

Scoutmaster's Report – John Heslop – Feb. 5, 2013

Here is the tentative agenda for Feb, see below.

Also, boys want to do a lock in. we need an adult volunteer to coordinate and need a date. Chuck has given me a list to give the coordinator of what needs to be done. Not too difficult.

Crossover dates were given by Bill. We will need SPL/ASPLs at each and scout volunteers to help.

Note for Jan campout- the scouts and adults discussed moving the campout closer to Detroit, and to a larger ski hill. Caberfae (Cadillac) as a possibility for skiing and maybe stay at rotary. We stayed at rotary in 2009 when we skied snowsnake.

We last went skiing in Jan 2010. We had more than double the scouts attend. A closer drive and more to offer ski/board wise could make a difference. Traverse city is a long way to drive to ski one day at Mt Holiday.

We will likely Inge in Jan 2014.

I have a wedding of the beach party, which has functions Thursday, Friday and Saturday, so I will be unable to attend the campout.

Feb 5

Open: George

Roses and thorns-January campout

Beach party:

plan activities

assign activity leaders

what gear do we need?

Select movies for beach party- one from the cit/comm MB list, 2

other "fun" movies. SMS must approve the movies you guys wish to watch.

Game: Where's my ?? (Joel)

Close: F Monkeys

Feb 12

Open: F Monkeys

Menu plan for campout

Duty roster for campout

Personal gear and clothes needed for campout (e.g. beach attire, etc.

also outdoor clothes. Need a plastic dinosaur, does someone have the

beach party "stuff" from years past)

Leave no trace discussion (Bryan T)

Whip and fuse rope (Joel)

Tie up a dining fly (or tent fly) with 2 half hitches, taut line

hitch. (Connor)

Teach Sq knot with EDGE method (all scouts-can teach to Webelos or to older

scouts) Some of our lower rank scouts may need this.

Game 4 corners (Connor)

Close: V Vikings

Feb 19

Open: Vikings

Roses and thorns: beach party

Cit in the Comm MB (Mr Heslop and select scouts-ill find them)

Game: Kim's Game (Kyle)

Close: Nighthawks

FEB 26

Open: Nighthawks

Dodge ball Committee meets with scouts (30 mins)

Cit in Comm MB (Mr Heslop)

Game: three legged football (Corey)

Close: Bacon Ninjas

High Adventure update:

Seabase (2014) lottery will be done after Feb 15. I have requested 4 crews for the out island adventure for every summer slot except during our summer camp dates and the following week.

Our island is \$785 (additional travel expenses of course) Must be 14 OR 13 and COMPLETED 8th GRADE.

There are also October adventures (would miss school) or you can go over Christmas Break. Is there any interest for a Dec 26-Jan 1 adventure? I could add that to the requests.

Once we get a date we can see what interest and how many crews we will need.

Let me know Qs.

** If anyone would like an additional adventure entered for the lottery ill be happy to do it. The other adventures are:

<<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/bahamats.aspx>> Bahamas Tall Ship

<<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/Bahamas.aspx>> Bahamas Adventure

<<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/outisle.aspx>> Out Island Adventure

<<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/SeaExploring.aspx>> Sea Exploring

<<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/fishing.aspx>> Florida Fishing

<<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/scubac.aspx>> Scuba Certification

<<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/Scuba.aspx>> SCUBA Adventure

<<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/scubalive.aspx>> Live-Aboard Scuba

Adventure

<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/st_thomas.aspx> Sea Base St. Thomas

<<http://www.bsaseabase.org/Adventures/DiveMasterAcademy.aspx>> DiveMaster



Planning a Strategy for High Adventure Campership



Goal and Objective

- Raise awareness of current High Adventure program.
 - Including Costs
- Define how Troop 407 should maintain the program

Why is this important

- Develops a scout's fitness, self confidence, leadership and team work
- Promotes advancement, self development, and motivates the older scouts to stay
- It develops an appreciation of outdoors
- Maintains positive scout image in public
- This is what Scouting is all about





Current Troop Set Up

- Troop provides some equipment for high adventure
 - 4 stoves, 10 Gander Mtn. tents & kitchenware
 - Gander Mtn. tents ok for overnight needs of CPT
- Tents have been with troop over 10+ yrs
 - Not light, not weather proof, not efficient, not reliable
- Not planned in our yearly budget
- Philmont expenses are \$1300 + \$700 for 1st time participants
 - Fundraising has been for individual costs
- Past crews were small and donations were given
 - 2 tents have already been donated to the troop

*Must be ordered
can't be ordered
must be
confirmed!*

How should we support High Adventure

- Budget an yearly amount
- Develop a list of needed items to support one crew for Philmont
 - 6 tents, fly, shovel, water purification kit, 2 water bags
 - Fuel, filters, maps, etc will be crew's responsibility
- High Adv. Coordinate will maintain with Adult QM
 - Set aside an area for items to be stored with sign out
- Define what is needed now
 - 2 tents, rest will be borrowed



Recommendations

- We need to maintain a successful program for High Adventure
- Need to budget for this success
- Need to a separate set of equipment for Philmont or Philmont prep hikes
- Need to fulfill immediate equipment needs



High Adventure Funding Status and Request to Troop Committee

Subject:

Troop financial support for High Adventure events with equipment needs for these expensive outings. CPT events have been supported by the Troop with equipment purchases, Philmont crews have not asked for any troop support due to generosity of several scout family purchasing required crew equipment. Opportunity to provide long term benefit for future high adventure treks with an allocated budget.

