

Troop 840, B.S.A.

Troop Committee	Date of Meeting:	October 4, 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> <p>Attendees: Mike Santy Waid Davis David Hymer</p> <p style="margin-left: 200px;">Chris Griffiths – Committee Chair Donald E. Schuh Terry Smith – Scoutmaster Paul Bauer Lawrence Paroski Missey Cox Thomas Snawder John Hopper Janice Coberly</p>		

Agenda

Item	Notes
I. Call to Order	
	Chris Griffiths
II. Reflection on recent events	
St. Ann's Carnival September Campout Adult Training	September 5 and 6 September 19 – 21; Dinosaur Valley State Park
III. Coordination of next events	
– Merit Badge Palooza October Campout Historic Trail Hike Chili Supper Popcorn Chili Supper Pre-Cook Chili Supper November Campout Court of Honor December Campout Winter Camp	October 4; 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m., Valley Ranch Baptist Church October 10 - 12; Wichita Mountains October 18 November 7, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Coppell High School Kernel - Witham's Austin Elementary; November 2; time TBD CHS; November 7; 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. November 14 - 16; All Coppell Campout ?? December 12 - 14; Trotter's Land December 27 - 31; Camp Cherokee
IV. Status Reports	
Treasurer's Report Roundtable Report Outdoor Activities/Summer Camp	Mark Tepper / Deb Trejo Terry Smith / Anna May Ghaly David Hymer / Keith Markbreiter

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Membership	Missey Cox / Tracey Kersey
Advancement	Lynell Huffmaster / Karen Griffiths
Training	John Hopper / Shannon Roberts
Equipment	Randy Wilkinson
Communications	Chris Wilt
Transportation	Paul Bauer

V. Action Items	
Other Troop Needs	Board of Review Coordinator; Scout Leadership Discussion
VI. Other Needs	
SPL Remarks	Jeff Tepper
SM Remarks	Terry Smith
VII. Summary & adjournment	
	Chris Griffiths

Next Meeting November 1, 2008, 8:00 a.m.; Valley Ranch Baptist Church

Call to Order

Mr. Griffiths called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Reflection on recent events

St. Ann's Carnival: Chris Griffiths and Terry Smith reported that all went well at the Carnival.

September Campout: Terry Smith reported that it was a great campout, with 52 people attending. They had a good hike the morning and swam and looked at dinosaur prints in the afternoon. He reported that the scouts need to work on preparing better and more well-balanced meals.

Adult Training: IOLS was held on September 27, with Ken Ormand and the Eberle's attending. IOLS will be offered again in the Spring.

Coordination of next events

Merit Badge Palooza: October 4, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Valley Ranch Baptist Church

October Campout: October 11 - 13, Wichita Mountains. Mr. Hymer reported that two sites have been reserved at Fawn Creek Campground. The scouts will visit the artillery museum and hike. Three separate groups will leave for the campout: one will leave around 12:00 - 2:00 on Friday; another group will leave at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening; and another group will leave Saturday morning.

Historic Trail Hike: Terry Smith will learn more about the Troop's participating at the upcoming Roundtable.

Popcorn: Barbara and Howard Witham are the Popcorn Kernels, and they have distributed the forms. They will collect popcorn forms at the October 21 Troop Meeting (forms can be turned in to them no later than October 25). Popcorn will be delivered on November 8; and money must be turned in by December 2.

Chili Supper: November 7, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., at Coppell High School. Pre-cook will be on November 2, 2008 at Austin Elementary (time to be determined). A coordinators' meeting will be held on October 7, after the parents' meeting. Chili tickets will be reprinted. CISD has been paid for the use of the facilities.

November Campout: November 14 - 16, at Lake Lewisville. This is the All Coppell Campout. The location is great, with primitive camping. More details to come.

Court of Honor: The troop is considering hold a "small" Court of Honor on Tuesday, November 18, depending on the number of scouts who have advanced. If held, the Court of Honor will be in the Troop meeting room, and they will have a photo slideshow.

December Campout: December 12 - 14, at Trotter's Land. Mr. Hymer reported that the campgrounds have been reserved. Since the road leading to the campgrounds needs repairs (it needs approximately three loads of gravel), the Troop Committee decided that, if the scouts approve, the troop will pay for part of the cost of the gravel.

Winter Camp: December 27 - 31, at Camp Cherokee in Athens. Mr. Smith reported that the scouts will showcase their cooking skills. Additionally, there will be special activities staffed by the Order of the Arrow, Mikanakawa Lodge of Circle Ten Council.

Status Reports

Treasurer's Report: Chris Griffith distributed Mark Tepper's Treasurer's Report which reflected that the Troop is solvent. Mr. Smith reported that the troop is considering holding a mulch fundraiser in the Spring.

Roundtable Report: Terry Smith and Chris Griffith plan to attend the next Roundtable on Monday, October 6, 2008. The location has changed. It will now be held at Northgate United Methodist Church, 3700 W. Northgate Drive, Irving, Texas.

Outdoor Activities & Summer Camp:

Mr. Hymer will send out an email regarding the summer camp fees and deadlines. The Committee discussed the need for troop leadership to attend summer camp. Currently, 5 adults are signed up to attend Camp Hale.

Membership: Missey Cox reported that Valarie Ormand is considering taking over this position. Mr. Griffiths will talk to another parent who has also expressed an interest in helping with this committee. Two scouts joined the Troop last month.

Advancement: No report. Mr. Smith will talk to the ladies in Advancement to see if we need a November 2008 Court of Honor.

Training: Mr. Hopper reported that Ken Ormand attended the SALT training. The University of Scouting will be held at SMU in January, and it is a great opportunity for adult training.

Equipment: Terry Smith reported that he purchased two new tires for the trailer, and the troop needs to clean out the trailer. The troop will also re-build the chuck boxes at some point in the future.

Communications: Mr. Snawder reported that he could make some changes to the website, and he welcomed any comments and suggestions.

Transportation: Mr. Bauer reported that adults who attend campouts are expected to prepare and cook meals. We really need more adults of younger scouts to attend campouts. Parents should not drop off their scouts at the church for campouts - they should not leave until the scouts have left for the campout. The committee discussed methods of checking attendance before leaving the campout.

Other Action Items

Uniforms: Mr. Smith reported that the Troop will "phase in" the new scout uniforms.

Clothes Closet: The clothes closet will be available at the next Parents' Meeting. We need to clean out the clothes closet and will consider donating some of the excess clothing to another troop.

OA Meeting: Mr. Davis reported that the OA Chapter elections will be held on Monday, October 6, at Northgate United Methodist Church. They will also have "patch bingo" at this meeting. The OA Ordeal will be October 11 - 12.

Other Needs

SPL Remarks: Jeff Tepper is our SPL – No report

SM Remarks: No report.

Summary and adjournment

Mr. Griffiths ended the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Next Committee Meeting will be Saturday, November 1, 2008 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Valley Ranch Baptist Church.