

Troop 840, B.S.A.

Troop Committee	Date of Meeting:	April 5, 2008						
	Time of Meeting:	8:00 AM						
<p>Facilitator: Chris Griffiths Title of Meeting: Scheduled Monthly meeting Location: Valley Ranch Baptist Church, Coppell, TX Notetaker: Janice Coberly</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">Chris Griffiths – Committee Chair</td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;">David Hymer</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Terry Smith – Scoutmaster</td> <td style="border: none;">Mike Santy</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Rosemary Tarleton</td> <td style="border: none;">Chris Wilt</td> </tr> </table> <p>Attendees: Anna May Ghaly Mark Durso Chris Ghaly Janice Coberly John Hopper Mark Tepper Tim Owen Keith Tansey</p>			Chris Griffiths – Committee Chair	David Hymer	Terry Smith – Scoutmaster	Mike Santy	Rosemary Tarleton	Chris Wilt
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Agenda

Item	Notes
I. Call to Order	
	Chris Griffiths
II. Reflection on recent events	
IOS and Oak Leaf Training March Campout	March 7-9 Camporee March 28-30 Camp Cherokee
III. Coordination of next events	
April Campout	April 18 – 20, Camp Mineral Wells
Court of Honor	April 27, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Valley Ranch Baptist Church
Scout Show	May 10
May Campout	May 16 – 18, Lake Murray, Family Campout
Police/Fireman's Softball Game	August?
June Summer Campout	June 16 – 25, Bartle
Philmont	July 30 – August 12
August Campout	
Boy Scout Yearly Planning Session	August 16 or 23, Cedar Creek Lane, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.?
Court of Honor	August 24, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Valley Ranch Baptist Church
OA	Induction Weekend 2-4 May Camp Constantin

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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 May 3 2008, 8:00a.m. at Valley Ranch Baptist Church

I. Call to Order

Mr. Griffiths called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

II. Reflection on recent events

Oak Leaf Training: Six scouts from Troop 840 had staffed this event and nine scouts from the troop attend this event, which was held March 8 – 9 at Camp Wisdom.

IOLS: Terry Smith helped staff this event, and John Hopper and Howie Witham attended this event, which was held March 8-9 at Camp Wisdom.

March Campout: Camporee was held March 28-30 at Camp Cherokee in Athens, TX. 63 scouts and 19 adults attended. Seven scouts helped staff the campout, and two scouts (Alex Kersey and Travis Huffmaster) helped Shannon Roberts' Webelos from Denton Creek Elementary. The Troop won three first place trophies. It was a very good campout.

III. Coordination of next events

April Campout: April 18-20 Camp Mineral Wells. The campout focus will be on climbing. We have reservations for 50, and Joe Culotta is attending the council training for climbing. We will need some scouts to help with the climbing. The climbing event will be shut down in the event of rain.

Wilderness First Aid Training: This training will be held at Camp Wisdom on April 18 – 20. Several from our Philmont crews will attend.

Court of Honor: April 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Valley Ranch Baptist Church. Friends of Scouting will attend.

Scout Show: May 10. Win Shields is charge of the ticket sales; John Hopper and John Pankonien will help coordinate.

Family Campout: May 16 – 18 at Lake Murray. We are expecting a large turnout, and will consider holding a subcommittee meeting to discuss the logistics for preparing food for the adults and siblings (the scouts will prepare their own food). Consider each patrol performing a skit at the Saturday evening campfire.

Scout Buck Auction: May 19, at Valley Ranch Baptist Church. Chris Griffiths will obtain the names of the scouts who are eligible to participate in the auction. Mark Durso will coordinate getting scouts' input on the items to purchase.

Police/Fireman's Softball Game: Chris Griffiths will contact Debbi Bohn about the troop assisting with this event. The date will be determined by the City.

June Summer Camp: June 16 – 25, Bartle. The final money is due to David Hymer on April 8, 2008. Transportation will be decided at the next parents' meeting. Chris Wilt reported that program guide and list of merit badges offered at camp are now online (Troop website has the link to the Bartle website). This year, SALT will be offered at Bartle. We will have a meeting for parents of scouts who are attending and a separate meeting for the adults who are attending.

Philmont: July 30 – August 12. We have three Treks going.

July/August Campout: We will look into going someplace nearby or an overnight lock-in.

Boy Scout Yearly Planning Session: This will be held either August 23, Dr. Lacey's Lake House at Lake Kiowa.

Court of Honor: August 24, 2008, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Valley Ranch Baptist Church

Northern Tier: Rosemary Tarleton has reserved spots for two crews (8 people each) to go to the Northern Tier, July 24 – August 3, 2009. They require \$300 deposit per crew. The adults and scouts interested in going will pay the deposit – not the Troop.

NATIONAL JAMBOREE: Chris Wilt is working with the district to put together patrols to attend the National Jamboree in Virginia, July 26 – August 4, 2010. Scouts must be between the ages of 11 – 17 at the time of the event. A Troop consists of four patrols of eight boys each. One adult is allowed for each patrol of eight scouts. The Troop 840 website contains a link to the National Jamboree.

IV. Status Reports

Treasurer's Report: Mark Tepper distributed the Treasurer's Report which reflected that the Troop is still solvent.

Roundtable Report: No report was given as the meeting is April 7, 2008.

Outdoor Activities & Summer Camp:

David Hymer reported that we currently have around 65 scouts and adults attending Bartle.

Tim Owen discussed the troop adding "high-adventure-type" activities for the older scouts. The formation of Venture Patrols was also discussed.

OA: The next Induction weekend in 2-4 May at Camp Constantin. We hope to have all of our OA members attend this special weekend and we will have most of our newly Called Candidates there to accomplish their Ordeal.

Membership: No report.

Advancement: Keith Tansey discussed access to information regarding the Troop's Eagle Committee and Eagle coaches. Chris Wilt will review the website and make this information easier to access. The troop will work with the Life Scouts to better prepare them for the Eagle process. The Troop library has Patrol Leader Handbooks, which Patrol leaders may check out and return.

Training: John Hopper reported that Safety Afloat and Safe Swim training are now online.

Equipment: Tim Owen will work with the scouts who used the prototype chuck box during the Camporee. Terry Smith reported that we used all of the Troop's tents at Camporee, and that we need to replace some of our tents and stoves. Mike Santy reported that we need to replace some of the lanterns. The Committee approved the purchase of up to six tents, two stoves and four lanterns. Mike Santy reported that we need to replace one of the spare tires on the trailer and replace wheel bearings. The Committee approved the purchase of the spare tire and the wheel bearings.

Communications: Chris Wilt is updating the website. If anyone has suggestions, they should forward those to him. The Troop needs a web designer.

Transportation: We had enough drivers at the last campout.

Weather: Mark Durso proposed creating a Weather Committee (consisting of five members) to determine how to proceed with a campout in the event of inclement weather. The Committee will consider adding a Health & Safety Coordinator to the Committee.

V. Other Action Items**Other Troop Needs:**

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SPL Remarks: Craig Santy is our SPL – No report

SM Remarks: No report.

VII. Summary and adjournment

Mr. Griffiths ended the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Next Committee Meeting, Saturday, May 3, 2008 8:00 am to 9:30 am, Valley Ranch Baptist Church.

