

Troop 407

April 11, 2017

Committee Meeting

Attendance

- Jim Martin
- John Campbell
- Jim Brogan
- Doug Mann
- Lea Appleton
- Jenn Katsiaficas
- Jen Johnson
- Robert Barnum
- Jesse Emmert
- Melissa Brown
- Billy Sackett
- Christine Savage
- Peter Anson
- Steve Kim
- Randy Prout
- Alejandro Segura-Mora

1. District Camporee (April 28-30)

- Two 407 Patrols attending
- Need to check status of Fireman & Totin Chits for all Scouts. **Each Scout should inform patrol leader, who will coordinate with John Campbell.**
- Assistant Scoutmaster Training being offered at Camporee, from 9am to 1pm. Encouraged for adults that have completed training.

2. Firestone Campout (May 19-21)

- Shooting sports event (rifle, shotgun, archery)
- John Campbell & Marty Ramirez are the two registered adults; other parents are welcome
- Scouts can come and go due to sports commitments, as long as checked in and out
- Siblings might be able to camp, but cannot participate in shooting events. **John to confirm.**
- Scouts need to commit and pay by May 16th (Troop meeting previous)

3. PLC Summary

- Next Tuesday's Meeting: skill prep for Camporee. Round robin on skills
 - Vipers = knots
 - Bulldogs = map & compass

- Squirrels = 10 essentials
- Older scouts will be paired with newer scouts as mentors
- Jim will be hosting a new parent orientation during this meeting, as well. As part of that meeting, we should consider providing more background information on how to advance, etc.
- Tuesday, April 25: Further Camporee preps. Patrols not attending will work with Walter to plan for Cub Games events.

4. Bike Ride (May 13)

- 9am - 2pm
- Changing location to San Gabriel River Trail from Azusa to Whittier Narrows
- About 30 miles, paved bike path

5. BASH

- Invites going out soon
- Emmerts hosting
- Bring your own protein
- Not intended for kids, adults only please
- Also an opportunity to make a donation to the Friends of Scouting, aiming for 100% family participation at whatever level is comfortable; our District representative will be in attendance
- White elephant gift exchange is part of the event, so please be prepared!
- Non-Scouting event, you know what that means

6. Summer Camp

- May 16th, balance of the Summer Camp payment is due
- Jim sending out individual emails with balance amounts in the next few weeks. This amount will include 10% of gross greenery sales
- Total is \$699; most have paid about \$300 to date.

7. June Court of Honor

- June 6 at La Casita, reservations have been made
- Food is set; waiting on count and per person pricing
- All are welcome, and strongly encouraged to RSVP
- We will tentatively charge \$10 per person, more at the door to encourage families to RSVP; this would include food and La Casita rental. **To be finalized at the next Committee meeting**

8. District Roundtable

- Once per month, forum for registered leaders to share information and experiences

- Topic this week (April 13) is “Life to Eagle,” which will provide information on how to get Eagle projects approved; handouts provided

9. Troop Management Issues

- Jim has been trying to decentralize the operations of the Troop and push down responsibility for planning and operations to the Patrol level- this is the only way that we can continue to absorb growth
- This goes for parents and kids- first line of communication for parents should be Patrol Advisors.
- Can we develop a FAQ page? Girl Scouts have developed a Facebook page that works pretty well. Troop 407 has a private Facebook page, need to be friends on Facebook to add.
- Can we create some sort of password protected forum for the boys and parents to coordinate, plan, share information? Is ScoutBook an option? This should be discussed further at next Committee meeting.
- We should be more disciplined about making it clear that questions and issues should be communicated and solved at the lowest level (i.e., start with your PL, then SPL, then Patrol Advisor)
- Some problems with electronic device usage during campouts and outings - and even some Troop meetings. **Jen will purchase or arrange some sort of storage process for meetings; on campouts, drivers should store in gloveboxes (or somewhere else) during campouts.**