

JAMBOREE TROOP 803

PARENT'S MEETING 9/16/09

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by Bob Fletcher.

Please welcome a new Jamboree Scout, Thomas O'Hara from Troop 209 and his parents Stephen and Tamera.

Treasurer's Report:

Brant Reed reports that there are three things to keep in mind as we move toward Jamboree 2010:

1. We are all in this together and we are 'on our own' – there is no underwriting and we must pay all our own bills.
2. Our original budget shortfall was approx. \$5,000. We are working toward getting our expenses down.
3. Cash Flow is critical and success depends on everybody paying their monthly bill on time so that we can make our payments in a timely way.

We currently have approx. \$6,100 of unpaid invoices. Payment streams may have to change.

Q: What will be the approx. cost of the flight portion of the trip?

A: Uncertain at this time

Q: Will we need to move the payment schedule up to meet our schedule?

A: Possibly – stay tuned

Q: Are adjustments being made to the travel schedule to cut expenses?

A: That is currently being looked at. Boston may be cancelled. It's still in the planning stage. Mr. Potter will address that.

Q: Will fundraising money be credited to each Scouts individual account?

A: Yes. No decisions have been made as to how it will be paid out, but probably at the end in the form of refunds. It's all about cash flow right now.

Q's about uniforms and patches...

A: Mr. Widdis says that all the uniform and patch info will be clarified. The boy's uniforms will have a very "uniform" look in terms of which patches they will be using.

Scoutmaster's Report:

-Mr. Potter talked about working with World Strides to arrange the best possible use of time in each location. Sunday before Jamboree will be a special parade down Constitution Avenue that will include 20 scouts from each council. This will be the first time since 1937.

-The next Troop activity will be a beach day on 10/3. All details will follow.

-There will be a NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) this winter for scouts interested. Officers elected in 803 will be required to take the training. It's 2 weekends, dates TBA. Any scout who has already completed the training can be considered for NYLT Staff. Talk to Mr. Potter

-If your son can't make an activity, please have him call Mr. Potter to discuss it. The purpose of these outings is for the boys to get to know each other in a casual and relaxed atmosphere so they can function well during more stressful, Troop activities.

Secretary's Report:

Just a reminder to get your BSA Medical Forms in as soon as possible. The form was emailed to families on 9/10. Families were also emailed a separate letter containing their personal ID number needed to open the file. If you haven't received yours, please contact Bob Fletcher. Fill out the forms, including the one to be completed by your doctor, and return. Mr. Widdis noted that the weight restrictions have been waived for this year. There were many questions about when they need to be in so as to coincide with insurance coverage, etc. Again, please direct specific questions to Mr. Fletcher.

Committee Reports:

Equipment/Shipping: Nothing at the moment, but everything will begin to accelerate. Paul Cohen is in charge. If you signed onto this committee, he will be contacting you in a month or so. Stay tuned.

Fundraising: Linda and Stacy report that there has not been a lot of response to the See's candy proposal. Only 19 families responded to date. There are issues with minimum orders and above that we must order in full case quantities. Paula Marbach discussed holiday wreath sales. They will send for the brochures and have them at the next activity 10/3. Orders would need to be placed by the end of October. There is an article in Boy's Life about fundraising with battery sales. Check it out. -Bob Fletcher will generate a fundraising letter the boys can send to friends and family OUTSIDE of our community. All corporate sponsorship must be cleared by council. If you have ideas for fundraising, please get involved with this committee.

Activities: 10/3 Beach Day outing. Info to follow.

Gateway: Juan Zamora – nothing to report just yet. Final design is being worked on. JPL/NASA looks to be the theme

Newsletter: Allison is working on the next edition and it should be out in a couple of weeks. Her purpose is to give the boys something like a memory book to look back on. It's full of good info and interviews with boys that have gone to Jamboree, tips and hints about the event. Boys talking to boys.

Communications: Marti will be working with the local paper to get the Troop some coverage.

Court of Honor: 1 year away.

Friendship Tokens: Start thinking of ideas of small items the boys can take to trade – keychains, buttons, coins, etc. Bags of 40 of each item.

Webmaster: Depak will discuss FaceBook and Troop webpage issues.

Next Meeting is 10/28 at 7:30. There was a hand vote that indicated more parents would prefer a 7pm meeting. Bob will check with the Scoutmasters for their feedback and let us all know.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm with some parents staying to discuss the Fundraising.

