

Troop 214 National Boy Scout Jamboree Review!!!

Troop 214 Parent News

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Harold Hodnett Scoutmaster



Key Events This Month

August 1st: Roundtable
August 4th ASM Meeting
August 5th: Troop Committee
August 8th: OA Meeting
August 9-11th: Motorboat Camp.
August 19th: Court of Honor

Key Events Next Month

Sept. 9th: ASM/Adult Leader Meeting
Sept. 13-15th: Webelos/Troop Campout at Camp Durant
Sept. 20-22nd: Order of the Arrow Fall Fellowship

Dates to Remember

August 4th ASM/Adult Leader Meeting 7 PM

Scout Hut

August 9-11th: Motor boating Campout

August 19th Court of Honor

A Special Update from Troop 214 Committee Chairman, Mr. RJ Hixson:

What's up with the Troop Committee? Here's a quick summary of some of the topics we have coming up -

Cub Scout Pack - Currently, Troop 214 has no formed Cub Scout Pack. To reform the pack, we would first need some boys, some parents of those boys to help out, and some leadership guidance from the troop. Do we have or could we generate a critical mass to reform the pack?

Recruitment - There are a number of school open houses coming up which provide the opportunity to introduce

boys to the kind of fun our Scouts have. How do we find out about these open houses? How do we provide one or two adults and one or two scouts to man a Troop 214 table for an hour or two at these events?

Financial Guidelines - Financially, the Troop is in good shape. To keep us in good shape for a long time to come, we are in the process of developing a few simple financial guidelines. Many thanks go to David Joyner who has been very helpful in adding structure to the troop finances. If you have seen an email about your Scout Bucks account, you have benefited from David's work.



Popcorn - Shirley Olsen has done a truly fantastic job for a number of years as Popcorn Kernel managing our popcorn process. For those who were lucky to

Inclement Weather and Holiday Policy for Troop Meeting

The Troop does not usually have meetings on Monday nights that fall on the same days as scheduled student holidays listed on the WCPSS traditional school calendar. In the event that WCPSS cancels school during the day on a Monday due to weather, the Troop meeting will also be cancelled. Contact Mark Holmes at unc10s@yahoo.com if you have information to submit to the monthly parent newsletter. Items for the newsletter may also be submitted to the Troop Historian. Change your e-mail? Please notify [Jay Sprankle](#).

work with her, you know how attentive and helpful she was. She's travelling more this fall and has opened the position for Popcorn Kernel. As a result, we are likely to see some changes in the popcorn process this year and we'll let you know about those shortly.

Of course, other matters come up at the TC meetings but these are the bigger ones ahead. The next TC meeting will be on Monday, August 5 at 7:10.

Easy Requests For Everyone -

1. Let us know about any 7-10 year old boys that might be interested in joining a Cub Scout Pack.
2. Let us know of an open house event for extra-curricular groups at any area school.
3. Let any boys 11 or older who would be interested in Scouting know about the fun that the Scouts have in our troop.
4. Thank one of the adult volunteers for supporting the troop. These folks take valuable time out of busy lives to help make the troop great.

Let us know at troop214tc@gmail.com

Final Thoughts - At Rob Sprankle's Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony on July 28, Jay Sprankle said it was the people at Troop 214 that initially attracted them to the troop.

You can probably appreciate Jay's comment if you have met any of the Scouts, parents and other volunteers who help make the troop great. We are blessed with fantastic people doing great work. Thank you for your part.

YiS,
RJ Hixson

A Message from Scoutmaster Harold Hodnett:

ASM / Adult leader meeting Sunday, August 4th. We will be having our monthly ASM / Adult Leader's meeting on Sunday, August 4th at 7pm in the Scout Hut. Hopefully, turnout will be much better than it has been in recent months. All registered adults interested in working with our youth are invited to attend.

Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) meets Monday, August 5th 6:30 pm. Troop Committee meeting at 7pm.

Website Update:

ASM Stuart Thomas notes that the troop website has been sorely lacking in content updates the past 15 months for a variety of reasons.

Currently the troop doesn't have a scout acting in the Webmaster leadership position. However, the adult adviser has been doing some site updates this past month and there are a number of new photo galleries posted online.

More photo galleries are coming soon. Stay tuned.

Order of the Arrow Report:



OA Representative Will Hollerung says that Chapter meetings will start back up in August, and we will be preparing for Fall Fellowship in September. Hope to see everyone there!

News and Details About Upcoming Events:

Important Reminders:

Will Hollerung requests help from his fellow troop members to improve a playground for his Eagle Project this **Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, August 1st and 2nd**. Food will be provided! Please RSVP to: (H) 919-787-8686 or uncfan24@gmail.com:

Attention Second Class Rank Candidates:

Dr. Mike Casey will be at the troop meeting on August 26 to review requirement 9a., drug/alcohol discussion, for 2nd Class Advancement. Any scout needing this requirement for advancement is encouraged

to attend the 8/26 discussion which will be held during patrol corners. The overview is targeted for 1st & 2nd year scouts, but any scout or adult is welcome to sit in. Please see Mr. Setzer or Dr. Casey if you have any questions.



Updates from Previous Troop 214

July Appomattox Campout

Due to the extremely wet forecast for Central Virginia (thunderstorms and flood watches all weekend), ASM Mike Jones reports that the Jul 12-14 Appomattox Camp Out was postponed, and will be brought to the Aug PLC for potential rescheduling later this Summer. Stay tuned!

Jambo 2013

Stay tuned next month for an exciting recap from Troop 214 Scouts and Leaders that attended the 2013 National Jamboree in West Virginia!



Quote of the Month:

"The Price of Excellence is Discipline. The Cost of Mediocrity is Disappointment"

*William Arthur Ward
American Author, Teacher
1921-1994*

Joke of the Month:

In honor of Back to School!

Q: Why did the student throw his watch out of the school window?

A: He wanted to see time fly

Q: Why is 6 afraid of 7?

A: Because 7 8 9

Q: What do you get when you mix sulfur, tungsten, and silver?

A: SWAG

Q: What did one math book say to the other?

A: Don't bother me I've got my own problems



Thanks to Scoutmaster Mr. Harold Hodnett Troop Committee Chairman, Mr. RJ Hixson and adult leaders, Mr. Mike Jones, Mr. Stuart Thomas, Mr., Craig Setzer and OA Representative Will Hollerung for contributing to this month's newsletter.

