

Troop 285 TLC Minutes 09/25/2023

The purpose of this meeting is to review recent activities and discuss operations as we prepare for our upcoming events.

Call to Order

Philip Devlin, CC

Recent Events

Ft. Sam Carillon Dedication

Bill M.

- Talked about last time / all went well

August Court of Honor

Bill M.

- 1st time in a long time with no eagle ceremony
- Lots of ranks and awards

End of Summer Pool Party

Bill M.

- Great idea / will do again
- Thank you to Bob Fee for the venue

Bear Creek Challenge

A.J. Guidry

- Great stations, hot weather
- Will be bigger next year / rappelling, gauntlet, etc.
- Mr. Mac: Olympics / 3 night stations (scout law, high adv, leadership/svc)

Upcoming Events

Leadership Changeover (Oct. 2)

Alex S.

Kimble County Scout Camp (Oct. 14-15)

Bill M.

- Near Junction
- Service project / fishing, kayaking/canoe

Thanksgiving to Remember (Nov 11)

Bill M.

- Family event / troop provides meat / options for food discussed
- ** Update: Troop provides salmon and bacon-wrapped shrimp
- Patrols provide other cajun dishes

Trial of Santa Claus (TBD)

Philip D.

- Philip and Brooks with Shawn's help – more info to come
- 8th grade MB (Cit. in Nation)

Alamo Bowl (TBD)

Alex S.

- Thurs, Dec 28 – more info and signup soon
- Great opportunity for earning money toward camps/trips

- Pike Davis (Jan 27-28) Chris A.
- Planning meetings start in Oct
 - Shawn: Lets plan a gear swap meeting and parent meeting with advice on gear.
- Solar Eclipse (April 8) Stephen A.
- Interest for the campout to view / Gustin ranch
 - Campout, then morning service project, lunch, eclipse at 1pm
 - Wheatcraft: plan to stay another night or be stuck in LOTS of traffic
- High Adventure Updates**
- Big Bend (March 9-14) Bill M./Andre C.
- More details to come, some hotels booked
- 2nd/3rd Year Camp (TBD) TBD
- Wehinahpay? Volunteer to lead: Tighe! Thank you!
- Sea Base 2024 (June 14-17) Nate B.
- "Still going" / 2-3 extra spots available
- Philmont 2024 John P. (absent)
- "Still going" / Change of dates?
- Japan 2025 (June 17-July 1) Risa A.
- Next payment is due Oct 1
- Bissette 2024 (July 13-28) Gordon N.
- "still going" / 3 families
- Iceland 2025 Philip D.
- Working on it / more to come
- Bob Marshall 2025 Alan G.
- 10 days hiking with rafts / requirement: at least one high adv. experience prior
 - 8 people signed up
- Philmont 2025 Shawn H.
- Philmont 2026 Alex S.
- Other Business**
- 70th Anniversary
- Tara has some great ideas / other ideas welcome

MBU: Nov 4 / Tom Jones will lead / no eagle required MB

Staff Report

John Canter

- Positives: fellowship / food, well-organized / stations and mystery event were good.
- Work on: patrol leadership / more free time near dinner
- 6 activities and 4 patrols
 - o System for less awkward breaks with sets of activities
 - o Some stations ran short with extra time leftover – fill 30 min.
 - o New type of station to keep it interesting
- Leadership: division of ages in patrols / communication is always an ongoing issue
- Team building meetings to bond patrols
- Mentorship of older scouts to middle ages and middle ages to younger scouts

Scoutmaster Comments

Bill M.

- Bear Creek Challenge started 1978 (45th anniv)
- Matthew Diaz – submitted paperwork, but no other communication yet
- Service Project Sat, Oct 21
 - o Colonial Gardens – Alzheimers unit needs flower beds refurbished
 - o Lorence Creek Preserve – spread mulch and routine maintenance
 - o Camp Fawcett – set forms for concrete slab (dads and older scouts)
- Cub Scout Pack in New Braunfels wants to join Pike Davis
 - o Asst. Cubmaster Michael Taylor (Eagle 2000) / Matt Taylor (Eagle 1996)
- Lone Star Scouts – group took the longest time to make Scout Rank
 - o Need to work on Tenderfoot requirements to advance soon
 - o Patrol leaders need to plan activities and work toward advancement
- Pike Davis – Get equipment and practice hiking with equipment
- Flag Retirement Bin – possibly install one at the lodge for people to donate
- Get rid of the pool table parts at the lodge
- Court of Honor is 1st weekend in February

Adjourn