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Next Meeting October 6th, 2007, 8:00 a.m., Valley Ranch Baptist Church

I. Call to Order

Mr. Griffiths called the meeting to order at 8:12 a.m. We needed to wait for those that were at the Scoutmaster Breakfast to arrive.

II. Reflection on recent events

Police/Firemen's Softball Game: August 5th, Sunday evening, Coppell's Annual Police versus Firemen Softball Game was held as a part of the National Night Out festivities. Debbi Bohn coordinated this event between Troop 840 and CPAC (Citizen's Police Academy Coppell) to provide the police, firemen and their family members with hot dogs and refreshments. Our Troop presented the colors at the start of the softball game. We had ten (10) adults and twelve (12) Scouts that presented the colors, cooked and served hot dogs and cleaned up afterward. The Scouts earned service hours and everyone had a great time. The Firemen soundly defeated the Policemen but you could hear from the spirit in the Policemen's voices at the end of the game, "Just wait until next year!" The game started at 7:00 and continued until 8:30. The event was held at Andy Brown Central on Denton Tap Road.

Program Preview: August 6th at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church. Mr. Griffiths presented the information. He offered to provide the data to the Troop. This information is available for download from http://www.westernstar.org/WS_prog_preview.shtml.

August Campout: Held at Beaver's Bend State Park in Oklahoma from August 10th to the 12th. Seventeen (17) Scouts and (10) adults attended the camp out. Terry Smith left early with the white trailer and got a great campsite. We need to plan ahead on the canoeing adventures.

Troop Election Night: August 14th is Troop Election Night. Most slots have been filled and posted. We still are looking to fill Troop Guides and Instructor positions.

Annual Planning Conference: August 18th at Cedar Creek Lake will be both incoming and outgoing "green bars". Left the Church at 8:00 to 8:15, got to the lake by 9:30, planed the conference and then swam and returned by 5:15 p.m. A great time was held by all. The Scouts planned the year but some dates may be iffy. David Hymer has confirmed that the dates match up with location availability with the exception of May, 2008. The calendar has been published on the website. October will either be at the public campsite in Wichita Falls (which is first come, first served) or a private camp. No reservation is required for the public site.

Meet and Greet: August 21st at Valley Ranch Baptist Church a Luncheon was held as a "Meet and Greet". This was an opportunity to put faces with names and for each group to meet the key members of the church and the Troop. This was a great meeting and a good partnering luncheon.

Court of Honor: August 26th, Sunday, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. our Court of Honor was held at Valley Ranch Baptist Church. Set up began at 2:00 p.m. Advancement worked really hard to prepare for this Court of Honor. All of the merit badges earned were printed so they didn't have to be read as awarded.

III. Coordination of next events

St. Ann's Carnival: Terry Smith said we had seven (7) adults and twenty (20) Scouts on Friday night. Very few slept through the night. There are eight (8) adults and thirty-five (35) Scouts signed up for tonight. No major events and all were safe and had good weather last night. Mike Santy said it went smoother than he's seen it go in four (4) years.

Sharon Harvey said we have another taste test set for 20-September-2007, Thursday. Schedule 2 means we have the first people arriving at 10:50 a.m. and the last at 4:20. We will receive a donation towards our new trailer for our participation in the taste test. It will be held at the Living Hope Church. Set up will take place on Wednesday night, 19-September, at 9:00 p.m. We really need to have your support to set up tables for the taste test. Since it's been three (3) months since the last taste test, all participants from the last taste test can participate this time as well. We have signed up for the 120 person taste test.

Sharon Harvey also showed us ornaments with the Troop 840 logo on them. The Troop Committee agreed to offer these to the Troop as mementos of their Scouts' participation in the Troop. Orders will be taken by Sharon Harvey and a photo of this ornament will be posted on the website.

