

Troop 840, B.S.A.

Troop Committee	Date of Meeting:	October 08, 2007														
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Facilitator: Chris Griffiths Title of Meeting: Scheduled Monthly meeting Location: Valley Ranch Baptist Church, Coppell, TX Notetaker: Matt Bohn Attendees: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Matt Bohn IV</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Mike Santy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mathias Bohn V</td> <td>Terry Smith – Scoutmaster</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waid Davis</td> <td>Thomas Snawder</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mark Durso</td> <td>Roma Stiff</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Master Ghaly - SPL</td> <td>Randy Wilkinson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chris Griffiths – Committee Chair</td> <td>Mark Williamson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Hymer</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			Matt Bohn IV	Mike Santy	Mathias Bohn V	Terry Smith – Scoutmaster	Waid Davis	Thomas Snawder	Mark Durso	Roma Stiff	Master Ghaly - SPL	Randy Wilkinson	Chris Griffiths – Committee Chair	Mark Williamson	David Hymer	
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Agenda

Item	Notes
I. Call to Order	
	Chris Griffiths
II. Reflection on recent events	
St Ann's Carnival	September 7 & 8
OA Fall Fellowship	September 7 – 9
Eagle Ceremonies	Kenny Hightower Sept 8, 4:00 pm, Luke Williamson Sept 29, 5:00pm
Den Chief Training	September 15, PPUMC 8:30 am
Popcorn Sales Start	September 15, Orders due Oct 31 st
BB Gun Training	September 22, Camp Wisdom
September Campout	September 21-23, Camp Cherokee - Fishing
Taste Test	September 20
III. Coordination of next events	
Wood Badge 84	October 5-7 & October 19-21
Order of Arrow Ordeal	October 12-14
October Campout	October 19-21, Wichita Mountains
Chili Dinner	November 1 st , Thursday night
Appreciation Project	Basketball Court Renovation at Sandy Lake Road Baptist Church
Trailer	Re-Painting Schedule
Scout winter long t-shirts	Roma
November Campout	November 9 -11, Lake Ray Roberts
Christmas Store	December 7 & 8
Storage Unit	Re-new agreement in December \$912 per year
December Campout	December 14-16, Trotters Land
IV. Status Reports	

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Treasurer's Report	Mark Tepper / Deb Trejo
Roundtable Report	Terry Smith / Anna May Ghaly
Outdoor Activities/Summer Camp	David Hymer / Keith Markbreiter
Membership	Missey Cox / Tracey Kersey
Advancement	Lynell Huffmaster / Karen Griffiths
Training	John Hopper / Mrs. Roberts
Equipment	Gary Green
Communications	Thomas Snawder
Transportation	Paul Bauer
V. Action Items	
Other Troop Needs	Master Ghaly
VI. Other Needs	
SPL Remarks	Master Ghaly
SM Remarks	Terry Smith
VII. Summary & adjournment	
	Chris Griffiths

Next Meeting November 3rd, 2007, 8:00 a.m., Valley Ranch Baptist Church

I. Call to Order

Mr. Griffiths called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

II. Reflection on recent events

St. Ann's Carnival: Mark Durso said we had some minor property damage on Saturday night at St. Ann's Carnival involving darts and a hose. The PLC and the Troop is determining how to resolve this with St. Ann's. This is a great opportunity for increased involvement for Scout parents. We need to have more supervision and oversight during this event. Those of you that are not interested in camping with the Troop, this is a very "easy" event because we're local in Coppell for these events.

Eagle Ceremonies: Kenny Hightower had his Eagle Court of Honor on 08-September at 4:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, and Luke Williamson had 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 conducted Den Chief Training. We had five (5) Scouts planning on attending Den Chief training. While they have not yet been assigned Cub Scout Dens, they are enthusiastic and prepared to deal with young Cub Scouts.

Popcorn Sales Start: Barbara and Howard Witham are the Popcorn Kernels. Sales have started. Orders must be completed and turned in by 30-Oct-2007.

BB Gun Training: This was on the 22nd of September. Mark Durso is certified if anyone wants to do anything with BB guns.

September Campout: Mr. Smith said we camped at Camp Cherokee, 21st to the 23rd of September. There were many fish caught. It was great and most of the Scouts had a blast.

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The hatchery was a great hit. He's sure this will be an event that they'll want to do again. The Scouts were able to hand feed large catfish. It was really great! A laid back camp and the Scouts were able to do what they wanted to do. Some were able to finish their fishing merit badge. The camp site was not well maintained in the off season. We probably should bring some weed eaters so we can bring down the tall weeds to prepare the camping area a little bit. The climbing tower was not available for climbing as we had planned but swimming was great. There was an additional fee for swimming and we supplied our own life guards. They had a great camp fire and some really good skits. We could keep any fish caught that was over twelve (12) inches. There were three (3) of these.

