

Troop 997 Committee/Parent Meeting Agenda  
November 7, 2024

Attendees: Doug Webster, Jennifer Roth, Erin Madden, Scott Madden, Cheryl McCrary, Jeff Veenstra, Kasey King, Jackie Waechter, Michelle Dunajcik, and Jeremy Pionke

Motion to convene meeting: Scott motioned; Jeremy seconded

Last Meeting Minutes: Approved with a change to the OA date correction. Jeff motioned.

Old Business: N/A

Scoutmaster Reports:

Cheryl McCrary – The troop had regular meetings on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. PLC and ILST Module 3 were held on October 24<sup>th</sup>. We had our treehouse campout this past weekend. The grubmasters did much better this weekend. We also hiked 5.8 miles on the West Loop headed North. We started at Castle Rock parking lot & ended at the Camporee field. This met the requirement for Second Class 3b. We adjusted programming in the afternoon to go play at Castle Rock. For those that haven't been to the Treehouses in a while, there is now a gravel path down the hill and a parking lot about half down. The parking lot could hold the trailer and one additional vehicle. Unfortunately, the parking area takes up the common area for adult tents. We lucked out that there were no other units at the treehouses this weekend and we were able to use 4 of them (2 youth, 1 female adult, 1 male adult). We will need to keep this in mind when registering for treehouses in the future.

Several scouts have asked about Life requirement #6. Youth are still struggling with completing this and I am considering having a meeting with those that are eligible or might be eligible in the near future. Troop apparel is once again available. The link was emailed out earlier today. Wood Badge Informational Dinner is on February 24<sup>th</sup>, and I'm looking for someone to attend. Wood Badge is the adult version of NYLT. Camp staff applications are now available. Any scout interested in staffing should discuss with the Scoutmaster. Friends of Scouting campaign will have a new look, stay tuned.

Life to Eagle - Ron Krull - Owen is down to about 5 weeks until his birthday. He had his first troop final review before the CoH on Monday night and is scheduled for another troop review this coming Monday during the troop meeting. His first review went well and he may only need the upcoming review to get troop approval. Of course he will still need to arrange a SM conference with Cheryl.

--- Luke delivered his project (dog house for Humane Society) in early October. I have not heard anything from him regarding scheduling any troop reviews.

--- Jack is interested in starting to work on his project and is interested in having Terry be his mentor. Jack would like to build some bat houses, he just needs to find a beneficiary that would be interested in having them. There should be a number of options for beneficiaries who would be interested. The good news is that he has more than 2 years until his 18th birthday and that he wants to get started now.

--- Max, Brody & Josh haven't had any visible progress this month that I am aware of. But that doesn't mean they aren't making progress.

NYLT – The 2025 dates are now available on the council website. The Troop will send out letters to the eligible scouts. Scouts who are eligible and want to attend NYLT will need to contact Mrs. McCrary before they sign up. NYLT will also be accepting staff applications soon for those scouts who have completed the training. Those scouts will also have to talk to Mrs. McCrary before applying for a position.

New Scouts – Jason Hughes – We have put out an email to neighboring packs to come for a visit.

Order of the Arrow – Doug Webster – Boone Trails chapter meeting will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Weldon Spring Interpretive Center. The Winter Banquet will be on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$25 until

November 24<sup>th</sup> and then it goes up to \$32 until December 11<sup>th</sup> and then finally it will be \$40 up until the banquet. The Troop will have signups at the Troop meetings and you will need to sign up online.

Activity Report: Brad Dickinson – NOV=11 boys and 5 adults attended camping at the S-F Treehouses and 5 mile (plus some extra) hike. Everyone wants to go back again, they have made some nice improvements with new road, etc.

DEC=Signup sheet was available at court of honor and will be for next few weeks as well. Always need more adults to attend, especially in December for climbing and rappelling.

JAN=Reserved McDowell Campsite for 24th and 25th. \$30, paid with troop debit card, emailed receipt to Madden. Let me know when you hear registration opens and I will get that started.

FEB=No action needed, will have signups after DEC Campout.

MAR=Reserved "back" group campsite at Cuivre River for 14th and 15th. Paid deposit of \$26 with troop debit card, emailed receipt to Madden. There will be some additional costs here depending on how many people attend. The deposit gets us 6 humans, other humans will be \$2 a night paid when we leave.

APR=Took a look at the sites for the Adventure Summit. If we want to avoid S-F and Beaumont, I would also suggest not do Warren Levis as we have been there for a couple of camporees. That leaves 3 locations. Camp Lewallen (2:35 travel), Rhodes-France (2:10) and Pine Ridge (2:10). I don't know much about these other camps other than what I could see online. All things equal I would suggest one of the shorter commutes, let me know thoughts and I can start getting this booked.

#### November – Shooting Sports

Nov 1-3 Treehouse Campout, Meet at Ostmann at 6pm, Depart Ostmann at 6:30pm

Nov 4 7:15 Court of Honor @ Weldon Spring Interpretive Site, 2025 Summer Camp kickoff, 2025 Shiloh Kickoff, 2024 Adopt-A-Family Loaves & Fishes kickoff

Nov 5 7pm BT Roundtable @ KoC

Nov 7 7:15 Troop Committee/Parent Meeting @ YMCA

Nov 11 7:15 troop meeting @ Ostmann

Nov 14 7pm OA Chapter Meeting – Weldon Spring Interpretive Center

Nov 16 SFF bag drop 9:00 AM at Ostmann

Nov 18 6:30 PLC @ Ostmann

Nov 18 7:15 troop meeting @ Ostmann

Nov 23 SFF bag pick up 10:00 AM at Ostmann

Nov 25 7:15 troop meeting @ Ostmann

Dec 2 7:15 troop meeting - menus due, grub \$12 due, PL bring cooler & dry box

Advancement: Jeff Veenstra – COH on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Weldon Spring Interpretive Center in their Auditorium. It went really well. The next COH is February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will be announced in early January.

