**PACK 318 Den Leaders Meeting**

March 14, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

NRUMC – Souljourn Library

**Meeting Minutes**

***Meeting Purpose***

Monthly Den Leader Meeting

***Attendees***

Den 2 - *No representation*

Den 3 - Charlie Benton

Den 4 - Bob Zarzecki

 Heather Gillespie

Den 5 - *No representation*

Den 6 - Bill McCloud

Alan Knight

Den 7 – Kevin Kilcrease

Den 9 - Doug Lee

Den 12 – *No representation*

***Agenda***

* Blue and Gold – Evaluation of the event – **All**
* Arrow of Light Ceremony – Evaluation of the event – **All**
* Calendar for remaining events before Bridging - – **All**
	+ Spring Camporee -Discuss Details / Registration – **Bob Z.**
	+ March Pack Meeting – Technically AOL on March 3rd – but long time till next one (potential for another)
	+ Cake Bake – April 23rd – **All**
	+ May Outing – Hike – Rain gutter Regatta -
	+ Bridging Ceremony -
	+ Ravenknob Details / Registration – **.**
* Service Projects – Backpack Buddies – Discuss Details –
* Website/PayPal – Provide Feeback – **Doug L./Charlie B.**
* Training update – **Charlie B.**
* AOB

**B&G** – Leaders all had positive feedback on the ceremony. Entertainment and Dinner were both well received. No constructive criticism on any aspect of the events’ timing, content, structure, organization, or otherwise.

**AOL** – Heather G. provided positive feedback on the ceremony. In particular, noted that the painted arrows were a thoughtful touch. Charlie B. said that the emails he received were all positive. No constructive criticism on any aspect of the events’ timing, content, structure, organization, or otherwise.

**Calendar for Remaing Events:**

**Spring Camporee** – Bob Z. provided an overview of the registration and event. Pack 500 will run the cubscout activities, and should be good based on Bob’s conversation with Pack 500. Adult volunteers for the BB gun range and other activities may still be needed – Bob will pass on details as he gets them. Discussed that travel arrangements will be by individual parents to Camp Durant. No pre-parent meeting is required, but Bob will put together a ‘Camping List’ to help parents know what to bring. Charlie will put out another request for RSVP to the Pack tomorrow. Currently, 17 families (45 participates) have RSVP’d for Camporee. Discussed that the lower than expected turnout may prompt us to reconsider a Pack only Camp Event in Spring 2013. Den leaders should collect monies outstanding for this event, and submit to Doug Lee, or his Treasurer folder in the scout cabinet. [side note – any payment to Doug should clearly indicate from whom the payment is being made and for what event]. Heather G. discussed the need to separate Adult/childrens bathroom facilities, and perhaps Mens/Womens.

**Potental Pack Meetinge** – Discussed that the AOL was the Pack Meeting for March, but as it occurred so early in the month that there is a large gap of time until the next meeting. Leaders agreed that no additional Pack meeting was needed, as the Camporee provides the pack activity, that April is a very busy month, and that Dens are active with earning electives.

**Cake Back** – April 23rd will be the Cake Bake. Additional details for this Pack Meeting will be distributed including, rules and set-up assignments. Bill M. mentioned that he has one scout that has just earned his Tiger. Specially recognition to be provided at this meeting. Doug L. mentioned that he has a new scout, Induction of this scout to be held at this meeting. [Please let Charlie know if any other recognitions are needed at this meeting.]

**May Outing** – Selected Saturday May 12th for the Pack’s May Outing. Outing will be held at the Dr. Annie Louise Wilkerson Nature Preserve. Activities to be organized, and booking event still needs to be done. Potential hiking, fishing, field games activities.

**Bridging Ceremony** – Selected Monday May 21st for the Pack’s Bridging Ceremony. To be held at Fellowship Hall. Details to be worked out.

**Ravenknob** – June 13 – 16th. Charlie will coordinate with Glen Jones and Greg Magdanz to resister, organize and advertise this event. Discussed that rising Wolves will need parents to attend.

**June Pack Meeting** – Suggested June 23rd for the June Pack Meeting activity. Charlie to coordinate with Dan Albert to see if Rain-gutter Regatta could be held at this June meeting.

**July and August Pack Meetings** – Discussed continuing Rocket Day at Blue Jay Park, and Swimming at New Life Camp. Charlie to coordinate with previous year’s leaders to schedule these events. Bob Z. brought up the possibility to provide patches for Summer Events to encourage participation. Heather G. suggested the puzzle patches.

**Service Projects -** Bill M. to contact Mark Tolley to find out how the Pack can help the church participate in their Backpack Buddy program. Heather G. mentioned that planting around the new school trailers was part of the Troop 318’s activities, and that perhaps this could be carried forward by our Pack. Charlie to contact Mr. Fred Raber to discuss. Other potential service projects may be available on the churches new property – Bob Z. and Charlie B. to coordinate.

**Website/PayPal -** No new activity on the website. Paypal is now an option. Thanks to Doug L. for setting this up! The first use will be for Late Registration for the Spring Camporee event. [Side note: I had thought that if you build it, they will come. But, so far leader participation in enhancing the website has been less than ideal. As such, I will begin to request specific assignments for each Den to complete on the website. We are all doing great things, but this knowledge is not being captured. The website is the central hub where our program can be shared with our families and our current and future den leaders.][Also, need a private password protect page, this option is now available.]

**Training Update:**

Charlie to distribute current training opportunities.

**God & Me - God & Family program** – Doug L. noted that he has several Religious knots, but needs the names of who earned them. Charlie to provide the list of names and Dens.

**PWD status update** – Not discussed, but feedback on the District PWD is needed.

**AOB** – Pack 318 to Pack 321 transition discussed. Alan K. asked about Journey to Excellence award. Charlie said that the Pack received the Gold level for this award. Doug L. to pick up patches for all scouts and leaders.