

Troop 51 had their committee meeting yesterday! Thanks to all who attended!

Calendar at a Glance:

Friday, March 27th.....Tent Sale at Carolina Scout Shop
Saturday, March 28th - 29th.....Caving Trip
Tuesday, March 31st.....Troop Meeting / Final payment for Camp Grimes
Due / Deposit for fishing trip due
Tuesday, April 7th.....No Troop Meeting / Board of Review Only
Tuesday, April 14th.....Troop Meeting / final fishing trip payment due /
Shoe Donation Due
Friday, April 17th - 19th.....Fishing Trip
Tuesday, April 21st.....Troop Meeting
Tuesday, April 28th.....Troop Meeting / Committee Meeting / May dues

Details:

Troop 51 Medical Release Form: If you have not completed the attached 'Troop 51 Medical Release Form', this chore is now overdue. All scouts must complete the form and have it notarized immediately. Note: Our Troop Treasurer, Ginger Thompson, is a notary. Please contact Ginger to make arrangements. 704-394-6656 or pecpa@earthlink.net

Fish Fry: Thanks to Jillian Ruttkamp for a superb job coordinating the Troop's Fish Fry Fundraiser! Thanks to all of Jillian's 'helpers' who made the day such a great success. We are happy to report a profit of over \$1600, which funded our Troop bus repairs and maintenance!

Room in the Inn: Thanks to all those who participated in Room in the Inn this month! Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Dues: For those who have not paid their dues for the year, your \$20 installment is due Tuesday, April 28th. Make your check payable to Troop 51 and place your check in the treasurer's envelope in Rowan Hall. Note 'dues' in the memo line of your check. Not sure where you stand? Contact Treasurer, Ginger Thompson at 704-394-6656 or pecpa@earthlink.net

Troop T- Shirts: **Attention NEW SCOUTS!!!!** You are entitled to a complimentary 'Class B' Troop 51 T shirt, which is worn on 'Fun Tuesdays' and during the summer troop meetings. Please contact Ginger Thompson to let her know the size needed. Youth Small/Medium/Large or Adult Small/Medium/Large. If you are a Troop 51 'veteran' and would like an additional shirt, the cost will be **approximately \$10**. Ginger can be reached at 704-394-6656 or pecpa@earthlink.net Be sure to let her know size and quantity.

Caving Trip: The Caving Trip to Linville Caverns will be this weekend. The Troop bus will leave on Saturday, March 28th at 8am **sharp**. Arrive at the church at 7:30am for loading. Scouts will explore the caverns then travel to Camp Grimes to set up camp and for climbing (weather permitting). Be sure to bring rainy weather gear; extra socks and shoes, etc. Cost is \$10/person. Boys should arrive on Saturday morning having eaten breakfast. Bring extra money for meals on the road if needed. Cooking meals will take place as patrols. Boys will return Sunday afternoon. Scouts will contact parents for pick up when they depart Camp Grimes!

Fun Tuesday: Tuesday, March 31st! The boys will have a wonderful opportunity to do the Fire Safety Merit Badge with Jimmy Phipps and Chris Brady! **Don't miss this troop meeting!**

Camp Grimes: The final \$67 payment for Camp Grimes is due on Tuesday, March 31st. Contact Kathy Martin for more information, 704-394-1691 or kmartin17@carolina.rr.com Our thanks to Kathy for the fantastic job she did coordinating summer camp! You are appreciated!

Fishing Trip: April 17th - 19th. Cost is \$120 / person. A \$60 deposit is due on 3/31 and the balance is due on April 14th. Details are still emerging. For more information, contact Eric Belongia at 704-393-7169 or eric@belongia.com

Court of Honor: Tuesday, April 21st, 7pm in the fellowship hall. Please join us for this formal ceremony celebrating our scouts rank advancement and merit badge achievements. Families, siblings, grandparents, etc. are encouraged to attend this very special affair! Scouts must wear their full Class A uniform to include trousers, shirts, socks, belt, and sash (if you have one). This is the time to have current badges sewn on your scout's uniform. Boys are to wear BSA (Boy Scouts of America) attire only. (including hats and sweatshirts.) We will enjoy refreshments and **ask each family to bring a finger food (enough to feed your family), dessert and a 2 liter bottle of soda or drink to share.**

Community Service Opportunities:

1. Deserving Soles: The scouts are invited to collect gently used shoes for an organization called Deserving Soles, www.deservingsoles.com Collections are to take place on Saturday, April 3rd (see flyer attached). Barbara Foxx will be at the troop meeting on Tuesday, April 14th to collect your donations for turn in to Deserving Soles. Please use the attached informational flyer to get the word out to your neighbors, friends and co-workers! Imagine if every scout donated one pair of shoes?? For questions, please contact Barbara Foxx at 704-393-2902 or barbarafoxx@carolina.rr.com

2. A Community Walk for Darfur: Help raise awareness of the atrocities taking place in Darfur and raise money to support the relief efforts on Saturday, April

18th, 9am - noon. Davidson Village Green hosted by Davidson IB Middle School. For more information, contact Jane Mitchell at 704-399-0888 or jem12552@yahoo.com

Other ways to help! If your scout (approximately 13 and older) is interested in volunteering & ready for hard work at the Hornets Nest Cub Scout Day Camp at Bethel Presbyterian, please contact Lee Stillwell for consideration at 704-904-6537 or lee.stilwell@siemens.com Dinah Riggs, Committee Chairperson with Pack 51 has the forms you will need to fill out. Dinah Riggs can be reached at 704-394-4400 or 2driggs@bellsouth.net The dates are June 15 - 19.

Tent Sale: Friday, March 27th at 9am....the Carolina Scout Shop, 2121 Westinghouse Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28273. Closeout uniforms are on sale!!

Yours in Scouting,

Barbara Foxx, Troop 51 Secretary