



# Monthly Newsletter

## February 2011

Troop 321 Committee Meeting came to order at approximately 7:40 p.m., on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at the home of the Committee Chair. Present were Committee Chair Kristin H., Scoutmaster Mark K., John C., Brian J., Robin F., Bill M., and LuAnn M. Committee Chair, Kristin H., led the meeting as follows:

### January Action Items Reviewed:

1. Kevin C., to contact Mrs. Eaton regarding booth at Hometown Days. *Cost of booth: \$200. Decisions will need to be made with regard to what we will sell - possible restaurant coupons for fund raiser to be handed out. Is cost of booth worth it?*
2. Kevin C., to check with local restaurants to see which will participate in a one-day 15% cash back to our Troop when people bring in a flier and buy food. *Kevin C. not present.*
3. Mark K., to check with Evan C., re: change of campsite at Henry Coe. *Done.*
4. Mark K., to reorganize old patrols. *In process.*

### February Action Items:

1. Mark K., to complete reorganization of old patrols.
2. Kevin C., to check with local restaurants to see which will participate in a one-day 15% cash back to our Troop when people bring in a flier and buy food.
3. Kristin H., to ask John H., to provide snow camping material used in overhead projector presentation to Sara G., for Troop Website.

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS/IMPORTANT DATES TO CALENDAR!***

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>TOUR LEADER/COORDINATOR</u>
<i>Feb. 19-21, 2011</i>	Snow Camping	Chris G., John H., Dan B.; and Scott T.

<i>March 4, 2011</i>	District Awards Dinner	
<i>March 13, 2011; 2PM</i>	Eagle Court of Honor; S.C. Library	Ryan F.
<i>March 19-20, 2011</i>	Pinnacles	Paul K., & Alicia F.
<i>April 5, 2011</i>	* New Parent Meeting	Mark K., and Kristin H.
<i>April 15-17, 2011</i>	* Camporee - Camp Cutter	Manish C.
<i>April 10, 2011; 2PM</i>	Eagle Court of Honor - Borrromeo Hall	Chris K.
<i>April 30, 2011</i>	Fund Raiser at UCC (shred tax documents) and bake sale	
<i>May 1, 2011</i>	Eagle Court of Honor	Jordan G.
<i>May 7-8, 2011</i>	* Big Basin to the Sea	Mike M.; Dan B.; & Paul K.
<i>May 28, 2011</i>	Golden Gate Cemetery - Flags	Karen S.
<i>May 20-22, 2011</i>	Hometown Days	Brian J.
<i>TBD</i>	Backpacking - Philmont Prep.	<b>OPEN</b>
<i>June 10-12, 2011</i>	Canoe West Trip	<b>OPEN</b>
<i>June 14, 2011</i>	Court of Honor	John F.
<i>June 24-26, 2011:</i>	Yosemite	Mark K.
<i>June 26-July 2, 2011</i>	Royaneh	<b>OPEN</b>
<i>July 13-25, 2011</i>	Philmont	
<i>July 31-Aug. 6, 2011</i>	Oljato	<b>OPEN</b>
<i>TBD</i>	Annual Picnic	<b>OPEN</b>

\* Represents change of date, time, location or event.

*The Committee reported as follows:*

1. **Financial Report:** Treasurer Wendy M., reported via email that the Troop finances are in order.
2. **Fund Raisers:** Fund Raising Coordinator Kevin C., not present. The Committee discussed the following:
  1. **United Community Church of Christ:** April 30, 2011. Along with Pack 65, Troop 321 will

participate in shredding tax documents (shredding co. providing equipment for free) along with a bake sale. Scouts are encouraged to attend, help shred documents and bring baked goods for sale. All proceeds will go to United Community Church of Christ.

2. **Hometown Days booth**: \$200 to reserve a booth. Committee briefly discussed what to sell, whether or not the \$200 cost is too pricey and the possibility of handing out restaurant coupons for single day fund-raising event - March restaurant coupon fund raiser moving to May???

3. **Restaurant flier**: Kevin C., not present. Committee will wait for update from Kevin C., re: fund-raiser where Troop would receive 15% of proceeds during one select day at a local restaurant. Kevin C., to check with Baja Fresh, Sneakers, and other San Carlos Restaurants to see which is willing to participate.

3. **February Troop Meetings**: Scoutmaster Mark K., reported as follows:

1. **Snow camping preparation**: The Troop viewed an exciting presentation on snow camping by John H. It was so spectacular, Committee would like to see the information incorporated onto the Troop Website.

2. **Court of Honor**: Thank you, John F., for a great Court of Honor!

3. **Order of the Arrow Elections**: Enough Scouts attended in order to conduct Order of the Arrow Elections. Congratulations to the following Scouts on your election to join the Order of the Arrow:

Alexander T.  
Dominic K.  
Matthew F.  
Hunter M.

Congratulations to adult Jeff W., on your election to join the Order of the Arrow.

4. **Upcoming March Troop Meetings**: Scoutmaster Mark K., reported as follows:

1. March 1, 2011: Theme: Geocaching
2. March 8, 2011: Patrol Meeting
3. March 15, 2011: Camporee Skills/Lighten packs

5. **Upcoming Troop Events**: Scoutmaster Mark K., reported as following:

1. **Pinnacles**: March 19-20, 2011. Pinnacles is part of the "Rim of the Bay" patch. A 6-mile hike is planned, so if you are participating in the Rim of the Bay activity, you can earn a rocker.

2. **New Parent Meeting**: April 5, 2011 (new date). Date changed to accommodate incoming Webelos bridging in March.

