

Boy Scout Troop 768

A Newsletter for Scouts & Parents

Ramona, CA

December 2008

Newsletter/Committee Meeting Minutes

From the Scout Master

Welcome Everyone,

We want to thank Tanner Perfect for pulling off the Veterans Day Flag ceremony at the First Christian Church. The Pastor and congregation were pleased to have our scouts perform the ceremony and stay for the sermon.

Be sure to watch for our upcoming events which should be really fun and a great experience for the boys. All these events will help to foster a greater independence and connection to all boy scouts and parents. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Larry Shepler, Scoutmaster

Committee Chair's Corner

Hi Everyone

On December 3, 2008, we held our committee meeting. In attendance were Missy Drago, Dawn Perfect, Larry Shepler, Goldie Kakacek, Steve Kakacek, and Carol Shellhammer.

Missy Drago reported and discussed the Recharter fees and Annual Dues for our troop. Larry Shepler gave Missy 3 to 4 forms to be processed. Monday, December 8, 2008, Missy will be collecting the Recharter fees and Annual dues which are as follows:

SCOUT

- \$11 covers recharter fees/insurance with Boys Scouts of America
- an additional \$12 if they want Boys Life Magazine
- \$26 covers our troops' annual dues

ADULT

- Adults are just \$11 for recharter fees/insurance

Missy has each scouts balance on their scout account, therefore, if you have money in your account you can use it towards the Recharter fees and Annual dues just

let Missy know. Missy will be calling a number of scouts to see if they are rechartering with our troop. These fees go towards merit awards, badges, tents, and supplies for our Court of Honor nights. Scouts that do not pay the fees and dues are not in good standing and can not participate in activities.

Larry Shelper will be picking up Merit badges at the Scout Shop for our Court of Honor meeting. Two copies of the paperwork for the Merit badges stay at Council and one copy is returned for our troop records.

Steve Kakacek reported that he got the trailer back last week and the trailer is going down to be fixed.

Joe Stalcup from Pack 780 is having Webelos bridging over at the end of December. We need to prepare for this activity.

Dawn will be working on getting Welcome packets together with the By Laws, Troop Dues, and general information given to new members.

There are three Summer Camps we are looking at for the Scouts this summer. They are Emerson at Idllywild, Holcomb Valley Scout Reservation near Big Bear, and Camp Tahquitz near Redlands Big Bear area. Larry Shelper said he may take a drive to the ones near Big Bear and check them out. You can also check them out online for information.

Treasurer's Report

Goldie Kakacek gave the treasures report. Everything is going well. Goldie verbally gave Missy Drago the scout balances for all the scouts. Missy will have those amounts available when rechartering. Kevin Dorst received one check and will receive the second check by mail for services rendered. The popcorn money has not been received as of yet.

Webmaster

Steve Shellhammer met with Kevin Dorst and transferred his files and Website information over to Steve Shellhammer. Steve will now be handling the Boy Scout Website.

A short summary for the next two months is as follows:

December Activities

Monday Dec 1	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Saturday & Sunday Dec. 6 & 7	7:00 AM	Mason Valley Truck Trail
Monday Dec 8	6:30 p.m.	Court of Honor Potluck Dinner Gift Exchange (\$5.00)
Monday Dec 15	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday Dec 22		No Meeting
Monday, Dec 29		No Meeting

January Activities

Monday Jan. 5	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting SM Conf/BR Class A Uniform
Monday Jan. 12	6:30 p.m.	Troop Meeting
Monday Jan. 19	6:30 p.m.	No Troop Meeting
Sat. or Sun. Jan. 24 or 25	TBA	Ski & Snowboard trip

Mason Valley Truck Trail Dec. 6 -7

Mason Valley Truck Trail is an easy backpacking trip. It begins Saturday, December 6, 2008 at 7:00 a.m. from the First Christian Church and ends Sunday, December 7, 2008. Return time depends on how long it takes to hike out. Calls will be made as returning to Ramona. You will need your Class A uniform for travel and Class B for camp. You need to bring your own food! You need a sack lunch for Saturday, food to cook for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast. See permission slip for all details regarding this trip. You can find it on the Website.

Court of Honor Potluck Dinner & Gift Exchange December 8

On Monday, December 8, 2008 there will be a Potluck Dinner and Gift Exchange at our Court of Honor Meeting. Plan to attend with your family. There will be Scout recognitions and advancements. **Last names beginning with A – M are asked to bring some sort of pasta & sauce or lasagna. And last names beginning with N – Z are asked to bring some sort of bread or green salad & dressing. Please bring 12 – 15 servings of whatever food you choose to bring. We are a large group and BIG eaters! Scout Gift Exchange should include a wrapped gift at a \$5 maximum price. Siblings will be included in exchange if they bring a gift.** Thank you. This should be fun.

Web Site

The Boy Scout Troop 768 website contains valuable schedule and activities information and is continuously updated. <http://www.troop768.org/>

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday January 7, 2008 at 7:00 PM

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