Taste Test: Mike Santy said we were short about six (6) people for the event. The donation toward the trailer was about \$1,100 from DFW Research. We need to incent the parents and Scouts that are age 13 and over to participate in the next taste test. We have been invited to participate again in six months. If we're successful at the next event, we may have enough funds to secure the camp trailer that is needed for this Troop.

III. Coordination of next events

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.

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. There is an OA Brotherhood Walk on 23-October-2007 at the Valley Ranch Baptist Church. This is a Tuesday evening and those that are eligible will participate in the Brotherhood Walk during the remainder of our normally scheduled meeting.

October Campout: This will be October 19th to 21st at Wichita Mountains. We will stay at the public campsite (the Doris campsite). This is a "first come, first served" campsite. We would like to have some go early on that day to secure the needed campsites.

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 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. We have 28 Scouts that have already sold the needed \$75 in ticket sales to qualify for the Buck Auction.

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. The light posts look bad but they may not be easy to paint the poles. We can paint the posts that the nets are on. We can power wash the concrete and to paint stripes on the court. We have set 27-October for this event. We are going to ask Joe Ulrich to coordinate this event so we know the schedule, what is needed at what time and who will do what.

Trailer: Re-painting schedule. This is scheduled for the weekend of the 13th and 14th in October. Mr. Santy will send out an E-Mail to request volunteers to get the trailer prepared for painting and painted. We'll do sanding and grinding on Saturday morning and afternoon. The painting should take place Saturday evening and Sunday. We will need to unload the trailer into the storage area so we can have an empty trailer to work with. We're going to upgrade the lights on the trailer as well to LED. These are brighter and safer than what we have on the trailer now. The trailer will be made "water tight" again after these repairs. M Signs will prepare the logo to replace the one that will be removed during the sanding and grinding. We will need three adults per two hour shift to finish this work. This will be done Mr. Luckey's shop. Directions will be put in the E-Mail from Mr. Santy.

Scout Winter Long T-Shirts: Roma. The shirts are great for winter. They don't have green available, however, from this vendor. The cost is around \$15 to \$16 each with a minimum order of 72. Missey Cox is checking to see if Russell manufactures a long sleeve version of the current adult dry fit shirt. This shirt works well as an undergarment that wicks moisture away from the body. We have asked for some research to get an inexpensive wicking fabric shirt for the Troop. Colors for this are gray, black or green.

November Campout: The Troop's November campout will be held from November 9th to the 11th at Lake Ray Roberts. We're ready to go!

Christmas Store: December 7th and 8th, Christmas Store. This takes place at our new Church home, the Valley Ranch Baptist Church. We need to have volunteers for Scouts and Adults to participate in this event. ***It is very important for our troop to participate and support our new sponsoring organization during this event.*** It is an annual event and more information will come from Chris Griffiths in an E-Mail describing the benefit of this event.

Sharon Harvey also showed us ornaments with the Troop 840 logo on them at last month's Committee Meeting. The Troop Committee had agreed to offer these to the Troop as mementos of their Scouts' participation in the Troop. Sharon has turned over the order information to **Jeff** Tepper. He is collecting the orders. The ornaments are \$20 each. The last date for orders is 23-October. The image of this ornament is on the next page.



Storage Unit: The Troop must make a decision whether to renew the storage unit agreement for another year. The annual cost is \$912 and the due date will come up in December. We need to look at getting a secure storage facility for us before the annual rent payment is due. We would like to move to a storage area closer to the Church and have a lower cost.

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December Campout: The Troop's December campout will be held from December 14th to the 16th at Trotter's Land. This will be the annual cooking campout. The Golden Spoon Award is being given out for each camp out.

IV. Status Reports

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Tepper prepared the report but was unable to attend the meeting. The month was "uneventful" and the Troop is still solvent.

Roundtable Report: Mr. Griffiths provided notes from the Roundtable which are attached to these minutes. The historic trail hike is October 20th from 9:00 to 2:00. This is for those that will not be participating in the campout that weekend.

Outdoor Activities & Summer Camp: Plan A is to go to Camp Bartle for our summer camp in 2008. Plan B is to have Summer Camp at Camp Pioneer June 29th through July 5th. We are concerned that we will have sufficient adult leadership to be able to manage a large group going to Camp Bartle.

Membership: We need to identify Merit Badge counselors and what badges they want to teach along with their applications.

Advancement: No additional comments.

Training: No additional comments.

Equipment: No additional topics.

Communications: Thomas Snawder said there were no additional comments. He is still the Webmaster and he has not gotten any additional help yet.

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. That will be sent out directly from Chris Griffiths to include in the monthly newsletter.

VI. Other Needs

SPL Remarks: Master Ghaly could not be at the meeting due to the PLC meeting.

