Friday and will end 8:00 AM Saturday. Drop off/Pick up is at the church. Scouts are asked to bring \$5 for food. Pizza and drink order will be made.
- 8/9 – Troop Elections will be held for the scout leadership at the scout meeting that night.
- Troop Dues will be collected for the second half of the year. Total dues is \$80 for the year (\$100 max/family/year). Please pay Ernie Vigil \$40 for the second dues installment by August 16th. Awards for the upcoming Court of Honor on Aug 29th will be held from those scouts who haven't paid by the 16th.

Reports

- Charter Org Rep & Liaison – Harry Contrades will check with the Knights of Columbus about scheduling a future work day at SEAS to make up for the one missed on June 5th.
- Equipment – No report on equipment. Troop equipment was not used at the recent summer camp.
- Outdoor Activities – Kim Ogden provided an update regarding the Camp Lawton/Observatory Visit planned for Aug 20-22. Stewart Observatory is 7+ miles from camp and may be difficult to shuttle scouts to the site. Mt. Bigalow is a 1 mile hike and is more feasible, but the scopes won't be open for viewing. Kim is to hear back from the Mt. Bigalow folks regarding whether a talk could be presented to the scouts regarding more of the engineering aspects of the site rather than astronomical information. More info to be passed on to the troop as it becomes available.
- Fundraising – The popcorn committee hadn't met yet (Barbara Pieper, Carol Dusek, Barbara Gowdy, and Michelle Machado). Kick-off is planned for August 21st at High Corbett Field. Barbara reported that Carol had submitted a goal for the troop to council.
 - David Tetrault volunteered to oversee the Salesman merit badge for scouts during the popcorn sales.
 - Barbara Pieper said that Council will be providing information on how to market to businesses for the older scouts.
- Scout Store – Ed Madson reported that he purchased 24 neckerchiefs and some patches. The cost of the neckerchiefs were \$9 +/- and the patches \$6 +/- each. Those costs, coupled with the cost of sewing will push the total cost per

- neckerchief to \$16-\$18 which is up from the \$10 we have charged in the past. Ed will be providing the exact costs and we will be asking for the new cost on future purchases of the neckerchief by the scouts.
- Training – Jim Tarleton reminded the committee about taking BSA Youth Protection Training. Registered adults need to have BSA training completed in order to reregister for the upcoming year.
 - Mike Schuh noted that adult Merit Badge Councilors will need to reapply for the upcoming year at recharter time to oversee particular merit badges. Mike will be working with David Tast to have a Merit Badge Councilor training session in August/September. Application forms will be available at that time.
 - Jim announced that Raytheon will hold its second merit badge college February 26, 2011. Merit badge offerings will be increased from 4 to 6, total registrations will be increased to 250 scouts, and sign-ups will become open in December through the Council.
 - Treasurers Report – Ernie Vigil will be collecting second half dues (\$40) through August 16th.
 - Advancement – Louis Pieper provided the current Individual History Report of the troop's scouts. Please review and see that it is up to date. This information will be used to compile the advancements, merit badges, and other awards for the August 29th Court of Honor.
 - Merit Badges – The following merit badges are currently being offered or will start in the near future:
 - Pathfinding, Jim Tarleton, currently begun
 - Automotive, Louis Pieper, currently begun
 - Signaling, Kim Ogden & David Tetrault, to begin August 9th , 6:15 at SEAS
 - An e-mail will be sent regarding the class and expectations from the scouts.
 - Tracking, Jim Tarleton & Robert Malis, tentatively September
 - Leatherwork, Dave Ammons, dates yet to be determined

Joyce Contrades gave an update regarding the Ad Altare Dei religious medal. Five more classes will be held with the next one scheduled for this Wednesday night. Additional classes will be held for those scouts needing to make up classes, but these make-up sessions will be for scouts already taking the classes. The medal for completion of the classes will be presented at the Bishop's Mass on March 27th, 2011.

Joyce also presented information regarding the Anza Trek. Completion of the Anza Trek is part of the Ad Altare Dei requirements. The hike will be held October 30-31 and an overnight campout is planned. The hike is 5 miles long and is located near Tubac. There will be a lunch and barbecue. Cost is \$20/scout with a \$60/family maximum. Contact Chip Travers at 520-749-2937 for registration/info.

Chip Travers is also seeking help running the event and asked Joyce to ask the troop for assistance. Particular tasks have not been defined. The committee discussed this and would support the effort, but need to have the scouts decide.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the next scout meeting for those scouts willing to help out on that weekend.

