

Scoutmaster Meeting – Troop 957
4/8/04

- Patrol Liaison Tasks
 - Work with PL on leading patrol. Provide advice and suggestions to him and not directly to patrol.
 - Don't advise other Scouts on routine tasks unless related to their own advancement.
 - Let your Scouts Patrol Liaison work with your Scout. ASM's are not assigned to their Scouts patrols. Will probably be easier with larger Troop and less likely patrol combining.
- Committee Meeting Feedback
 - Dave working to get positions filled. Is calling folks directly. Did not have any new parents come to last meeting. Probable positions – Debbie Maly working with Lori Jacob on fundraising, Susan Beisert possibly with Jody Williford. Still need secretary, membership, web, public affairs (Chris has idea and will contact).
 - Discussed moving meeting to Tuesday nights and hold in one of the youth rooms. Advantage is that it is already a Scout night, disadvantage is SM's are involved elsewhere. Chris to suggest routine night to be week after PLC's (about 10 days after CO).
 - Mention was made of an "action list" of items that needed to be done with parents signing up to do an item.
 - Missy Adam has resigned as hospitality but will still do the May 4 COH plan with Scouts.
- Jerry and Chris worked on a first year plan that does not require Scouts to do FCE at summer camp. May CO becomes a central part of this plan due to length. Will still have first years completing First Aid and Swimming at summer camp. Will do nature, orienteering and some cooking in fall after summer over. Some discussion of working orienteering during summer during SM meeting. Will be continuously refining options. Jerry to post plan on web calendar.
- Florida Sea Base – declined invitation – unable to fill required slots.
- Four Scouts going to Jamboree in 2005. SHAC looking to create a 9th Troop and would then have a few more openings. Not too late to get application in.
- Schedule Items
 - Canoe Training - will not be camping at facility, will drive back and forth each day.
 - April CO – Shakedown at Bear Creek – need commitments turned in. Several Scouts to miss due to school functions. Plan for new Scouts to learn Troop tents, tarps, cook supplies, trailer, and cleanup. Will also SMC for Scout rank to be awarded Saturday night.
 - May – shooting sports begins at TM (M Rehak to lead). Will have other required training also that is needed for summer camps.
 - May 8 – ICM Food Drive – blurbs have gone into local newsletters, CLCC is participating. Troop may end up covering some streets that Pack 957 can't cover. Troop will work 0900-1300 primarily at BWE as a collection point. Service hours (1:1) earned.
 - Whitewater Training – will camp in San Marcos. Need this training for August CO
 - May movie night still on – "Drumline"
 - May CO – Bludworth Farms – Counts, Hulse, D. Williford, M. Rehak will be at ranges all day, need other SMs and a few parents to help manage camp area. Farm is not at all like a State Park. Will be bringing porta-cans in. Get water a couple of times a day at main house. Need extra water coolers from families to cover wide

- area. Need safe swim defense folks for pond canoeing. Lots of opportunities for camping. Leave Friday 1800 return Monday at 1700.
- Strake – need to work adults that will be going. Right now Counts, L. Jacob confirmed. Need at least one more to rotate. Several volunteers. Could even use someone extra on Sunday/Monday and then Friday/Saturday since those are busiest days.
 - Fishing Trip – July 10 – Galveston party boats. Danny Wright working, will be about \$22 / Scout + money for lunch for boat, tackle, all bait, etc. More opportunity for fishing MB. Date is soft.
 - BTSR – lost of adults going, some will come up on Sunday vs Thursday. Still have plan to go to extra events Thursday – Sunday AM. McDonald Observatory, Balmorea lake for sure. Looking at Firestone Test Track, Wind Farms, Frontier Forts. Will be working week plan with SPL for Troop events.
 - August CO – Friday – Sunday. Decision to do Village Creek on Saturday using outfitter (due to being first time). Plan 10-miles canoeing on Saturday from Village Creek SP downstream into Neches River. Will need all canoeing and whitewater trained adults for event.
 - Talked about HA activities for older Scouts including a “base camp” CO in Nov or Dec where we do not use the trailer but prep for hiking/backpacking. Needs some fleshing out.
- Looking at group photo and “head shots” for COH night.
 - Need for uniformed leaders to wear full Field Uniform (Class “A”) for TM’s. Gotta set the example.
 - Stu and Dan attended SMF training last weekend. Still have IOLS to go.