OA Fall Fellowship: No one will be attending this that we know of. Terry Smith said we need to do a better job of participating in the OA events and monthly activities. Chris Griffiths will ask Waid Davis to gather the OA members either before or after a Troop meeting to poll what is preventing greater participation in OA and what changes need to be made to increase our participation and will report at the next Committee Meeting.

Eagle Ceremonies: Dr. Tansey said that we need to review and update the Eagle Coach list on the Troop website. We do need to have additional, active Eagle Coaches available for our Scouts. We will have a significant number of Life Scouts at our next Court of Honor and we need to be able to support them on their Trail to Eagle. An Eagle Coach must be an Eagle Scout. Terry Smith will review the current list and determine if they will still be active Coaches

and who else can be added to the list. Kenny Hightower will have his Eagle Court of Honor on 08-September at 4:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, and Luke Williamson will have his Eagle Court of Honor on 29-September at 5:00 p.m. at Valley Ranch Baptist Church.

Den Chief Training: September 15th at 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at PPUMC Circle 10 will conduct Den Chief Training. We have four (4) Scouts planning on attending Den Chief training.

Popcorn Sales Start: Chris Griffiths is seeking a Popcorn Kernel to lead this activity.

BB Gun Training: This is on the 22nd of September. This is more for Cub Scouts versus Scouts. This training is for Adults to be able to conduct sessions with a BB Gun for Scouts.

September Campout: We have a reservation at Camp Cherokee, 21st to the 23rd of September. We have swimming scheduled with another Troop between 1:00 to 5:00. We will visit the Fish Hatchery and have an opportunity to be at the Climbing Tower and the archery range. We encourage Scouts to bring their own fishing poles. Swimming is \$2 per person and archery is \$10 for the troop. These costs for these activities will be included in the camping charge of \$25 per Scout. Adults will be charged \$20.

Order of Arrow Ordeal: An Ordeal from the 12th to the 14th of October. We only have two Scouts that have not yet had their Ordeal.

Wood Badge 84: This will be held October 5th-7th, and October 19th-21st. There are only seven (7) spots open for this training. It is held at Camp Wisdom. If you're interested, please contact Anna May Ghaly for more information. If you miss this one, there will be Wood Badge 85 held in January. The Circle 10 website has a direct link to these Wood Badge Training sessions.

October Campout: This will be October 19th to 21st at Wichita Mountains. We are trying to secure the private campsite but we will stay at the public campsite if we cannot secure the private campsite.

Chili Dinner: Mark Williamson said we have been approved to for Thursday night, November 1st, a junior varsity football game at Coppell High School. Mr. Williamson is trying to secure Mr. Applegate's industrial strength slicer/dicer and getting the chili sauce. There is a higher level of Scout Bucks (20%) if ticket money is turned in during September and a 10% bonus for money turned in during October. The pre-cook is on October 28th, Sunday, at Austin Elementary.

Scouts must sell at least \$75 worth of Chili Supper tickets to participate in the Scout Buck auction in May, 2008! Mr. Williamson prepared an informational handout about this event. The information in that handout is attached to these minutes.

Appreciation Project: Mr. Smith stated in appreciation of Sandy Lake Road Baptist Church being our sponsoring organization for many years, we will re-vamp their backboards, hoops and nets. We may also paint their poles so it will look much better after we're done. We will set a date for this to take place at our October Committee meeting.

IV. Status Reports

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Tepper reported that the Troop is still solvent and gave an excellent update. The trailer fund account was increased by the amount contributed from the taste test

event. The Troop has agreed that the contribution from St. Ann's will be placed into the Trailer Fund as well as the anticipated contribution from the Taste Test that will be held in September. Funds are due for our 2008 Philmont Treks on 01-Oct-2007. Therefore, all of the Troop 840 participants must pay up the remaining balance by Saturday, 15-Sep-2007.

Roundtable Report: Mr. Griffiths provided notes from the Roundtable which are attached to these minutes.

