

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

(next meeting Tuesday, April 15 @ 7:30 pm Good Sam, Fireside Room)

Treasurer's Report

Balance: ~\$ 12,000

- Scout dues need to be paid before next trek!
- ➤ 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
- ➤ Eagle CoH (3/23) @ Cheseborough!!
- CoH (in late April)

Quartermaster's Report

- New Distribution policy so patrols have to store their own tents and stoves (in addition to their patrol boxes)
- ➤ Shed planning (8x10 on site @ church) for dutch ovens, easy ups, etc. (\$3500)

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;-)
- > Two of our new ASMs from Pack 457 (Solomon and Jonathan) will be assisting the PLC in troop meeting planning
- ➤ Mike is looking for an ASM to be assigned to the Tenderfeet patrol

Committee Topics ** (more on next page)

- > Thanks to all of the new parents who came to their first committee meeting! We are always looking for strong parental participation at Committee Meetings and Treks! Participating parents > Active scouts!
- ➤ One final bridging on Friday, April 4th for Sacchin Varshney @ West Valley Presbyterian Church (7:00 pm)
- ➤ Volunteer positions in need of new blood: Quartermaster, Asst. Trek Coordinator, Friends of Scouting Coordinator, Scout O Rama Coordinator. Please email me if you're interested.

Upcoming Troop Activities

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Mar. 29 - 30 Trek: Mt Tam (car camping) Trek Leader: Hersh

Scout Trek Leader: ?

➤ Scout – Totin Chip / Firem'n Chit





Apr. 26
Trek: Geo-Caching

Trek Leader: Scott Lukens Scout Trek Leader: ?

➤ Combo geo-caching and map/ compass scavenger hunt 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
Trek Leader: Ashvin Kannan

Scout Trek Leader: ?

- ➤ Multiple backpacking/hiking options
- Pot luck dinner @ Big Basin (Sat)



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Committee Topics (cont):

- ➤ ScoutMaster Notes:
 - Mike will be reaching out to ASMs to have a little more influence at meetings and campouts (e.g., someone to help trek program)
 - ➤ Need ASM to lead new scout patrol
 - ➤ Reminder SPL decides troop positions !! (Have your son talk to the new boys)
 - ▶ Patrol Leaders need to be 13 yr olds and 1st Class rank
- **Committee Notes:**
 - ➤ PLC April CoH
 - > (Action Scott) Need to get camporship \$\$ (need to get formulas from previous treasurer)
 - ➤ 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

o Acronyms / terms:

- o 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.)
- \circ 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 \sim quarterly)
- o ASM Assistant Scout Master





Adult	Position
Daniel Pickering	Charter Organization Representative
Scott Davidson (Max Uyematsu)	Committee Chairman
Mike Klein (TBD)	Scout Master
Rick Adolf , Pushpak Bapat Paul Besser , Hersh Bhargava Scott Lukens , Mukund Madhugiri Sam Sun , Max Uyematsu Eric Wilford	Asst. Scout Master
Jenny Sun	Treasurer
Sejal Patel, Antonio Dias (Joe and Linda Lee)	Popcorn Kernels
Aimee Zhu	Registrar
Laxmi Kambli	Medical Forms
Pradnya Goil (Need Asst.)	Trek Coordinator
Paul Besser	Eagle Committee Coordinator
Hersh Bhargava (TBD)	Friends Of Scouting Coordinator
Hila Shochat / Madhuri Ramanathan	Key Picker Upper
Susan Howard	T-shirt Coordinator
Jenny Sun (Need Replacement)	Scout O Rama Coordinator
Eric Wilford (TBD)	QuarterMaster
Mukund Madhugiri	Summer Camp Coordinator

Assistant Patrol Leader for Tomahawks

Assistant Patrol Leader for Daggers