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**From:** Tom Davidson [tomd@flash.net]  
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**Subject:** Troop 454 News, Climbing Merit badge to be taught at next meeting (Oct 20th)

Scouts and Parents,

Our Troop held its last general meeting on Tues. Oct. 13.  
We will meet again this Tuesday Oct. 20th.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** For those who are working on their Climbing merit badge, please plan to attend this next meeting and the following meeting on Oct. 27th. Scouts must attend both meetings to cover information required for completion of the requirements.

The minutes of our last meeting are below:

Attendance was taken and approx. 15 Scouts were present. We did have 1 Webelos visitors and parents attending the meeting.

A discussion was conducted among the Scouts as to the positives and negatives of the Enchanted Rock campout on Oct. 2-4. In general the Scouts enjoyed the campout and the climbing activity despite the rain on Sat. afternoon and evening. Scouts discussed the importance of wet weather gear and the need for hiking boots vs. sneakers when in rocky terrain and when hiking near/in water. All Scouts should strive to wear hiking boots on campouts in the future.

Scott Stevens had reported prior to the meeting that the Troop was welcome to attend a service project at the Nalle Bunny Run Wildlife Preserve on Sat. Oct. 17 from 8 am to 2 pm. This was an Order of the Arrow sponsored work project. The Troop discussed if we should consider this a Troop service project, and thus allowing for leadership activity credit. A discussion was held and the Scouts voted to not make it a Troop event but to instead encourage each Scout to attend on their own.

The Troop then broke up into groups, by current rank, to work on rank advancement. Scouts First Class and above assisted the younger Scouts in working toward advancement items.

The meeting concluded with the closing ceremony.

The Troop's next General meeting will be Tuesday Oct. 20 at 7 pm. Scouts are encouraged to review their First Aid knowledge as it may come in handy (for academic reasons only) at this meeting.

Best Regards,

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