Outdoor Activities & Summer Camp: Due to the Philmont treks scheduled for next year, it will be difficult to staff multiple summer camps with adult leadership and Scout leadership. We will need to encourage a significant number of part time participants in order to offer the variety of summer camp options that we have in the recent past.

Membership: Missey to send out email for interest in the adult green shirts to process a minimum order.

Advancement: We have covered this in the comments above. Advancement did an outstanding job getting everything ready for our last Court of Honor. Thank you so much!

Training: Refer to John Hopper email and attached roundtable minutes.

Equipment: Chris Griffiths to call Mike Santy and discuss trailer paint.

Communications: Thomas Snawder would like troop leaders to review web pages and send corrections to him for updating.

Transportation: No Report – Troop is looking for an assistant to back up Paul Bauer.

V. Other Action Items

Other Troop Needs: Chris Griffiths will publish a current list of open positions for parents to become involved.

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SPL Remarks: *Our new SPL, Master Ghaly, said the new facility with the extra room has been great.*

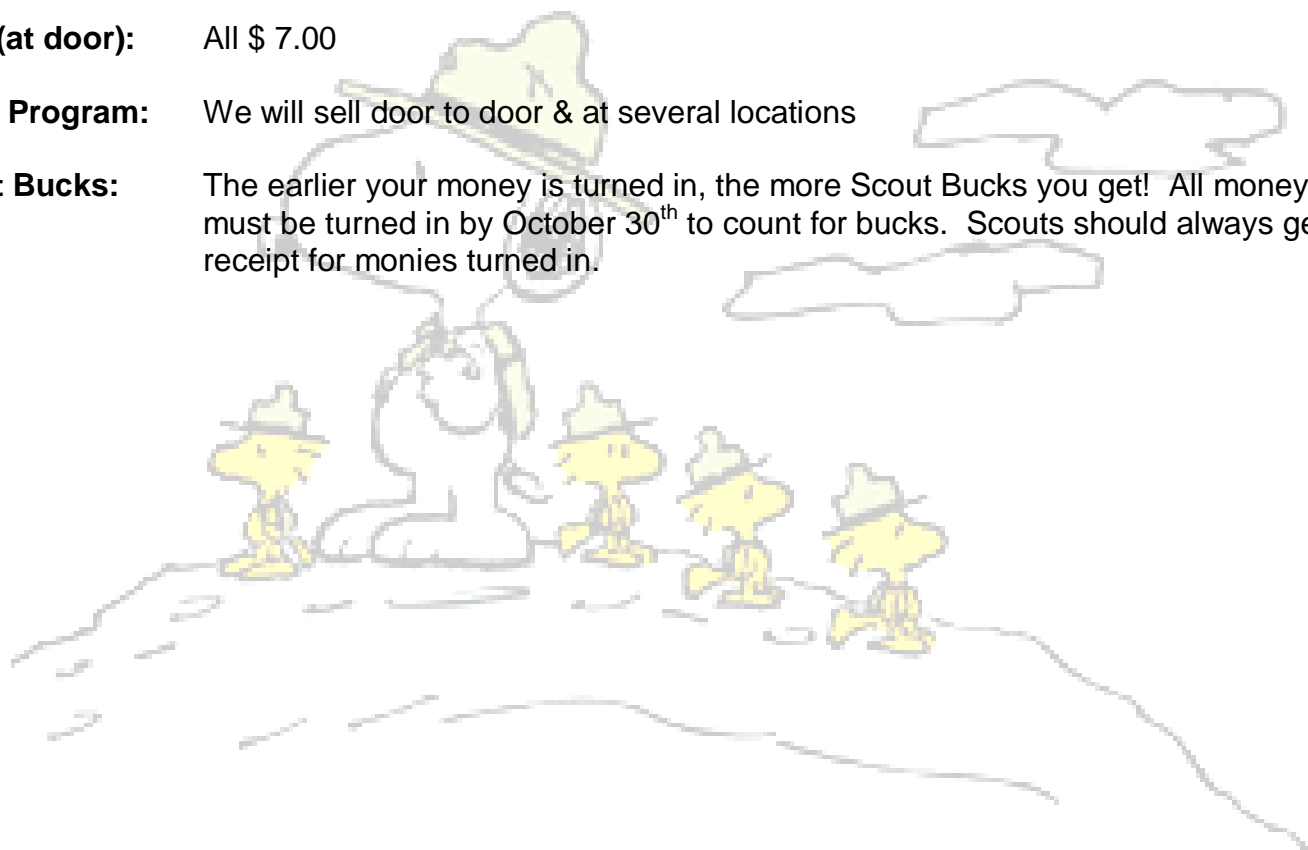
SM Remarks: He has learned a lot since stepping into his new role, troop is striving for older scout training and continuing to make a better program for the scouts. Message – Don't let your scout not participate in camping because of financial situations. There are camperships available. Please contact Chris Griffiths at chrisgriffiths@tx.rr.com or 972-393-7135.