3. **Big Basin to the Sea**: \* May 7-8, 2011 (new date). Only half of the Philmont crew can attend the originally scheduled date necessitating the change in date to May 7-8. The Philmont crew needs to attend in order to prepare for Philmont.

4. Yosemite: June 24-26, 2011. Three sites have been reserved.

5. Camporee: April 15-17, 2011 (new date). Fun activity for younger Scouts featuring competitions based on skill levels learned during the first few Scout ranks. Some scheduled activities are as follows: fire building, waterfront event, trebuchet, plant identification, log lift, pioneer tower, first aid, rifle range, archery, knots, pool activity, tent building and much, much more. Please attend Camporee and help your fellow Scouts earn more ribbons for our Troop flag pole! **ADULT LEADERS NEEDED TO ATTEND TOO!**

6. Webelos Recruitment: On Saturday, February 12, 2011, Webelos Recruitment Coordinator Alicia F., and Boy Scout \_\_\_\_\_, along with adults Brian J., and Robin F., planned and presented skills such as geocaching and orienteering to First and Second Year Webelos from Packs 153 and 321 at Huddard Park. Thank you for such a well planned and executed recruitment!

7. Summer Camps: Summer Camp Coordinator, Brian J., reported:

1. Royaneh: June 26 - July 2, 2011: 13 Scouts presently signed up.
2. Oljato: July 31 - August 6, 2011: 13 Scouts presently signed up.
3. Canoe West: June 10 - 12, 2011: 5 Scouts and 3 adults presently signed up.

8. Philmont July 13-25, 2011: Mark K., reported as follows:

1. Planning Meeting occurred with all present. Crews were selected and preparation hikes set up.
2. Evan C., in charge of travel arrangements.
3. Paul M., in charge of equipment and ordering of T-shirts.

9. Eagle Advancement: Life to Eagle Coordinator John C., reported as follows:

1. Upcoming Eagle Courts of Honor: - **CONGRATULATIONS!**

March 13, 2011; 2:00 p.m.:	San Carlos Library	Ryan F.
April 10, 2011; 2:00 p.m.:	Borromeo Hall	Chris K.
May 1, 2011:		Jordan G.
TBD		Philip D.

2. Eagle Camp at Royaneh: Date: tbd\_\_\_\_\_

10. Open Committee Positions/Jobs: If you are interested in one of the open committee positions or jobs, please contact our Troop Committee Chair, Kristin H., or our Scoutmaster, Mark K.

**Positions:**

- **Adult Volunteer Coordinator** (recruit adult volunteers to fill open Committee positions).

- **Assistant Popcorn Coordinator:** Kevin C., is looking for an Assistant Popcorn Coordinator. ***This position has been filled by Sylvie B. Thank you, Sylvie!***
- **Calendar Coordinator:** (prepare, organize and update Troop calendar).
- **Diversity Coordinator:** (organize events such as a multi-cultural fair or Scout Outreach Program to introduce and encourage diversity in our Troop. Diversity includes race, ethnic background, religion and disabilities).
- **Journey to Excellence:** (formerly Quality Unit Award). Prepare paperwork and submit to Council for Award.
- **Outing Sign-Up Coordinator:** (prepare sign-up sheets for upcoming outings and keep track of who is going, who can drive, etc.).
- **Publicity** (advise newspapers of new Eagles and community service performed by Troop 321. Contacts with news agencies have already been established - See John C.).
- **Roster Coordinator:** (Keep track of Roster updates and distribute to Troop Members).
- **Service Project Coordinator** (identify and manage Service Projects for Troop).
- **Troop Chaplain:** (Encourage involvement in the “Reverent” portion of Scout Law by encouraging and assisting Scouts to obtain their religious emblem). ***This position has been filled by Jeff S. Thank you, Jeff!***

**Jobs:**

- **Create Facebook Page for Troop:** Create a Facebook page for the Troop with emphasis on fund raising and recruitment.
- **2011/2012 Troop Calendar:** Scoutmaster Mark K., is looking for an adult to help pull together school calendars, holidays, Pacific Skyline calendars, etc., and make up a rough draft of the 2011/2012 calendar so all important dates/holidays are on the calendar and Troop outings are not scheduled in conflict. (For example calendaring all Tierra Linda Band performances, 8<sup>th</sup> grade DC/NY trips, etc.).

11. **Open Scout Positions:**

- **Leave No Trace Coordinator:** Please see one of the Senior Patrol Leaders if you are interested in filling this position.

12. **SUMMARY:**

**February Highlights:**

1. **Snow camping preparation:** The Troop viewed an exciting presentation on snow camping by John H. It was so spectacular, Committee would like to see the information incorporated onto the Troop Website.
2. **Court of Honor:** Many rank advancements and merit badges awarded! Once again an awesome job, John

F.!

3. **Order of the Arrow Elections:** Congratulations to Scouts Alexander T., Dominic K., Matthew F., Hunter M., and adult Jeff W., on your election to join the distinguished Order of the Arrow.

**Upcoming Troop Meetings:**

March 1st at 7:30 PM at Mahany Hall  
PLC at 7 PM

Geocaching

March 8th at 7:30 PM at Mahany Hall  
PLC at 7 PM

Patrol Meeting

March 15th at 7:30 PM at Mahany Hall  
PLC at 7 PM

Camporee Skills/Lighten Packs Contest

March 22<sup>nd</sup> - NO MEETING

**Upcoming Outings/Events:**

**Pinnacles:** March 19-20, 2011.

**New Parent Meeting:** April 5, 2011 (new date).

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of the Troop Committee Chair.

Adjourned. 9:15 p.m.

LuAnn M., Troop 321 Secretary