

Troop 39 Leaders Meeting Minutes - 10/28/12

Attendance: Tom Bertelsen, Todd Gianetti, Sean Pampreen, Rich Barstow, Stu Garmise, Jim Callaghan, John Marcin, Danielle Neary

Meeting opened with review of BSA Mission Statement: The mission of Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

November 10-11 Campout: Pachaug State Forest Theme: Backpacking Trip Leader: Todd Gianetti

December 8-9 Campout: JNW Theme: Orienteering/Snow Camping Prep Trip Leader: ?

January 25-27 Campout: Otis Ridge (cabin) Theme: Ski/Snow Sports Trip Leader: Stu Garmise

- Tubing at Butternut, if requested (~20 minutes away, Stu will transport)
- Cabin for 27, commercial kitchen, Stu will be Grubmaster
- \$15/night with separate lift ticket purchase (\$25 without)
- Lift tickets \$20
- Stu investigating Snow Sports merit badge availability
- Leave Friday after dinner for full day of snow sports on Saturday

January or February Hemlocks Swim TBD based on availability

February 3 Scout Sunday

- Rich - Lutheran Church; John/Jeanine Marcin - St. John Fisher; ? Congregational Church

February 15-17 Campout: JNW Theme: Snow Day (District Camporee) Trip Leader: ?

March 29-31 Campout: Camp Johnson Theme: Cub Crossover Trip Leader: ?

April 26-28 Campout: Westpoint Theme: Military Trip Leader: Tom Bertelsen

May 31-June 2 Campout: Scout Show Trip Leader:

June Campout (date TBD) Theme: Canoe June 7 last day of school, pending snow days

Summer Camp: June 30-July 6 at JNW

ASM Assignments

Jim outdoors

Stu outdoors

Rich no specific role

Darren canoe, caving trips

John ski trip and summer camp

Todd Advancement thru First Class

Sean no specific role (both boys potentially dropping scouts)

Dave Cooking (becoming an Eagle-required merit badge in January 2014)

Service responsibility shifting to committee, swap with Stu doing Activities Chair responsibilities

Eagle ASM/Mentor role: Paul Kricksiun will be approached to take over for Dwight, Dwight will execute one more Eagle COH for the six current Eagles or Eagle candidates, but not take on anymore scouts

- Discussion was had that a request was made by Robert Bates to have a separate ceremony with his brother. Dwight responded to the request explaining all of the resources needed to execute an Eagle COH, and that T39 and the necessary officials who attend could not accommodate two ceremonies in close proximity.
- In a separate meeting, Dwight suggested the troop offer a Spring and Eagle COH; families may choose which one they wish to attend. Family feedback pending.

Other Notes/Discussion:

Tom stated responsibility of Troop Committee is not on program detail, but to supervise and alert SM when program is not working

Leaders and Committee meeting minutes to be posted on troop website

Tom added as Facebook administrator

Look into getting troop website password protected

Discussion on scouts taking responsibility for communication; Danielle suggested multimedia approach with consistent communication across all mechanisms: troop website, emails, Facebook and in meetings

Older scouts should engage younger scouts

Tom asked if Sean wanted Venture Crew to make a presentation to the troop

- Crew members will be reminded that scout meeting starts at 7pm and they should leave Crew meeting to be on time

Request that attendance be taken (Patrol Leader responsibility)

Review of Troop Discipline Policy, need to review with scouts and "3 Strike" rule must be enforced

Update on Troop Manual will be posted on site:

Sean will update advancement; Danielle/Committee will personalize to T39 (submit to leader group for feedback prior to publishing)

Youth Run, Leader Mentored is the direction Tom would like the troop to pursue (general discussion was had)

PLC generates topics, required leader and scout teaching assigned ahead of time

Historical in other troops (via Todd and John): patrols met separately each week and handled campout planning, troop meetings were advancement-focused

Jim: too much focus on advancement at campouts

Jim and Todd: scouts need to have basic scouting skills to be competent in the woods

See attached meeting agenda for additional information