

Troop 840, B.S.A.

Troop Committee	Date of Meeting:	November 06, 2004
	Time of Meeting:	8:30 AM

Facilitator: Forrest Broom
 Title of Meeting: Scheduled Monthly meeting
 Location: Sandy Lake Baptist Church
 Notetaker: Matt Bohn

Attendees: Mr. Forrest Broom, Committee Chair Master Greg Langworthy, SPL
 Mr. Reagan Broussard Mr. Terry Langworthy
 Mrs. Sharon Broussard Mrs. Julia Moomau
 Mr. Billy Dillon Mr. Allen Shyne
 Mr. Richard Hohnholt Mr. Mark Williamson
 Mr. Perry Hudson Mr. Chris Wilt, Scoutmaster
 Mrs. Anne Lacey

Agenda

Item	Notes
I. Call to Order	
II. Review of recent events	
October Campout Chili Supper Popcorn Roundtable Notes	November 5 th Mr. Ghaly
III. Coordination of next events	
November Campout Boundary Waters Update Holiday Party	July 17 th to July 26 th , 2005 December 21 st
IV. Status Reports	
Treasurer Membership Training Activities Transportation Communications Equipment Advancement Other troop needs	Webelos November 30 th visit, December Campout Bartle – July 12 th to July 22 nd , 2005 Merit Badge Palooza January 8 th , 2005
V. Action Items	
Eagle Recognition Proposal District Dinner	Sharon Broussard January 21 st , 2005

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VI. Other Discussion	
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I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Broom called the meeting to order at 8:27 a.m.

II. Review of recent events

October Campout: Used the tower at Cherokee on Saturday, 09-October-2004. Patrick Nance was the Cherokee certified tower representative. No additional report.

Chili Supper: Mr. Williamson said the ballpark revenue for the event was over \$7,000. Total expenses over \$1,000. Net of the event under \$6,000 but over \$5,000. Thank you so much to the Laceys for all of their hard work and coordination. Thanks to the many adults that helped all night. Dr. Pepper donated the drinks. Many thanks to Dr. Pepper! Mr. Williamson shared some learnings from the event. Mr. Williamson picked up the signs this morning. Signage will be better next year. Dr. Lacey said thank you to everyone for their support. He believes we need a few more cooks on Friday afternoon in order to get ready for the event. We only had two in the afternoon. This was finals week and there was no lunch served on Friday so the kitchen was available at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Williamson said he would do better next year, which means he will be our Chili Chief in 2005! Thank you, Mr. Williamson!

Popcorn: Mr. Chris Griffiths, our Popcorn Kernel, was not present. He was most likely turning in the Popcorn orders this morning. From last meeting's minutes, we are reminded that popcorn will be delivered on Saturday, 13-November-2004. While this is our campout weekend, it is expected that some parents will still be here to pick up the popcorn. Otherwise, it will be made available to Scouts on Tuesday, 16-November. Checks are to be made payable to BSA Troop 840 and not to BSA Circle 10 Council by your Scout's purchasers. If Mr. Griffiths wants to get the popcorn on Friday, 12-November-2004, he will let us know at Tuesday's Troop meeting.

Roundtable Notes: Mr. Ghaly sent an E-Mail with the following notes because he couldn't be here due to another Scouting commitment. Here are his notes which were sent in an E-Mail prior to the Committee Meeting:

**Western Star Round Table
Monday, November 1, 2004
7:30 p.m. PPUMC**

Popcorn:

- November 6th, 2004 – Orders due
- November 13th, 2004 – Popcorn Kernal Pickup

District Dinner: Need nominations for Unit Star Award.

When: January 21st, 2005

Cost: \$15.00

Where: Harvey Hotel, D/FW

Merit Badge Palooza:

Purpose: To provide Scouts with the opportunity to earn merit badges not normally offered at Summer Camp. Some merit badges have specific age/grade/size limits as determined by the merit badge counselors.

Registration Deadline: 5:00 p.m. December 1st, 2004 at the Circle 10 registration desk

Cost: \$5.00 per Scout

When: Saturday, January 8th, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: First United Methodist Church, Coppell, Texas

Merit Badges Offered: Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Emergency Preparedness, Communications, Personal Management, Atomic Energy, Crime Prevention/Safety, Dentistry, Disability Awareness, Law, Medicine, Public Speaking, Radio and Computer.

To Sign Up: See Mrs. Ghaly

Award of Merit: Applications can be submitted until the December Round Table. Applications can be found on the Western Star website at <http://www.Western-Star.org>.

Fall Webeloree: November 5th, 6th and 7th at Mott Park, Lake Bardwell.

Ring out: Two Scouts from Troop 840.

Training:

- Scouts that would like to Staff Oakleaf the 1st weekend in March 2005 or Adults that are interested in taking a JLT Train the Trainer class, should contact Frank Valentinetti at 972-462-1422 for more information.
- Youth Protection will be offered at the Fall Webeloree.

OA:

- The next Ordeal will be December 3rd through the 5th at Camp Cherokee.
- Winter Camp is December 27th through the 31st, Merit Badge sign up is available online at <http://www.miki.org>
- Elections begin in January, they are looking for Crossover teams of at least four Scouts per Troop. (Troop 840 could put together a team to do Coppell's crossover!)