- Website – Evelyn Bersack will be collecting photos from summer camp and northern tier for posting on the troop's website. Please bring your photos on disc to next week's scout meeting.

Old Business

- No old business was discussed.

New Business

- Committee Support – Joe Vaskovic said that he would like to send out the table of Adult Positions that is found with the committee agenda to registered adults and ask for volunteer support for those currently listed positions. The goal is to have two deep support for each position and have a second person involved with a task so that transitions are more easily handled. It is better to become familiar with a task with the help of someone who has been doing it for a while. Please consider helping out with the troop if you haven't done so in the past.
- Friends of Scouting – Barbara Pieper reported that the troop is confirmed for Platinum Status. There had been some reports that the troop was listed down as having Gold Status. There are huge financial benefits in terms of discounts for the troop such as with the Eagle Scout packages with Platinum Status over Gold Status making it important that we are clear about our standing.

Scoutmaster Update

- Greg Ogden and Robert Malis provided the Scoutmasters Update for Mike Knutson who is expected to return in August.
 - Greg Ogden will be meeting with Mike Knutson and the Assistant Scoutmasters to define their role within the troop and to try and become more proactive in their mentoring of the scouts. Greg has asked that all registered Assistant Scoutmasters and those wishing to become active registered Assistant Scoutmasters to contact him.
 - Goals will include ways to encourage scouts in planning campouts and planning activities such as merit badge opportunities at campouts. Another issue Greg mentioned is the possibility of including church services Sunday mornings at campouts.
 - The Council Fall Camporee is cancelled. Instead, a weekend campout is planned for October 22-24 at Double V. This is open to the Council troops but would be handled like an individual troop campout such as providing our own equipment/food. Activities could be available at Double V such as pool, scuba, obstacle course etc. Robert Malis asked the committee if there is interest by the troop to help out with the activities.
 - The committee suggested asking the scouts if they are interested. That will occur next Monday.
 - Joyce Contrades noted that on October 23rd, in Phoenix, there will be the *BSA Adventure Base 100*. This is a once in a lifetime event in conjunction with the 100th anniversary of scouting.
 - Scouts to decide what event(s) to support.

Future Events

- 8/20-22 – Campout – Camp Lawton/Observatory Visit – See Outdoor Activities above.
- 8/29 – Court of Honor, the following information was discussed:
 - Scheduled for Sunday, August 29th. Steve Bersack to confirm with SEAS if the hall is available. It may begin at 5:00 PM
 - Monday night, 30th, is a second choice. Time may be 6:30.
 - Mathew Ogden and Daniel Tetrault will be the masters of ceremony
 - Theme not picked
 - Kim Ogden, Barbara Pieper, David Tetrault, and Holly Presley will be the subcommittee in charge of planning announcements, food, set-up, clean-up, special awards, etc.
 - See Advancement section for info on scout records for Court of Honor.
- 9/3-9/6 Planning Camp at Rustlers Peak over Labor Day weekend. No further info discussed.
- 2011 Calvalcade – Kim Ogden and Joyce Contrades to head up subcommittee. They will coordinate with Mike Knutson and try and get the dates set.

Other Topics

- Eagle Plaque – Kim Ogden has the new Eagle Plaque and will be getting the engraving done. J.W. Thompson, Jacob Calis, David Ogden, and Cody Martin's names will be also added.
- Northern Tier Summary
 - Three crews participating. The older scouts, Crew C, completed the one-way trek of 125 miles to Lake Superior and the 8 mile "Grand Portage"
 - Crew B paddled over 90 miles and had a great time fishing.
 - Crew A paddled over 50 miles and also had a great adventure.
 - Weights anticipated for the canoes and packs were not exaggerated. Everything was heavy!
 - Good planning all the way around on the transportation, dorms the night before reaching Ely, the timing of meal stops, the mine tour, and the trip to the fur company museum afterwards.
 - A lot of comments on the fun and true "high adventure" of it all.
 - See the troop website at aztroop209.org in the upcoming weeks for postings of photos.
- Summer Camp Summary
 - 33 boys went and 33 came back. Five adults were at camp as well.
 - Great time had by all! The food was better this year except for Friday night.
 - 92 merit badges completed.
 - 22 scouts and the 5 adults met the requirements for the Tribe of Papago service patch.
 - David Tetrault and 5 scouts completed the "Penguin Swim".
 - The scheduling white board was a big success.
 - Kudos to Mike Knutson for his motivation and work with the scouts.
- Barbara Pieper announced that the Council will be offering classes for Backpacking in order to teach scouts how to pack and hike. Ultimately, a backpacking trip will be planned. Sign-ups to begin this fall.