

Troop 111 – Parent Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2018

ADVANCEMENT:

- Jan. 9 - Court of Honor -2 scouts who have aged out will be present, 1 eagle scout & 1 or 2 scouts who've earned 100 nights of camping
- Several scouts are on the verge of achieving their next rank. Troop will encourage scouts to finish requirements via newsletter reminders.
- 2 systems of advancement documentation are currently being used;
1) Scoutbook and 2) Internet Advancement (national - permanent record)
Access passwords need to include key individuals who enter advancement information. Mr. Whalen will be contacted to facilitate this. The master records of the troop were manually entered with completion dates. Scoutbook matches the information in the national database.
- National advancement will be switching to virtual merit badge cards in the near future. Their plan is to be fully digital within 2 years.
- Recognition will be given to Mrs. Davis, CAFCI Charter Rep for her donation of \$775 as a thank you for the October "Camp Davis" post hurricane clean up.

EAGLE SCOUT:

- **Luc Lagrange**- Eagle Scout Application has been submitted. Awaiting approval.
- **Cameron Whalen**- Eagle Scout project has been approved
- **Blake Fearon**- needs to formalize plans then submit for approval
- **ALL SCOUT PARENTS** should create an eagle scout binder:
 - 1) purchase 3 ring, baseball card holders, page protectors
 - 2) store / organize patches, blue cards, awards, merit badge worksheets, rank advancement cards, & community service recognition
 - 3) Upon achievement of Life Scout Rank - scout should start thinking about & planning Eagle Scout project.

BUS:

- Mr. Brown completed some maintenance in preparation for the last campout

CAMPING: All dates are on the Troop calendar

- Mr. Farrell will contact **Sea Base** to obtain refund.
- **January- Camp Ocklawaha-** Sebastian.
 - 1) Webelos Arrow of Light Candidates from Pack 123, 120 and 165 invited.
 - 2) Troop is subsidizing cost for new Webelos but no additional fees will be added to Troop 111 scout payment to cover these costs.
 - 3) Webelo Scout parents are responsible for providing transportation.
 - 4) Advancement: Firem'n Chit, Scout Oath and Scout Law will be completed
 - 5) Activities/Ceremonies/Meals: Minute to Win It, Flag Retirement, campfire skits/songs, dinner theme is soup.
- **February- O'Leno State Park-** High Springs- geocaching activity, dinner theme is cultural diffusion
- **Tanah Keetah** Summer Camp- June 17-23
- **Daniel Boone** Summer Camp (North Carolina, July 22-28)
 - 1) Departure date TBA, Due at camp on Sun, July 22nd.
 - 2) Base Camp- 1st deposit due Jan 15th, 1/3 of Total: \$125 /scout. The total base camp cost is \$335.
 - 3) High Adventure cost could be as high as \$525 depending on scout selections. The amount required for the 1/3 deposit will be determined based on individual scouts selected adventures. **Scouts who have achieved First Class and will be 13 yrs. of age or older by June 1st, 2018 are eligible to pursue high adventures.** These scouts must visit the Daniel Boone website to review & select options to determine the deposit amount.
 - 4) Base Camp & High Adventure travel and transport fees are additional. Mr. Farrell will send out that information in a future email.
 - 5) Merit badges cannot be registered until the March payment is made.
 - 6) Refunds will be available until April. Therefore, it is best to reserve a spot now. The current availability for the camp is 80% but of course this number will decrease as other troops/scouts register.

FINANCE:

- Troop funds are getting low. This is probably due to not doing the banquet fundraiser in 2017 and less scouts currently registered in the troop.
- Annual recharter total is \$1264. The individual scout fee of \$35 is due now. **After this amount will automatically be deducted from the Scout accounts of those who have not yet paid.**
- Troop opted out of the "Boy's Life" magazine subscription to lower recharter fee. (*Boy's Life magazine subscription, \$2 per issue is available via mail delivery, tablet or smartphone. To subscribe, call 1-866-584-6589 or order online.*)

FUNDRAISING:

1) Scout Banquet- April 28 "An Evening in the Woods".

- **Location:** Renaissance Charter School
- **Insurance:** Troop is covered by CAFCI charter under BSA policy for fundraising event. New 2018 policy is expected to be available within 2 weeks.
- **Cost:** \$125.00 for staff.
- **Occupancy:** max 220 people,
- **Expected # of hours:** 5- 6
- **Food:** fried chicken dinner including mac n cheese, addtl side, rolls & iced tea catered by Publix Crestwood Square (Crestwood & Southern). Will ask Publix Crossroads (Okeechobee & RPB Blvd. to beat their price once new 2018 prices are available. Troop will prepare own salad. *Approximate meal cost- \$4/person.* All guests will go through cafeteria service line except for CAFCI honor table(s).
- **Ticket Price:** \$10 per person in advance, more at door.
- **To Go Orders:** will try to get to go containers donated
- **Auction:** bidders do not need to be present but must be reachable
- **Advertising:**
 - 1) Mrs. Estevez will create a digital flyer that can be shared via community newsletters, council, social media, family & friends once council gives formal approval
 - 2) Additional flyers can be printed for door to door distribution as well.
- **Donations:**
 - 1) 501c forms and a donation letter template will be provided by Mrs. Estevez (via Troop newsletter attachment)
 - 2) ALL Parents are asked to contact & attempt to secure donations from 10 companies/business owners. All items & services are helpful. Must ensure that CAFCI, Charter Organization has not already received a donation from same business. CAFCI will be asked for donor list.
 - 3) Special patch will be provided as a scout incentive for securing donations.
 - 4) The "Silent Auction Patrol" will create baskets from the donations.
 - 5) CAFCI has promised several basket donations
 - 6) Program ads will be sold
- **Donor Acknowledgement:** Honor Board of the Forest will recognize table sponsors, flat fee, basket or item donors.
- **Parent Patrols:** ALL PARENTS are asked to participate in one of the Patrols to prepare for and facilitate this important event.
- **Decorations:** Community of Hope church will loan decorations,

- **Entertainment:**

- 1) scout skits & songs

- 2) former Eagle Scouts will be asked to team up to MC the event, VIP special services available for addtl 10 per ticket,

2) FLIP GIVE- ALL PARENTS are asked to sign up to do everyday shopping and earn cash back for the troop. Sign Up will be provided in upcoming Troop newsletter. Several parents are already using & earning for the Troop.

3) CAR WASHES: plan on teaming up with other packs & troops. Elks Lodge possible location. Money earned would be divided by number of scouts who participate. Tents & Troop trailer would be set up/parked along sidewalk to attract customers. All involved would wear Class B uniform.

ADULT TRAINING:

- 1 hour online Youth Protection must be taken by ALL PARENTS.
- Wood Badge- February 16-18 **and** March 16-18. Teaches adults how to organize a troop and develop leadership skills. Application to other life situations is an added benefit! Mr. Whalen & Mr. Estevez on staff. Cancellation of this outstanding training may occur due to low registration. ***PLEASE CONSIDER THIS OPPORTUNITY!***

TRAILER CLEANUP:

- Oliver Brown will be contacted to schedule & notify troop of upcoming trailer cleanup prior to Ocklawaha Campout.

SCOUT SPIRIT:

- Parents are encouraged to purchase a custom embroidered collared polo shirt. Troop unity is evident when we wear our “uniform” at scout and community events. The cost is \$15