General:

- There are still Scout openings for Jamboree, contact Bart Green at Circle 10 for more information.
- The Scoutfitter will be closed December 6th to the 19th for remodeling. It will open as a National Scout Store on December 20th.
- The Circle 10 Venturing Sea Base Contingent has 10 openings that must be filled by November 15th. The Trek is June 30th to July 7th. Sail on a 70-foot ship up and down the Florida Keys. Contact Mr. Ghaly for more information.

Notes by Chris Ghaly.

III. Coordination of next events

November Campout: Mr. Hudson said we have about five adults and thirteen Scouts signed up. It is around a five hour drive to the campsite. The cost is only \$5.00 for the whole troop. We are asking for the \$2.00 transportation view. Master Langworthy said we will have to have the final count on Tuesday. The weather is changing for this event so their Scouts will be packing differently than for other events. Scouts have been receiving training over the past couple of weeks in order to know what to bring to the campout. Be at the church at 5:30 on the 12th and we'll return by 2:30 on Sunday, 14th.

Boundary Waters Update: Mr. Hohnholt said that we have one open slot for the event. All fees are paid up to date. There will be some training that the adults need to go through

prior to the event (CPR, Safe Swim and other). There may be some paddling training prior to the event as well. Leave July 17th and return on the 26th. These participants cannot go to the Bartle summer camp. For any questions or updates, contact Mr. Hohnholt.

Holiday Party: December 21st, holiday party at Mr. Wilt's house. This is a Tuesday evening and an opportunity for the Scouts to come over for a holiday party. Open invitation to adults, Scouts and their siblings.

IV. Status Reports

Treasurer: Mr. Langworthy said that our Troop is still solvent. Gave statement of accounts.

Membership: Mrs. Lacey confirmed that we are not meeting on November 23rd. She said we're doing great and will have some visiting Webelos on the 30th of November. We have two groups that are not Coppell groups. One Pack is from the Vista Ridge United Methodist church, which is in the Longhorn Council. From Isaac Lee's Court of Honor, some Webelo scouts from Flower Mound became very interested in our Troop and will be joining us as well. Typically this is the time of year when we start to lose some Newbies. They become overwhelmed, miss a few meetings and feel like they fall too far behind and then feel like they have to drop out. Every Scout's pace is individual and this is just not the case. We should try to get the Scouts back to the Trotter's Land campout in December so we can see if they can be brought back into the Troop. It is more effective if Scouts call the Scouts versus Mrs. Lacey calling the Scouts or the Scouts' parents. Mrs. Lacey is calling for some assistant to begin working with her now because she would like to transition this while there is still time to train effectively. Mr. Wilt will not be here on the 30th. Dr. Lacey will cover the pitch for the Troop to the Pack parents. We will need to have a projector to display the presentation on the Troop for the night of the 30th.

There is a Pack that wants to come pack with us in December. Pack 840 from Lee that wants to come camping with us at the Trotter's Land campout. Mr. Wilt said that he had no concerns about this and our SPL Master Langworthy said he thought it was OK to do so.

Training: There was no report on Training.

Activities: For next summer's summer camp at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, Heart of America Council has assigned Session Four for our summer camp. We have scheduled December 10th to the 12th for Trotter's Land. Mr. Hudson said that he has investigated the potential of having a bus available for the Bartle summer camp at a cost of approximately \$100 per seat for round trip transportation. They can carry everything that we need to bring to the camp except for fuel. This includes leaving the day before the camp, staying overnight with us and then bringing us to the camp by noon on the opening day of the camp. He will get additional information and provide it at a later meeting. We would need to book in January if we wanted to take advantage of this.

Transportation: Mr. Baker was not available and there was no report.

Communications: Mr. Warrick could not be at the meeting today. There was no update. Mrs. Julia Moomau attended the meeting because she will be preparing the newsletter. Thank you for your commitment to keep us informed! Julia.Moomau@yahoo.com to send her information that should be included in the newsletter.

Equipment: No report.

Advancement: There is a Merit Badge Palooza scheduled for January 8th. There is information on the website <http://www.Western-Star.org>. This will offer many hard to get merit badges for Scouts.

Other Troop Needs: None discussed.

V. Action Items

Eagle Recognition Proposal: Mrs. Broussard said that in another Council, Scouts that achieve their Eagle rank during the year are hosted to a dinner at a single event. It was hosted by a professional person (who acted as a mentor to the Scout) and in the event she relayed, a Physician hosted an Eagle Scout and invited him to make rounds with him. Years later, the Eagle Scout became a physician and wrote the physician that had mentored him years earlier and told him what an impact he had had on his life. The hosting physician was blown away by the impact he had on the Scout. Mrs. Broussard is suggesting that we consider having a similar event for the Eagles from Troop 840. She is willing to coordinate the event and seek out mentors for the Scouts.

Mr. Wilt said that the District dinner in January could be used for this but doesn't typically include the concept of a mentor for each Scout. Mr. Broom said that we could attempt to make this happen at the District level (Coppell and Irving). The District dinner is January 21st at the Harvey Hotel, D/FW. Mrs. Lacey said that we could contact the Eagles that are in the area and try to get this arranged for this January's dinner. Without objection, the Committee said that Mrs. Broussard should pursue this. There was a motion to secure two tables for the District dinner to support this suggestion. The motion passed for two tables to the District Dinner.

VI. Other Discussion

Our SPL, Master Langworthy, said that he is getting the hang of this now.

VII. Summary & adjournment

Mr. Broom ended the meeting at 9:40 a.m.