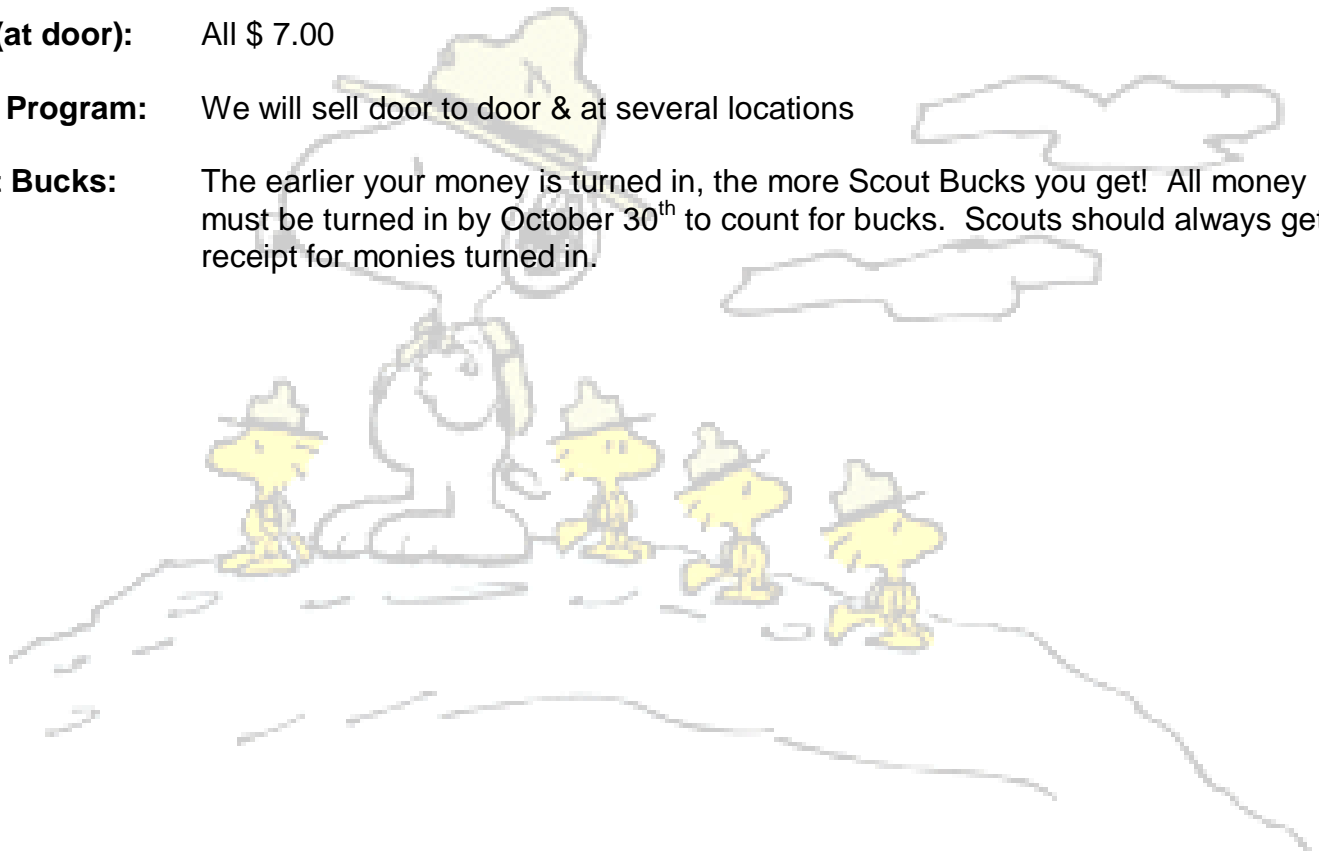
SM Remarks: Our Scoutmaster had to leave to attend the PLC meeting as our meeting ran longer than expected.

VII. Summary and adjournment

Mr. Griffiths ended the meeting at 10:00 am. Next Committee Meeting, Saturday, 03-November-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.



Activities

Oct. 20 Historic Trails Hike
 9-2, lunch provided, contact Ron Flores
 Mark Davis needs help from adults and scouts to represent our troop at this event.

Jan. District Dinner
 District Award of Merit-a district award for service to the district; applications are online at Circle10.org

Silver Beaver nominations are due to Circle 10 by the end of October. This award is a Council award that recognizes individuals for service to the community and scouts.

Advancement

Dec. 8 Merit Badge College
 M.B. counselors are needed to teach merit badges. Contact Julie Lewis at julewis@irvingisd.net to let her know what you want to teach. There are full day and ½ day classes

Ernest Espinoza has codes for online advancement
 By Dec. 2008, the Scoutfitter will only accept online advancement orders.

Camping

Nov. 2-4 Weebloree at Camp Wisdom

Training

Oct. 6 SALT, Committee Challenge, etc. offered at First United Methodist Church in Coppell

Oct. 27 Trainer Development 8:30-4

IOLS at Camp Wisdom

Jan. University of Scouting at SMU

Membership

Oct. 15-19 Ring out for the district. All troop rosters need to be submitted by this date

Oct. 22 Call Out-if council roster doesn't match up w/ troop roster, you will be called; starts at 6pm; if anyone who can help would it would be much appreciated at Circle 10

Health & Safety

Oct. 6 Red Cross- Emergency Response Team Training