Background:

Two Previous Crews, 2007 & 2010 & 2012 Pictured Rocks crew have recognized that some CPT equipment is not efficient for Philmont Treks. These crews or individual families have purchased all the required equipment to support one crew. This includes some limited usage on CPTs but specific items (ultra light weight tents) have been reserved for well-trained users only.

Costs:

Only recent troop purchase for high adventure gear was 2 stoves which have been used at CPT events & will be used at Philmont (returned 2 stoves to REI and upgraded to stoves capable of supporting 4/8 quart cooking pots). There are significant costs involved for travel, Philmont charges and personal equipment for each participant. Fund raising has been for these costs and not for additional lightweight tents. Trip cost is approximately \$1,300 with crew gear and personal equipment cost for a first time participant is upwards of \$700.

Current Status / Request:

Crew size for 2013 is two crews and we do not have enough equipment to outfit both crews. While several families have made individual tent purchases to help support the crews, there is still a need for 2 additional tents. High Adventure is part of our Scouting Program and should have financial support from Troop. Seeking purchase on specific items listed below from Troop Funds. In addition, obtain and maintain needed equipment for future Philmont treks to support one crew.

Please see below – a brief summary of crew equipment to used at Philmont Scouting Ranch

BSA Troop 407

High Adventure Funding Status and Request to Troop Committee

- **Crew Gear List**

Required Troop Gear	Estimated \$ Costs and Notes
Water Purification Filter (1 per crew)	Thimm will Loan for Crew Usage 2013 Crews to purchase one
Water Purification Cartridges (1 per crew)	Crews to purchase (consumable)
Shovel (1 per crew)	Thimm & Murphy will Loan for Crew Usage 2013
Water Containers (2 per crew)	Thimm will 2 Loan for Crew Usage 2013 Crews to purchase 2
Dining Fly (1 per crew)	Thimm will Loan for Crew Usage 2013 Crews to purchase one
Fuel (4 per crew)	Crews to purchase (consumable)
Sectional Philmont Maps (as required per trek)	Crews to purchase (consumable)
First Aid Kits (1 per crew)	Previous Crews had purchased Will be using some Crew and Troop
Stoves (2 per crew)	Troop has purchased 2 for CPT treks Thimm & Murphy will Loan for Crew Usage 2013
GPS (1 per crew)	Thimm will Loan for Crew Usage 2013 Trying to borrow second

- **Proposal for Purchase by Troop for 2013**
- **(Future High Adventure Event Needs?)**

Troop Gear	COST
2 Tents	\$591

- Tents

Number	BIG AGNES Tent Type	Owner	Status
1	Seedhouse SL3 - MT	Thimm	Will Loan for Crew Usage 2013
2	Seedhouse SL3 - GM	Murph	Will Loan for Crew Usage 2013
3	Seedhouse SL3 - BP#1	Purchased by Murphy and Thimm	Will Loan for Crew Usage 2013
4	Seedhouse SL3 - BP#2	Purchased by Philmont Crew 2010	Missing (MIA) Tent lost from storage unit in 2011 or 2012
5	Seedhouse 3	Fadanelli	Will Loan for Crew Usage 2013
6	Seedhouse 3	Murph	Will Loan for Crew Usage 2013
7	Jack Rabbit SL3	Purchased by Picture Rock Crew 2012 (1/3 Murph, 1/3 Thimm, 1/3 Crew)	Will Loan for Crew Usage 2013
8	Jack Rabbit SL3	Church	Will Loan for Crew Usage 2013
9	Jack Rabbit SL3	Purchased by Murph in 2012	Would like Troop Purchase for High Adventure? Sale Price \$296
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11	Seedhouse 3	Vera Burgos	Will Loan for Crew Usage 2013
12	2 person tent Eureka	Thimm	Will Loan for Crew Usage (Single) 2013 (Female adult)

**Advancement Chair Report for the February 5, 2013 Troop
Committee Meeting**

Scout Advancements since the January Troop Committee Meeting:

Joe Shin - Second Class

Merit Badges achieved since the January Troop Committee Meeting:

Patrick Mancini - Citizenship in the Nation

**Candidates to date for advancement at the February 12th, 2013
Board of Review:**

Buddy Verellen

Charles Heil has requested an Eagle Board of Review

General:

Mike Thompson

Troop 407 Advancement Chair

February 5th, 2013

Webelos report from Bill Robbins:

Pack Cross Over Ceremonies

Pack 50 crossover 2/28/2013 Deerfield 7PM

Pack 54

Coming to troop meeting 2/26/13

Pack 239 crossover 3/17/2013 Novi MS 2-4PM

One to three boys planning on coming to 407

Pack 240 crossover April 11, 2013 Orchard Hills 7PM

Three to Five boys planning on coming to 407