

## **Troop Committee Meeting 4.6.21**

Present: Gerry Katz, Kathy Kelts, Diane Johnson, Michelle Holmes, Mike Ravicz, Larry Parnell, Britt Rideout, Sen Blankenship, Lizbeth Green, Colin Zick, Jim Wheaton, Robin Bonner, Jeni Pereira, Gail McCullagh, David English, Hitesh Trivedi, Sue Kriegsman, Erik Blankenship

### **April-May Activities:**

- No Scout meeting Tues of school vacation week. But Wilderness First Aid online sessions for Maine High Adventure participants for several hours that week, then in person in May.
- Liz will meet with patrol council to plan activities for rest of spring, lining up with MHA.
- Canoeing trip this Saturday 4/10 Herter Park, Soldiers Field Road - 11 Scouts & adults. 11am. 6 canoes

### **2021 Maine High Adventure:**

- **Work up trips:** 1<sup>st</sup> this weekend. Need swim tests – Gail looking for indoor pool option, and possible canoe tip test in Walden Pond; Tully Lake Trip as shakedown
- **COVID participation criteria:** Michelle has created document
- **Wilderness First Aid:** good portion online/Zoom with instructor who is connected with Scouts; in-person outdoor session with CPR. Open to all Scouts? Class size might be limited, but if a particular Scout is very interested, talk with Gerry. Age limit 13 by September. Will MHA accept the type of certification this teacher provides? BSA course – but does it provide certification? CPR?
- **Payment Schedule:** \$200/participant was due 4/1; balance due 5/1. Scouts have balances in their accounts that they can use for MHA; check with Hitesh. Neil will hear from Trust by end of month.
- **Transportation:** Gail will drive one car and Troop will rent one van. 12-person van; does not require special license. Could try Trulia – like an Air BnB for cars? Does BSA insurance cover this kind of rental? David will check.
- **Gear** – have not started planning; MHA provides all gear except sleeping bags; MHA provides 2-person tents but single-person tents would be safer with respect to COVID. Will MHA allow single-person tents due to space limits on canoes? Mike will ask. MHA has sent packing list. Also need camping gear for campground night before trip begins. David has a lead on a sale.

**SC56 clothing order:** Gail will email to whole troop to put order in soon; one month turn-around. Traditionally every Scout gets short-sleeved t-shirt provided by troop, then other items are purchased by individuals

### **Summer camp options:**

- no Wah-tut-ca but NH & RI councils both hosting summer camps; roundtable for info on both programs 4/13; western MA – Camp Moses. Yawgoog in RI also allows Webelos.
- A troop week first full week in August? Diane Johnson will research & help if other adults are interested -especially for the 4 crossover Scouts and those not going on MHA.
- Is NEBC available for week? - No only weekends or day camps.
- Liz interested in doing summer camp. Several other adults interested as well.
- Food will be delivered to individual camp sites; troops may have to cook their own food.
- Will camp want boys and girls separated if coming as troop?
- Check COVID restrictions in the state.

**Adult Training:** Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills check-off class – full day; in Gail’s yard 5/1; for adults with camping experience; Lizbeth and Jim will also help Michelle and David. Encourage any adults who need the practical skills portion of Scoutmaster training – but this is not complete IOLS, missing first aid and overnight skills and other BSA components (advancement); Michelle will email to invite others

Also check out online adult trainings like Weather Hazard.

**2022 Philmont** – Britt: no update

**Service project/Food Bank** – Michelle: all complete for this year. Gerry will alert of other Magazine Beach clean-up opportunities.

**Recruitment:** Pack 56 Arrow of Light crossover – June; representative of Troop present to welcome; Cubs reserved amphitheater at NEBC; June 12 4-8pm – campfire; families will plan their own camping overnight – but Tully Lake canoe/camping trip is 6/12 as well. Troop Court of Honor in June – plan next month, possible in-person?

**Order of Arrow:** f you have eligible 1<sup>st</sup> class Scout, let Jim know. Election in May. Last ordeal of year in fall. Some difficulties with communicating with lodge this year.

### **Advancement:**

- Gerry – send blue cards from online classes to Gerry.
- Not having long-term camping nights may hold Scouts back from advancement to Eagle - currently BSA is allowing backyard/living room camping to count – but need a virtual component for Troop participating together, such as Zoom campfire, etc. Proposal that we plan for every weekend – whoever can participate does, Zoom interaction with other Scouts. Larry will think and plan.
- Jeffrey’s Eagle Court of Honor 6/5 – in family backyard, Chelsea – rain date 6/6;
- Kavita’s Eagle Court of Honor – May 25 – rain date 5/25; invitation coming soon.

**Memorial Scholarship Fund:** David – Bear Gillis district rep – passed away from COVID, donation for scholarship to send a child to camp in his name; Trust pays for the troop camp week; but scholarship could be for other individual weeks – specialty weeks, NYLT, Eagle week, etc. Hitesh can set up account that people donate to – send donations to Hitesh.

**Need new Health Form Coordinator:** please email Jim if you can take this on.

**Next Committee Meeting:** Tuesday 4/27, 8pm.