#### Adult Training: Janelle Gambino –

Merit Badge Counselor Training @ prior to Roundtable on December 3rd (probably 6:00 ish)

Merit Badge Counselor Training @ in January/February @ Weldon Spring Interpretive Site

CPR AED Bundle with Wilderness First Aid Details on-line

Wilderness First Aid Skill Session @ Beaumont (CPR and on-line WFA course completion required prior to skill session) January 11 & 12, 2025 and February 15 & 16, 2025

Range Safety Officer – March 16, 2025

USA Archery Level 1 – March 15, 2025

Committee Chair: Kasey King – Expecting to hear more about Unit rechartering soon, but unsure how the changes with regard to self-registration of the troop members will affect this.

Troop members will now renew their BSA fees on their own. They will receive notification when it is 60 days out and then again at 30 days out. The Troop will also receive notification if they have not renewed their membership once the time has passed. A reminder email will be sent out to the Troop to let the members know about the

change. The cost of scout registration is \$85 per year for scouts, \$65 per year for adults. The Key-3 leaders in the troop also receive regular updates on these notifications for all scouts/adults in the troop.

Equipment Report: Jeremy Pionke – We now have two new tents. The placed they were purchased from also has different sets of poles that may work with our existing tents. The cost of these new sets are between \$32 and \$55 per set. New poles would allow us to replace the broken poles from some of our tents. We purchased a cheaper rain fly to see how it worked and it was used on the tree house campout. Some adjustments will need to be made for it to work properly. We will purchase two more and make some adjustments to make them work with our poles. We have one bag left of the existing stockpile of charcoal and we will now need to start replenishing it.

Membership: Robert Contreras – Payment notices went out to all members due December 31st. It looks like the system is working. The website looks pretty easy to maneuver.

Medical: Robert Contreras – Everyone is up to date at the moment. I will check again before the December campout.

Treasurer Report: Scott Madden – Our general fund looks a little inflated because popcorn and coffee still needs to be paid to council. We just received the bill this week. The next large payment was made to Summit, and we are continuing to receive payments from scouts/parents who are attending the high adventure.

<b>Troop 997 Treasurer Report</b>	
<b>November 1, 2024</b>	
Beginning Balance:	\$19,857.12
Ending Balance:	\$18,362.95
Account Breakdown:	
Troop 997 General Fund:	\$10,156.35
Scout's Accounts:	\$7,485.98
Sea Base 2023	(\$0.00)
Northern Tier 2024	\$0.00
Philmont 2026	\$2,650.00
Summit 2025	(\$2,178.00)
Shiloh 2024	\$248.62
Summer Camp 2025	\$0.00
Canoe Float Trip	\$0.00
Total Breakdown	\$18,362.95
Scout Dues in Arrears:	(\$20.00)
Comments	
Will need to pay:	
Popcorn and coffee to council	
Scott Madden	
Treasurer of Troop 997	

Service/Good Turn:

Scouting for Food – Courtney Lehmann – Signups are now available at the troop meetings for both Saturdays. Just an FYI, GSLAC started Scouting for Food in 1985 and it was then picked up by the rest of the organization as a November service project. There are 9 additional areas that have not been assigned to a Troop or Pack. If someone is interested in picking these up, please contact Chery or Kasey.

Loaves and Fishes – Teresa Smith – Our annual campaign was kicked off at the November COH. We are now currently taking donations to help with the purchase of gifts for our family of four that we were given by Loaves and Fishes.

Fundraising: Erin Madden – Popcorn and coffee sales are complete. We had six scouts sell popcorn for a total of \$4,169 of which \$1,300 will go to scout accounts. This is a record for the troop in popcorn sales since the largest amount of sales prior to this year was \$3,300. Our scouts sold \$560 worth of coffee which resulted in \$184 to scout accounts. We received Imos cards from Mr. Dickinson for the next fundraiser which will be in early January and we may pair meat sticks with them to make it a full fundraiser.

Summit Bechtel 2025: Angela Pionke – We made the 50% payment on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The final payment to Summit is due right before we leave. We have between 4-6 spots available. If no one from the troop signs up we will offer it to the district troops.

Philmont 2026: Ron Krull – We're up to 8 youth and 3 adults signed up, with one youth who hasn't paid their deposit yet. Maya Pionke still needs an age appropriate buddy, so that would give us a full crew. If there are any other scouts (or adults) who are interested in attending, that would put us over the maximum crew size and would make us a long way from having enough people for two minimum size crews. We'll have to see how things pan out. In the past at this point in time, the people who were signed up did end up changing before we actually went on the trip.

Clear Bead Campout: François Lavere – There will be a clear bead equipment shakedown on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

Summer-Camp 2025: Michelle Dunajcik – The prices of summer camp become available on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The troop will then add in their expenses before giving those totals to the scouts. Merit badges become available on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Shiloh 2025: Terry Martin – The kickoff was at the November COH. The cost will continue to be \$85 and this will all happen the weekend of Presidents day, February 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. As of now, our plan is to stay at the armory in Henderson like we did last year.

New Business: N/A

End of Committee Meeting motion: Jeff motioned; Erin seconded.