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Scouts and Parents,

Our Troop held its Last general meeting on Tues. Sept. 29th and attended the Enchanted Rock State Park Climbing Campout Oct. 2-4.

The minutes of our last meeting are below:

Attendance was taken and 15 Scouts were present. Turnout was lower than usual as some Scouts had band conflicts. We did have 3 Webelos visitors and parents attending the meeting and signing up for the weekend's campout.

A signup sheet was passed around for Scouts interested in Winter camp at Lost Pines Scout Camp on Dec. 20-23. Approx. 8 Scouts signed up for this camp. The Troop will need an adult coordinator for this event. Please contact me if you would like to be this coordinator.

Mr. Davidson discussed the possible times for Junior Leadership Training. This would be an all day event on a Saturday this fall. Possible dates were Oct. 17, 24, Nov. 7, 14 or Dec. 5th.

I asked each interested Scout to email me with the best dates for their schedules. To date I have heard from only 2 Scouts.

A possible service project with Mobile Loaves and Fishes was discussed. This project was researched by Akash Thaker. The possible dates for this project were on any Thursday after school in October. The Scouts were asked, via a show of hands, if they could attend an after school project. Only 2 Scouts indicated that they could do so.

Based on the Scouts' feedback, the Troop will look for projects that can be organized on Saturdays or Sunday afternoons as an alternative to weekday

Mr. Hill discussed the Troop's upcoming campout at Enchanted Rock State Park on Oct. 2-4th. The campout will have a rock climbing activity with a professional training company providing the teaching and equipment rentals for the event.

Pizza was offered to the Troop and visiting Webelos as a way for each to introduce themselves.

Mr. Gerling held a brief meeting with the Webelos parents to orient them on the Troop and the upcoming campout.

After pizza, the Troop broke up into patrols for meal planning for the weekend's campout. Each patrol was to get an adult leader's approval on the menu selection. This sign off was a new requirement and hopefully will eliminate ramen noodles for dinner!

The meeting concluded with the closing ceremony.

Our Enchanted Rock climbing campout was held this past weekend, Oct. 2-4. 12 Scouts and 4 Webelos visitors were in attendance. Approx. 12 adults also attended with about 4 climbing with Scouts.

Although rain was in the forecast, the campout started out dry on Friday night and the rain did not arrive until noon on Sat. Luckily, the rain was came and went for much of the afternoon, allowing the Scouts to complete the actual rappelling and climbing portions of the Climbing merit badge. The rain and the slick hiking conditions on the granite did prevent the Troop from further hikes set for the late afternoon as well as the planned moonlight hike to the summit of Enchanted Rock.

However, overall I think all Scouts had a great time and we should all thank Mr. Hill for his excellent campout and climbing company planning. The logistics of the trip came off without a hitch.

We were able to pack up on Sunday morning without any additional rain and departed by 9:15 am.

As mentioned, the Troop did host 4 Webelos visitors, with 3 taking part in the climbing instruction.

Mr. Gerling and Mr. Hill did a great job in getting Webelos parents interested in the Troop and showing up for our campout.

Furthermore, Mr. Gerling is pleased to announce that two of the Webelos attendees had their parents contact him to say that they wished to join the Troop! Those Webelos are J.P. Hefner and Jordan Green. This gets our recruiting efforts off to a great start. Our November Campout on Nov. 20-22nd should also be a great opportunity for hosting Webelos.

Our next meeting will be a Leadership meeting Tuesday Oct. 6 at 7 pm. The Troop's next General meeting will be Tuesday Oct. 13 at 7 pm.

Best Regards,

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