Troop 570 Parent Meeting

12 February 2024

Announcements:

*Contact: Leah Meigs, Committee Chair*

* No troop meeting 2/19
* 2/26 Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) Meeting. Also, Girls’ Troop has a new scout meeting.

Updated Troop Handbook:

*Contact: Leah Meigs and Rina Klabo*

* There is a new updated troop handbook for both the boys’ and girls’ troops.
* <https://troop570.org/>
* Click “Resources”, located in the upper right. Then, you will be able to find a link by clicking on the Troops Handbook.
* The handbook explains what you need to know about the troop.

Registration:

*Contact: Leah Meigs*

* To register: complete YPT (Youth Protection Training), apply and pay a fee.
* See PowerPoint slide.
* Preferred that this is completed 3 weeks but must be done two weeks prior to an overnight outing to allow enough time for the process to be completed.
* To stay current: Recharter yearly. YPT to be completed every 2 years.
* Let adult and youth lead know if you have a last-minute cancellation with an outing.
* For outings, our troop travels together. This is for: bonding, safety, and receiving instructions from youth leads.

Chartered Organization Representative Updates:

*Contact: Mathew Pruitt*

* Mr. Pruitt represents the church to the scouts and the scouts to the church.
* 2/18 Scout Sunday: low on sign ups. Plan to greet and hand out flyers and donuts.
* 3/16 HSLC service project 9A - 12P. Landscaping service project. Spread bark and weeding. Bring gloves, water, and tools (i.e. shovel) if you have them. It is fun!

Leadership Update:

*Contact: Leah Meigs*

* Gary Burd will be starting as an ASM in the Boy’s Troop. He was active in the troop when his son had been a scout. He has experience and will be helping with backpacking and other outdoor activities.
* Treasurer:
* *Contact: Justin Neddo*
* QuickBooks are what both troops use now. One statement per family (even if you have scouts on the boy and girl side).
* See slide in PowerPoint for link to specifics of budget.
* Girls: Trees went better than expected. Can view that benevity and wreaths are on track. Camporee and Klondike plan to cover part of the cost for each scout.
* Boys: Trees and benevity also went great. Boys will be ahead for years and there will be planning of how to spend down.
* If interested in the treasurer position, please consider shadowing what Justin does as he will plan to stop in the future.

Troop Updates for Girls:

*Contact: Khushi Jain, SPL and Valerie Magdalin, Girl Scoutmaster*

* See Troopkit for events and details.
* Upcoming crossover events. A crossover is a ceremony to welcome Webelos joining the troop. Will need a few scouts to represent the troop to welcome incoming Webelos. Pack 567 is 2 weeks prior to troop meeting. Pack 564 is on a Saturday. Pack 428 is before a meeting.
* Klondike: camping in the snow. There will be multiple challenges where each patrol gets to test their scout skills.
* 3/17 Philmont prep training by backpacking.
* 3/16 HSLC joint boy and girl troop service project.
* 4/3 Pantry Packs. This is a service project where they will help pack food. Need 2 adult volunteers.
* Mission Ridge was successful.
* This past weekend the troops went snow camping. Boy and girl troops were at the same location and able to do a few activities together.

Troop Updates for Boys:

*Contact: Ron Delamater, SPL and Randy Whitehill, Boy Scoutmaster*

* See Troopkit for events and details.
* Scout Sunday 2/18: service to give back to the church that allows our troops to use this space.
* Upcoming crossover events. This will be for Pack 567, 564, 428 and possibly 600.
* Paul’s Eagle project will be at St. Edward’s. This will count for conservation service hours.
* Klondike: snowy and fun!
* HSLC: joint service project.
* Pantry packs: packing the food to be delivered to places in need.
* OMSI
* Urban hike
* Lock in event: at a climbing gym. There will be sugar and food, have fun and stay up late.
* Biking day trip: TBD. The hope was to be at the Snoqualmie tunnel.
* A new leadership election will be coming up. Please help support your scouts in considering this. Can see some of the different roles on 570 websites (please note this is not up to date). Find this under “Leadership positions”. Mr. Whitehill will also be sending out information about this.
* Could use scouts for crossover events to help welcome incoming Webelos.
* 3/4 and 3/11 troop meetings there will be elections. The current average age of scouts is about 13 years old which means we will be having young leadership.
* “Troop photo link” is located at the bottom of events on Troopkit (for both boys’ and girls’ troops). Use this to look up photos of past Klondike events and other events.
* Klondike: scouts pull themselves/ steer sleds. Patrols go around the camp with these sleds. There are different camps and challenges at each of these. Team based and encouraged enthusiasm. Sled race at the end. Sign up on Troopkit. Packing list to be sent out. This event has the most amount of leadership present. It is a district event. Each camp needs adults to help run.

Summer Camp 2024:

*Contact: Rina Klabo*

* Boys: 7/28 - 8/3. At Camp Parsons on Hood Canal. 34 scouts have signed up and have 45 spots. Sign up now! 1st payment deducted from Scout Accounts was $245 (total will be $490 + transportation). Important to try an overnight outing prior to camp. Let Rina know if there is a Webelo that would like to join. There is now a scuba option (must be 14 years old and 1st class).
* Girls: 7/28 - 8/3. At Camp Fire Mountain that is outside Mount Vernon. $590 total. 15 girls signed up. Easy to add Webelos. There will be a variety of food.
* Summer Camp is helpful for engaging scouts!

Medical Forms:

*Contact: Rina Klabo*

* Medical forms parts A and B: Each year these are redone and submitted in January. This is for both scouts and adults.
* Part C: is required to be updated for an outing > 72 hours (i.e. summer camp, Philmont). This requires an MD appointment. Please do prior to the outing.
* Please update Leah and Rina if you have any issues with pictures and/ or videos being posted of your scout. There is a box on part A that addresses this. The troop is working on creating a 2-minute promotional video for Facebook page and Troop website.
* Individual Scout Profile: this is a document that can be filled out for scouts so adult leaders of outings can better anticipate and help your scouts’ unique needs. Find this on the Troop 570 website. Also, can be found at the concierge desk.

Christmas Tree Recycling Update:

*Contact: Rina Klabo*

* $7,743 earned. This is more than $1000 than last year.
* New signs used some of this money earned.
* Boys earned a little over $4000.
* Girls earned $2167.
* Both troops got more than budgeted.
* Drivers are one way to help make sure it is more equitable with earnings.
* Had a meeting to discuss how to improve this event. Considering adding new technology.

Reminders:

*Contact: Leah Meigs*

* Sign up for summer camp! Have camperships that can pay up to 50 % of camp fee.
* Check scout accounts. Do not want a negative balance.
* Turn in new med forms for 2024.
* Need 3 weeks to get adults registered prior to overnight outings.
* Leah is the Committee Chair. Email with any questions Leahjohn1031@gamil.com.
* See PowerPoint for more details of this meeting.
* Remember to use the suggestion/ comment box located at the concierge desk. Any feedback is appreciated!