



Troop 272: PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: 11/2/11

Call to Order: Kyle Sawyer called the meeting to order ~7:21pm.

Reading & Approval of Last Meetings Minutes: Approved

Patrol Reports:

-Senior: The Senior Patrol has done well over the past month. Thanks to Ms. Casey, the Senior Patrol will soon have a new installment of our patrol flag. Also, despite troubles with the weather, the Seniors had a day trip that included rock climbing and lots of cooking. We have had high attendance at meetings and on trips. The Senior Patrol is working towards National Honor Patrol and records have been kept for attendance, patrol meetings, trips, and service projects. The Seniors have also been working hard to make sure the meetings run smoothly. We had a less-than-stellar first meeting of October, but planning was done over a weekend, and the second meeting provided much better skill instruction than the first. The open-house events and campfire were well prepared. I would have hoped for the different patrol trips to be a whole weekend, but several of the patrols did a great job of having fun despite obstacles to overtake with the weather. There are scouts who are working on the troop tee-shirt design, the honor scout award, and the new scout committee. All of these projects have been worked on within the past month. For this coming month, we have architecture theme, a backpacking trip, scouting for food, and the start of the Tree Sale. The theme again will include interactive round-robins. The backpacking trip in PA on the Pinchot trail over should be good. Scouting for food should be distributed this weekend, and then collected the next weekend after. Make sure that you count your number of food items collected before showing up to the meeting, in order to speed up the collection process. The tree sale set-up on Saturday the 19th is mandatory, so make sure you don't schedule anything else at that time if you haven't already. November looks to be a good month to continue the progress that our troop has made this year, and to continue looking at both our troop and patrol visions as we reach the half-way point of the scouting year.

Start: Earlier completion of meeting plan forms and the PLC agenda

Stop: Fooling around during the pre-meeting time (This time should be utilized for longer patrol meetings)

Continue: Updating National Honor Patrol records

-Venture: This past month has been relatively successful. The crew discussed the logistic of adding scouts outside of troop 272 into the Crew. We also started working on the bronze award for Venturing. Finally, the crew's patrol tip is this coming weekend.

-Blazing Eagles: The Blazing Eagle has had a good month in October with good attendance to troop meetings and relatively good attendance on the Patrol Trip. Our Patrol Trip this past weekend was extremely educational for most of us. We learned about archery, but more importantly, most of us learned about how to be prepared. However, we are struggling to attend troop service projects and other commitments seem to distract us from achieving our goals. Now for a quick SSC:

Start: Start showing respect to each other. Stop: Stop being unprepared for troop meetings and events. Continue: Continue with good attendance at the troop meetings.

-Raven Claw: The Raven Claw Patrol has been doing well this month. Unfortunately, our patrol trip was cancelled because of weather. For a quick SSC:

Start- Getting more organized for trips. Stop- procrastinating for patrol trips. Continue- good teamwork.

-Olympians: The Olympians have had a successful month and had a great time at six flags as our patrol trip. Sadly, for some of us Kingda Ka was closed. The weather was nice and we just had a blast. Six of us attended.

-Troop Guide/ Ass't Troop Guide & Ninjas: The ninja patrol has been doing very well. Some of us have finished the fitness test completely. We are trying to get done the fitness test with everyone. Also, we have a 5 mile hike coming up on Saturday November 12 at Ridley Creek State Park.

S: Start completing the rest of the tenderfoot requirements. S: Stop having low attendance at meetings.
C: Continue to stay focused.

Support Position Reports:

-Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Program. So far this has been a great month. Last month was interesting and we are looking forward to architecture this month. The OA service position is going well and if Patrol Leaders have pictures, please give them to the Historian. The skill session plan forms for November are filled in and there will be a contest for drawing scale architecture for the Old Mill.

-Order of the Arrow Troop Rep. /Service: October was a great month. There was Geoffrey's Eagle Project and the Boeing project which went well. There will be more service projects in November and if you have any more service project, ideas please e-mail me as much information as possible. (Sam Capalbo)

-Historian: No Report.

-Head Program Specialist: The November theme is architecture and for January is geocaching and map and compass. The summer adventure at Yellow Stone National Park is going well. The permission slip is available.

Colin Roddy (January Theme): In the January theme all is going very well. We have decided what round robins we are doing and it's looking like it's going to be a fun month. At the planning meeting I intend to meet with my assistants and decide who is which station. Then I will write the skill session plan forms and we will be ready to move onto the next step.

Dylan Candelora (Backpacking): For November, we will be backpacking on the Pinchot Trail, a circuit trail, in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania. The circuit trail is a 23 mile loop, but we will be taking a few shortcuts and hopefully get some good views along the trail. The permission slip and menu are in the process of being finalized. Hopefully, there won't be snow when we go backpacking this month.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for Administration: October was a good month. The website is updated and the newsletter is being worked on. The check-in for the patrol trips were November 9th.

Start- Check-ins better. Stop-Procrastinating work on gear. Continue- being cooler than program.

Training Instructor: 15 hours of service for Geoffrey's eagle project. Thank you to everyone that helped and borrowed tools are in the garage.

-Recruiting Instructor: No Report

-Den Chiefs: No Report

-Quartermaster/Assistant Quartermaster(s)/Librarian: Senior's cooler needs to be checked in.

-Corresponding Scribe: The newsletter is good so far and is in progress.

-Webmaster: No Report

Old Business:

- The troop t-shirt design is a class-A on a poly pro t shirt.

New Business:

- There are service opportunities. On Saturday, we will be helping Helen Kate Furness with envelopes from 10-12.

- There are 5\$ t-shirts available for sale and if you want to participate in the Thanksgiving parade, you need one. Let Mr. Epp know if you want one.

For the Good of the Troop (Constructive criticism, positive feedback & general concerns)

-Kyle went through the meeting plan forms.

-The honor scout flyer has many errors in it and the due date is wrong. The submissions require a cost and a design.

-The January trip is skiing and permission slips will be at the tree lot set up.

-The Troop is raising money for a generator. We have 350\$ raised and need 150\$ more. Donations are appreciated.

Next P.L.C. is on Wednesday January 4th, 2012

Adjournment: Dylan Candelora made the motion and Ben Troutman seconded it.