VII. Summary and adjournment

Mr. Griffiths ended the meeting at 10:00 am. Next Committee Meeting, Saturday, 06-October-2007, 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Valley Ranch Baptist Church.

14th Annual Troop 840 Chili Supper General Information

- What:** 14th Annual Troop 840 Chili Supper Fund Raiser
- Where:** Coppell High School Cafeteria and Commons
- When:** Thursday, November 1st, 2007 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
- Cost (advance):** Adults \$ 6.00, Kids under 10 & Seniors \$ 4.00
- Cost (at door):** All \$ 7.00
- Sales Program:** We will sell door to door & at several locations
- Scout Bucks:** The earlier your money is turned in, the more Scout Bucks you get! All money must be turned in by October 30th to count for bucks. Scouts should always get a receipt for monies turned in.



Round Table

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Activities

Historic Trails Hike, Saturday, October 20, 9am-3pm

Troops are needed to set up booths behind National Boy Scout office in Irving to give demos to cub scouts that are participating in the hike. Troop 840 has demonstrated knots for the last 4 years at this event. This is a weekend campout date for our troop, but if you are not going on the camp out, it would be good to have representation at this program. It is a good recruiting tool because there are usually 800-1000 cub scouts that attend. Mark Davis is checking his schedule to determine if he can do this event, but more help is definitely needed-both scouts and adults. He cannot do this by himself. We need to contact Pam Peveto or Ron Flores to let them know if we are participating.

Help our Wounded Warriors, Saturday, November 10, 9am-5pm

Porter's Army & Navy Store, 600 E. Irving Blvd., Irving, TX. Items will be collected for wounded soldiers arriving at Ft. Hood Troops may help out by

- 1) setting up game booths on the day of the event
- 2) donation of items
- 3) assembling gift bags
- 4) set up and tear down on the day of the event

For more information go to www.helpourwounded.com or contact Robert Perkins at 972-579-4850 or Cindy Porter at 214-693-5008.

Training

September 15	Den Chief Training	8:30-1:00	PPUMC
October 6	New Leader Essentials	7:30	Location TBA
	Leader Specific Training		
	Troop Committee Challenge		
October 26-28	Intro. to Outdoor Leadership Skills		

Check the Western Star website for more details

Membership

School night for scouting is happening over the next few weeks on Tues/Thursday nights at the elementary schools in Coppell and Irving.

Venturing

New Venturing Round Table Commissioner, Mr. Jung, has information about a kayaking instructor and how to earn the Boy Scout kayaking award. The instructor will provide a 3-4 hour class for 12-15 scouts/session at an indoor pool for \$25. The instructor's website is www.kayakinstruct.com and he has done this for Troop 840 in the past. He also offers a white water training in San Marcos.

OA

Fall Fellowship, September 7-8. October, there will be an Ordeal. Troop 840 still has 11 scouts eligible to do their Brotherhood. Our Chapter is 22 members short of making Honor Chapter.