



Troop 457 Committee Meeting Notes Summary : Apr. 15, 2014

(next meeting Tuesday, May 20 @ 7:30 pm Good Sam, Fireside Room)

Treasurer's Report

Balance: ~\$ 7,000

- Sylvester Reimbursement – there are a few scouts who still need to close out costs

Advancement

- Dues must be up to date to schedule a Scoutmaster Conference
- Goal – help all of the new scouts reach Scout rank by CoH
- CoH (April 24)

Quartermaster's Report

- New Distribution policy so patrols have to store their own tents and stoves (in addition to their patrol boxes)
- Shed approved!! Great work Eric ☺

Scoutmaster's Report ** (more on next page)

- Any parent / scout issues – we want feedback !!!!!
- To all parents : a Scout Troop run by scouts where learning is often through some level of failure can be challenging to us organized parents who want things to just go smoothly ;-)
- Patrol Leader requirements: first class rank / 14 yrs old (there are enough candidates who need rank leadership positions)
- Troop Guide requirements: first class rank / focus on 13 yrs old who will be attending summer camp
- May 1st meeting will be held at Murphy Park (so we can use the fire pit, chop and saw wood, etc.)

Committee Topics ** (more on next page)

- Thanks to all of the new parents who have participated at committee meeting! We are always looking for strong parental participation at Committee Meetings and Treks ! Participating parents → Active scouts !
- Thanks to Arun Kanna for volunteering to take on the Scout O Rama Coordinator position!
- Volunteer positions in need of new blood: Quartermaster and Asst. Trek Coordinator. Please email me if you're interested.
- T-shirts to be distributed at Court of Honor (4/24/14)

Upcoming Troop Activities

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Apr. 26

Trek: Geo-Caching

Trek Leader: Scott Lukens

Scout Trek Leader: ?

- Combo geo-caching and map/compass scavenger hunt

May 10

Trek: Scout-O-Rama

Trek Leader: Arun Kanna

Scout Trek Leader: ?

- Lumberjack Activity

May. 17 - 18

Trek: Angel Island

Trek Leader: Rick Adolf

- Service Project
- Cycle
- Stay overnight on island

Jun. 14 – 16

Trek: Skyline to the Sea/Castle Rock

Trek Leader: Ashvin Kannan

Scout Trek Leader: ?

- 50 milers : SSTTS
- Others : Castle Rock



Troop 457 Committee Meeting Notes Summary : Mar. 18, 2014

Committee Topics (cont) :

➤ ScoutMaster Notes:

- New SPL/ASPL will be recruiting Patrol Leaders and selecting other troop positions before Court of Honor
- B/c of likely lack of water, August rafting trek will be replaced by patrol campouts. Patrols will start planning ASAP. (Remember, since it's August, a weekday camping trip will be easier to get reservations)

➤ Committee Notes:

- Camporship \$\$ formula located and account balances made available next month
- 2015 Planning Meeting set for July 13th (Sunday after scouts return from Summer Camp)
- Youth Leaders need to check their current YPT certification
- Reminder – leave for campouts from Deanza Park (convenience, space, etc.)
- Synchronize your family calendar with the Scout Calendar (including Committee Meetings – every 3rd Tuesday)
- General Timing for *all* treks – leave morning (7:30 – 9:30) on Sat, return on Sun (12:00 – 3:00)
- Hang out at meetings to get to know everyone
- Dues \$1 a week

○ Acronyms / terms:

- PLC – Patrol Leader Council: this is group of scouts who meet monthly and plan out the weekly meetings and details of monthly treks; group consists of the SPL, ASPL, Patrol Leaders (PL), Scribe and Scout Master (SM).
- SPL – Senior Patrol Leader: this is the elected scout who is 3rd in command of the overall troop leadership (below Committee Chair and Scout Master); he is responsible for the leading the PLC meetings and the weekly troop meetings.
- Trek – a generic name for our monthly activity, typically a campout. We have an adult trek leader and scout trek leader for each trek with the goal to let the scout trek leader organize and manage as much of the trek as possible (e.g., less charging campsites to a credit for reimbursement, organizing adult meals, etc.)
- CoH – Court of Honor: a special troop meeting where scouts are recognized for advancement and all parents / family are encouraged to attend (similar to a Pack Meeting, but held ~ quarterly)
- ASM – Assistant Scout Master

| Scout | Position |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Cole Davidson | Senior Patrol Leader |
| Tate Besser | Assistant Senior Patrol Leader |
| Naman Bhargava | Librarian |
| Shay Dias Rahul Madhugiri Anik Patel Alec Uyematsu | Troop Guide |
| <TBD> | Quartermaster |
| Aneesh Goel | Scribe |
| <TBD> | Chaplain's Aide |
| <TBD> | Inception Patrol Leader |
| <TBD> | Eagle's Nest Patrol Leader |
| <TBD> | Tomahawks Patrol Leader |
| <TBD> | Daggers Patrol Leader |
| <TBD> | Thunder Sharks Patrol Leader |
| <TBD> | Assistant Patrol Leader for Inception |
| <TBD> | Assistant Patrol Leader for Wise Guys |
| <TBD> | Assistant Patrol Leader for Tomahawks |
| <TBD> | Assistant Patrol Leader for Daggers |
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| Adult | Position |
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| Daniel Pickering | <i>Charter Organization Representative</i> |
| Scott Davidson (Max Uyematsu) | <i>Committee Chairman</i> |
| Mike Klein (TBD) | <i>Scout Master</i> |
| Rick Adolf , Pushpak Bapat Paul Besser , Hersh Bhargava Scott Lukens , Mukund Madhugiri Sam Sun , Max Uyematsu Eric Wilford | <i>Asst. Scout Master</i> |
| Jenny Sun | <i>Treasurer</i> |
| Sejal Patel, Antonio Dias (Joe and Linda Lee) | <i>Popcorn Kernels</i> |
| Aimee Zhu | <i>Registrar</i> |
| Laxmi Kambli | <i>Medical Forms</i> |
| Pradnya Goil (Need Asst.) | <i>Trek Coordinator</i> |
| Paul Besser | <i>Eagle Committee Coordinator</i> |
| Hersh Bhargava (TBD) | <i>Friends Of Scouting Coordinator</i> |
| Hila Shochat / Madhuri Ramanathan | <i>Key Picker Upper</i> |
| Susan Howard | <i>T-shirt Coordinator</i> |
| Jenny Sun / Arun Kanna | <i>Scout O Rama Coordinator</i> |
| Eric Wilford (TBD) | <i>QuarterMaster</i> |
| Mukund Madhugiri | <i>Summer Camp Coordinator</i> |

Agenda

- Patrol leaders –
 - Amit
 - John
 - Dane (?)
- Troop Guides –
 - 4 total
- Asst. Trek Leaders
- Geo Cache / Scavenger Hunt (Scott)
 - Review plan (how do they get back from Deanza ??)
 - Adult leaders (meal plan)
- SOR (Arun Kanna) – May 10th
 - Need to get details from Riley Howard (materials, saw horses, etc.)
- Shed – consider meeting there (sometimes?, fire pit ?)
- Insurance
- Advancement – new scouts (Scout Rank – all 13 next week), Board of Review if needed b/f CoH
- Aug – patrol campout (possibly during the week)
- Youth Protection – need to recertify on YPT