

Troop 840, B.S.A.

Troop Committee	Date of Meeting:	March 1, 2008
	Time of Meeting:	8:00 AM
Facilitator: Chris Griffiths Title of Meeting: Scheduled Monthly meeting Location: Valley Ranch Baptist Church, Coppell, TX Notetaker: Janice Coberly Attendees: Tracey Kersey Terry Smith – Scoutmaster Susan Davis Chris Wilt Donald Schuh John Hopper Chris Griffiths – Committee Chair Missey Cox Thomas Snawder Janice Coberly Tim Owen		

Agenda

Item	Notes
I. Call to Order	
	Chris Griffiths
II. Reflection on recent events	
Scout Sunday	February 10
Scouting for Food	February 9 Drop-Off; February 16 Pick-Up
OA Pow-Wow	February 16 at Camp Wisdom
February Campout	February 22-24
Webelos Crossover	February 23
Storage Unit	Location/Cost
Dues	
Trailer	
III. Coordination of next events	
IOS and Oak Leaf Training	March 7-9
Spring Break	March 17-21 - No meeting
March Campout	Camporee March 28-30 Camp Cherokee
April Campout	April 18-20 Camp Mineral Wells

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IV. Status Reports	
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	Randy Wilkinson
Communications	Thomas Snawder
Transportation	Paul Bauer
V. Action Items	
Other Troop Needs	Terry Smith
VI. Other Needs	
SPL Remarks	Master Craig Santy
SM Remarks	Terry Smith
VII. Summary & adjournment	
	Chris Griffiths

Next Meeting April 5, 2008, 8:00a.m. at Valley Ranch Baptist Church

I. Call to Order

Mr. Griffiths called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

II. Reflection on recent events

Scout Sunday: We had a good turnout, and it went very well. Chris Griffiths will turn in the list of scouts who participated to Advancement. Rosemary Tarleton will purchase Scout Sunday patches for the boys who attended.

Scouting for Food: Chris Griffith reported that the bag drop off went well, with 18 scouts and 5 or 6 drivers. The scouts collected about 560 cans of food.

OA Pow-Wow: Chris Wilt said that we had a good turnout, but the numbers were down from last year. The weather was a factor. Our Troop was in the big blue Activity Center at Camp Wisdom. Western Star had 14 people show up, which was a good number.

February Campout: Terry Smith said it was a very good campout with 51 scouts and adults in attendance. This backpacking campout was held February 22 - 24 at Davy Crockett National Forest. They camped at Ratcliff Park on Friday night. They hiked out on Saturday, with the Philmont crew hiking further, and they camped at the Walnut Creek campsite on Saturday night. They had Philmont-style food (Tim Owen prepared packets because more people attended). Everyone hiked back on Sunday. It was a great workout for the Philmont crew. Next year, we will bring t-shirts and thank you notes for the residents who allow us to park on their property.

Cross Over: Chris Wilt reported that the Cross Over went well, and he had a lot of help. Four scouts were on the ceremony team, and John Pankonien did a great job with the invocation. Tim Owen took a photo of the new scouts. Next year, we should ask the new scouts to stay for photos on the bridge.

Storage Unit: Terry Smith and Mike Santy moved everything from the old storage unit to the new unit. We owe the \$38.00 since we did not give 10 days written notice. They found a lot of gear that they will bring to the next Troop meeting.

Trailer: The white trailer was recovered shortly after it was stolen from the Valley Ranch Baptist Church parking lot in February. The committee made a motion, and it passed unanimously, to purchase two coupler locks for less than \$100. The white trailers will stay at Mike Santy's house and Terry Smith's house until the insurance is squared away and new locks are purchased. The trailers will be parked in an area of the parking lot which has better camera coverage. Terry Smith has spoken with the Coppell police about pulling over the trailers if they are driven between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Committee members discussed getting a "H.E.A.T." decal from the Texas DPS, which will authorize police to pull over the trailer if it is out between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Other options: Lo-Jack is available for trailers 20 feet or longer; the Dewalt system costs \$350, plus \$21 per month. Since the new trailer has electric brakes, we will look into setting the brakes while it is parked. The trailer alone is worth \$4,200, and the contents are worth \$10,000.

Dues: The troop collected \$741 of the approximately \$1,200 in outstanding dues during the re-chartering process. The uncollected amount was owed by scouts who have dropped out of the Troop.

