

Scout Collective 56 Adult Committee Meeting 4/5/22

Present: Robin Bonner, Kathy Kelts, Sue Kriegsman, Jim Wheaton, Gerry Katz, Ed Henley, Paul Galante, Mary Ellen Galante, Penny Haney, Syd Cash, Susan Stewart, Andrew Hartness, Mike Ravicz, Sen Blankinship, Andres Ballesteros, Gail McCullough, Neil McCullough; Fabricio Pereira; Pankaj Bansal, Beth Boyle

COVID policy remains in effect. Boston wastewater site good source of up-to-the-minute COVID rate data.

March Trip: Red Gate Farm. No one present to report.

April Trip: non-Philmont crew: car camp Friday night Gilson Pond; hike $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to remote site with packs/tents, set up camp

May Trip: Mike R & Sue K for non-Philmont crew— two weeks after April trip; camp at Griswold, hiking Mt. Major, inviting Webelos; Quinlan & Isaac (?); two younger Scouts leading – so no last minute changes; staying in Troop tents; Gail, Neil, Hitesh for Philmont crew - will camp separately Need to check equipment.

Webelo Crossover – May 24th in sanctuary, Crossover ceremony instead of regular troop meeting

Memorial Day parade? June day trip – biking?

2022-23 Activity Planning: Scouts working on plan tonight; committee review at 5/3 meeting; Hitesh/Neil will figure out dues from plans; identify adult advisors in May. Canoe trips to prepare for Maine High Adventure in summer 23.

Spring Fundraiser: trash bag sales; next week discuss with Scouts; forward to Cubs

Philmont: Wilderness First Aid – June 4&5; age 14+; open to adults also; optional CPR certification at night – open to interested older youth or adults even if not going to Philmont. See Gail for registration links, etc.

Summer Camp: Deposit placed for Griswold.

Service Projects: Magazine Beach clean-up – join Cubs; Mahmoud organizing 4/23 10am-12pm – Charles River Clean-up Day (last weekend of April vacation.)

Cub Scouts Sat 4/9 11:30am Pinewood Derby set-up; must be cleaned up by 6:30; need Scouts and adults to help. Sen will send out email.

Recruitment: not active at the moment; Susan proposes exit interviews for youth who leave the troop to learn more about their experiences, positive and negative; recruiting refugee Scouts/Ukrainians?

Training:

- Several adults currently taking Wood Badge – “tickets”: 5 items of personal & unit development;
 - Ed – history of diversity; Scouting journey to independence using former Scouts as role models; survey former Scouts about how Scouting helped them – memory book – photo in youth and adulthood – for Court of Honor; digitalizing to share;
 - Paul – offer Environmental Sustainability merit badge; offer recruitment info session in Spanish (Andres) & Haitian Creole (French); update website; support 4 Life Scouts on path to Eagle; recognize adults at Court of Honor.
 - Mary Ellen: goal Scouts eating healthy meals; work with youth using games and group exercises to learn about nutrition; teach cooking merit badge with cultural representation AND allergy planning, planning for vegetarians, planning for religious food traditions (Halal, Kosher); tools for meal planning, creating shopping lists, budgeting for youth for trips; work with quartermaster to figure out food storage to avoid duplicate purchases/food waste;
 - Diane: improving communication for adults (not present to share her ideas.)
- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) two weekends: email from Liz because older Scouts (14 yrs+) not going to troop week at summer camp; Emily & Kevin NYLT in August – others?; by age 15-16 youth typically become counselors at summer camp; CIT for age 14;
- National Advanced Youth Leadership training at all of the high adventure bases: 2 weeks program, not a trek;
- Jim & Syd working on general training plan for troop

- June parent training – within Troop; intro to Scouting – advancement program, other aspects of Scouting
- Scoutmasters suggesting Scouts working on cooking/cleaning skills at home – have a night they are responsible for planning, preparing, cleaning up for a meal. Scouts need more basic food prep and sanitation skills!

Order of the Arrow= honor society for Scouting; young women can now be members of OA; some Scouts elected but need to do ordeal while last year's election still counts; upcoming ordeals: May 20-22, June 21-23; for election, need to be First Class and have 15 camping nights & 5 consecutive days of camping; OA members can be on Trail Crew at Philmont or other high adventure sites; provide service at National Jamboree

Advancement:

- Architecture merit badge with Environmental Sustainability – Andrew & Sen
- Court of Honor: June 14th; potluck in courtyard;
- Parent meeting June 21 – potluck for parents only;
- Dante - Eagle Court of Honor during a Scout meeting night – May 17th; expect 50+ people total – contact state reps/congresspeople; courtyard & sanctuary?

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: TUES 5/3 7PM