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Scouts and Parents,

The troop held its last regular meeting on Tuesday, March 4th.

The following are the minutes from this meeting:

The Troop welcomed its newest Scout, Daniel Chastain, who crossed over from Pack 59 on Feb. 28th. Daniel will join the Tiger Patrol with other new Scouts who recently crossed over from Pack 511. Please welcome him personally at our next meeting.

With the formation of the newest Tiger Patrol, the Troop asked for volunteers who could take on the task of Patrol leader to these new Scouts for the remainder of the Spring '09 term. Thomas Gerling of the Grizzly Patrol stepped up to fill this important role.

Mr. Davidson reported that some of the requested Patrol leaders and quartermasters attended the "trailer transfer" effort from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 1st. Key items were transferred over to the new smaller (more easily towable) trailer and it was set to go on its first campout, the March 6-8th camporee near Marble Falls, TX.

Mr Gerling spoke about the Troop's Summer Camp plans at Lost Pines Scout Camp. Our Troop will attend on July 12-18th. All Scouts are encouraged to sign up.

Thomas Gerling spoke about the new BSA Medical forms that will be adopted, beginning in Jan. '10. As the form is good for a 12 month period, all Scouts and Adult leaders were encouraged to use these new forms from this date forward. Please see an earlier email from Thomas Gerling on this subject for copies of these medical forms.

Mr. Paul Gerling, District Camporee organizer for our Troop, spoke about the upcoming event and the need to be prepared. (More on the actual camporee below.)

Patrol flags designs were completed in preparation for the weekend's District Camporee.

Below are the highlights from Troop 454's attendance this past weekend of the 1st Annual Bee Cave District Camporee, held at Camp Penial near Marble Falls, TX.

Mr. Paul Gerling was our overall point man for the Troop's preparation on this Bee Cave Camporee. This event was a great success both for the District and for Troop 454. Much of the credit should go to Mr. Gerling for putting in countless hours and nearly 100 emails to us to make it all work.

Our Troop was to run an Orienteering event at the Camporee. Dr. Glenn Lightsey stepped up to take on this task and laid out a challenging course that no one earned a 100% accuracy score. Maybe this was due to his UT professorship background as in "nobody gets a 100% in my class" or maybe because our Scouts are still learning their orienteering skills. Only Dr. Lightsey knows for sure! Mr. Ted Brown took on the all important role of preparing our Dutch oven deserts. Now that I write this, I realize that Paul Gerling has already sent out a summary of events, so I'll leave it at that.

All in favor of signing Mr. Gerling up for next year's camporee, say Ay!

One important happening at the Camporee was the selection of new inductees or "tapping out" of new Troop 454 Scouts for the Order of the Arrow. I am pleased to announce that the following Scouts were inducted into the Order of the Arrow at the Sat. night camporee ceremony:

Pearce Boisvert
Austin Brown
Scott Davidson
Connor Lightsey
Alex Maynard
Josh Smith
Scott Stevens
Akash Thaker

This Tuesday, March 10th, we will have a Troop Leadership meeting. This means all those holding Patrol and Troop leadership positions should attend.

The following Tuesday, March 17th will fall during Spring Break for our schools, therefore the next regular Troop meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24th.

Best Regards,

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