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**From:** Tom Davidson [tomd@flash.net]  
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Scouts and Parents,

The troop held its last regular meeting on Tuesday, April 21st and its last campout on April 24-26th.

Lightsey and Mr. Gerling were the adult leaders for the April 21st meeting as I was unable to attend.

Dr. Lightsey provided the following minutes of that meeting:

Thomas Gerling announced that many scouts had turned in their medical forms at this meeting so he told everyone good job. For those that have not turned them in, they are due by May 1.

Mr. Gerling went over Summer Camp classes for Lost Pines, which will be held on July 12-18. The scouts checked the list and a couple of scouts made comments about some changes to their classes. Mr. Gerling also went over the adult volunteer schedule.

Mrs. Maynard went over the plans for this weekend's Guadalupe River campout near Spring Branch. Scouts and parents leaving with the main group will depart from the Riverbend parking lot at 6:00 on Friday. All scouts participating in the water event must have taken the swimming test by Friday. Those that have not done it yet can bring the signed form with them to the campout.

Dr. Lightsey went through the First Aid kits with the Scouts. We had a First Aid kit check list which each Scout verified against their own kit. Some scouts forgot to bring their kits and they need to verify them at home. We went through the purpose of each item in the kit. Mrs. Butrum provided valuable additional advice! Scouts were reminded to bring their First Aid kits to every campout, including this weekend's.

Akash Thaker announced that he will be organizing some warm up hikes that will give scouts a chance to practice hiking and will be going over packing backpacks next month. Akash will be providing more information about this soon.

Below is a review of the campout and the Leadership meeting that followed on the following Tuesday, April 28th.

The Troop held its last campout on April 24th-26th on the Guadalupe River near Spring Branch TX. 18 Scouts and 12 Adults attended and participated in Canoeing and

Kayaking. I big thank you to Mrs. Maynard for coordinating this trip and Mr. Maynard for pulling the trailer and organizing the activity at the campsite. Although the water level was a bit low, the Scouts seemed to have a great time nevertheless. Squirt guns were in force and all got wet!

On Tuesday, April 28th the Troop's Scout leadership met to review the campout and other Troop business.

As customary, the previous campout was discussed by the Scouts in detail. The patrol based KP system was discussed and it was agreed that each patrol was still in need of kit organization and in many cases supplementing their supplies.

Robby Stevens discussed his upcoming Eagle Project to be held at Riverbend Church. The date for his project will be Sat. May 16th at 8:30am at the Church parking lot. Further details of the event will be provided by Robby at our meetings and via email.

Planning for the Troop's spring Court of Honor was discussed. The date of Tuesday, May 26th at 7 pm was chosen as the time. The location will be the Picnic area at Riverbend Church and in case of rain we will relocate to the normal meeting room. Sid Nguyen volunteered to coordinate the Court of Honor event.

This week's meeting (Tuesday, May 5th) will include campout planning for our next school year. Mr. Hill has volunteered to be our Campout activity coordinator. During this Tuesday's meeting he will be looking for input on campout activities and locations that Scouts suggest. Please plan to make your suggestions known by attending this meeting.

Best Regards,

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