Re-charter: We re-chartered 69 scouts and 63 adults. 57 scouts receive Boys Life.

SALT: John Hopper and Lawrence Paroski will attend this training this morning at Plymouth Park United Methodist Church.

III. Coordination of next events

Parent Meetings: A parent meeting will be held on March 4. We will also have a meeting for new parents on March 25 and will show the Fast Start video.

Oak Leaf Training: Oak Leaf training is March 8 – 9 at Camp Wisdom. We have five scouts who will arrive Friday night to staff the training, and 8-9 scouts who will attend the training.

IOLS: Is scheduled for March 8-9 at Camp Wisdom. John Hopper and Howie Witham will attend.

Spring Break: March 17-21 - No meeting on March 18.

March Campout: Camporee is scheduled for March 28-30 at Camp Cherokee in Athens, TX. We will work with the scouts a lot between now and then to prepare. Troop is seeking older OA member to staff this event. There will also be a Saturday OA Callout Ceremony and Brotherhood Ceremony.

April Campout: April 18-20 Camp Mineral Wells. The campout focus will be on climbing. Joe Culotta will attend the council training for climbing.

IV. Status Reports

Treasurer's Report: A Treasurer's Report was issued showing the Troop is still solvent. The popcorn transactions have been dispersed into the scout's accounts. Money left in a scout's account is transferred to the general fund when that scout leaves the Troop.

Roundtable Report: No report was given as the meeting is March 3.

Outdoor Activities & Summer Camp:

April Campout will be at Mineral Wells on April 18-20.

May 'Family' Campout will be at Lake Murray on May 16-18.

Summer Camp: Most of the new scouts have signed up for summer camp. Chris Wilt wants to address the parents at the parents meeting, and Tim Owen will talk about simple gear at the March 25 parents meeting.

The troop reserved Dinosaur Valley Park for September and Wichita Mountains for October.

Membership: We began the re-chartering process with 94 scouts; 69 re-chartered. 38 OA members renewed. Five or six scouts aged out, and a few moved. Eleven new scouts crossed over, and two more scouts joined the Troop after they were invited by Trevor Stiff. Missey Cox will purchase "recruiter" patches. Last year, we had 23 new scouts, but 6 left the Troop by the Fall. We did a better job selling the adults than selling the scouts. John Pankonien did a great job taking the new scouts on a "field trip" of the church. Look into a video for the scouts (possibly Charles Harvey's Eagle Scout video).

Advancement: Chris Wilt reported that we need to get as many First Class scouts as possible to be den chiefs. Look into April 27, 2:00 p.m., for the next Court of Honor. Consider including a Chartering Ceremony and inviting church members.

Training: With adults trained in climbing (Joe Culotta), archery (Rosemary and Lance Tarleton), rifles and shotgun (Mark Williamson and Mark Durso), we can open the tower and ranges at Camp Cherokee.

Equipment: Tim Owen is working on a prototype chuck box which is smaller and lighter. We will replace troop equipment as needed; probably after summer. Tim Owen will look at the calendar to set up a Troop "swap meet" to distribute extra camping gear that the Troop and members have. Items will be free, but they must be passed on to others (not sold) when they are no longer needed. After the "swap meet", we will donate any items left over to another troop.

Communications: Chris Wilt has added new links and pages (Philmont page, Advanced Planning page) to the website. **WE NEED A NEW WEBMASTER** – someone who can overhaul the current website.

Transportation: We had more than enough drivers at the last campout.

V. Other Action Items

Other Troop Needs:

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VI. Other Needs

SPL Remarks: Craig Santy is our new SPL – No report

SM Remarks: Terry Smith listed the new leaders:

SPL: Craig Santy

ASPL: Kyle Wilkinson, Garrett Smith, John Pankonien

Quartermasters: Jordan Crow, Michael Crow, Connor Owen, Anthony Lasole

Scribes: Avery Griffiths, Tyler Park, Daniel Markbreiter

Patrol Leaders: Ryan Spears – Bats

Estevan Martinez – Dragons

Alex Kulig – Eagles

Mike Pankonien – Frogs

Matt Hymer – Green Moose

Daniel Moomau – The Tide

Grant Akerly – Owls

Jake Durso – Silver Foxes

VII. Summary and adjournment

Mr. Griffiths ended the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Next Committee Meeting, Saturday, April 5, 2008, 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Valley Ranch Baptist Church.