

Hello Troop 1631:

Please find below the minutes from the Committee/Parent Meeting held on April 22, 2015.

Best regards,

Nancy Egeler
Secretary

TROOP 1631 COMMITTEE/PARENT MEETING – APRIL 22, 2015

The meeting called to order at 7:32 pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ashish Sinha, Cindy Lucas, Traci Munsey, Justin Whitley, Denise Dagnall, Kevin McGonagle, Malcolm Reite, Nik Patel, Andy Ralph, Simon Sanchez, Adriana Paiva and Nancy Egeler

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED:

Date	Event	Scout/Adult in Charge
May 15 – 17	Campout – Lake Somerville	Ashish Sinha.
May 17 – Sunday, 3 pm	Cleanup – Lake Olympia Swim Team Concession Stand	Justin Whitley
May 18 – Monday, 7 pm	Court of Honor – Sugar Land Memorial Park	Adriana Paiva
June 8, 15, 22 & July 8	Lake Olympia Swim Team Concession Stand Volunteer opportunity	Justin Whitley
Long Term Camps	Event	Adult in Charge
Jun 14 – 20	Summer Camp - Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch	Tim McMahon
Jul 3 – 12	Chilkoot Scout Ranch, Alaska	Bill Penczak

Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Thanks to all for their efforts to make this a great learning experience for our sons. Without involved parents none of this would be possible; your time, effort and dedication to the troop make a difference!

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: May 20, 2015, 7:30 pm at the Avalon Clubhouse.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT:

- Andy reported that we are on track for the rock climbing campout.
- Next camp out is May 15/16/17 at Lake Somerville State Park. Activities being considered are hiking, fishing, possibly boating. Those boating will need to pass the swim test. LA Fitness will allow us to use their facility to do swim tests.
- Trailer upgrade work continues.

COMPUTER/TROOPMASTER RECORDS KEEPER:

- Discussion that the Troopmaster software currently in use does not meet all of the troop's needs and we are in search of a replacement. We would like to have an integrated software package which accepts payments, can track financial data, scout accounts, and can be used as a registration tool for events, etc.. Troopwebhost may be an alternative and is being considered.

OUTDOOR/ACTIVITIES/SERVICE:

- **Lake Olympia Swim Team Concession Stand** – The troop has the opportunity to work this summer at the Lake Olympia swim meets. Scouts can raise money for their accounts by working the concession stand. Generally 4-8 scouts are needed; the dates for the meets are June 8, 15, 22 and July 8th (all evening meets). We may hold a troop meeting at one of the swim meets to make it convenient for the scouts to volunteer and to show our presence at the meet.
- Service hours will also be available to help with the **preseason cleanup for the concession stand** which is scheduled for **May 17th at 3:00**.

TREASURER:

- Denise Dagnall reported on the troop's current financial standing and handed out copies of cash flow accounts and scout account balances. Method of payment for campouts remains problematic and needs to be improved as the adult in charge is not clear when scouts are paying using their fundraiser accounts and when they are using Paypal.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Coupon book sales have ended with good results: approximately 200 books sold!
- Need to encourage the scouts to participate in the decision making regarding which events we will attend with the understanding that we need to support our district. Parent participation and energy around the district events is also critical to the troop's and district's success.
- Patrol patches – Traci will work on pulling together ideas for the patches
- Would like to see a way to draw more interest in the troop and campouts from the older scouts. Some ideas to accomplish this were to dedicate time at the troop meetings so that the older scouts can work on merit badges. Another idea is to connect campout and meeting activities to facilitate earning merit badges. Further discussion is needed at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Egeler
Secretary

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