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Dear Volunteers, Supporters and Friends of Scouting,

By now you have heard that the National Executive Board of the BSA is reconsidering its position on barring homosexuals from participating in its programs and we have received many emails and calls that are both for and against removing this national restriction. I want to take this opportunity to address this issue with you before a decision is rendered. I will not use this vehicle to argue either side of the matter. Instead, I want to talk about what this means to us as a council moving forward.

Scouting remains the best youth development program in the nation. To our youth members, Scouting is FUN and provides activities and learning opportunities which they might otherwise never experience. Only through our continued involvement as leaders will we be able to provide life-changing opportunities and instill our values in young boys and girls.

Regardless of what decision is made, there are many people who will be disappointed. If any of us remove ourselves from the program in anger, we will only be punishing the boys and girls who participate in our program. **Their desire** for the Scouting program will not wane. **Their love** of the outdoors will not cease. **Their need** for caring, dedicated leaders of high character will not diminish.

I thank you for all you have done for Scouting. I implore you, for the benefit of this and future generations of young people, to stay involved and to continue to play an important role in their lives.

Bill Haines

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Troop 26 – Senior Quartermaster Report

01-31-2013

Action Items

Following two leads on new large tents
Source for additional troop flag identified, preparing specifications

Scout Tents

New scout tents in use – additional training offered as part of Zombie Apocalypse
Damage event during workday

New Patrol Boxes

All twelve complete – recognition of the size Troy Warriner's donation

New Propane Stoves

We had an offer for donation of new propane stoves for the scouts
Existing stoves were originally provisioned for Jamboree use in 1980s

Jamboree Picnic Tables

Wooden tables have all been donated –
Twelve lightweight foldup tables still available for our use

Surplus Equipment Donation

Plan to donate serviceable tents and patrol boxes to other packs or troops (e.g. Troop 103)

Planning a “Garage Workday”

We often have workdays to clean and repack the trailers – we need one for the garage

Future

Museum Curator – a great niche for the right person
QM Visibility -- T-shirts?

Brandon Harvey - a great turnaround story as Head Quartermaster!

Project Implementation Plan

Overview: On January 19th, 2013, Bill Fournet and Christopher Smith performed a site survey and evaluated the requirements for clearing the debris from the field. The council is planning to make the work area a future camping ground for high adventure, venturing activities. During the site survey, we identified areas for placing the debris piles so that they could be burned by the council at a later time. In addition, a plan was devised to coordinate the activities of the scout volunteers. Thirty scouts and eleven ASMs are expected to participate in the effort. Figure 1 is an aerial view of the area that is being worked by the troop.



Figure 1 – Aerial View of Zink Ranch Clearing Project

Transportation: All participants are responsible for arranging transportation to the work site at Zink Ranch. If you need a ride, please contact another scout or a participating ASM for a ride. Arrange for a ride well in advance of Saturday morning.

Meeting Time: We will meet at the work site at Zink Ranch at 7:30AM on Saturday morning, February 2nd. Please call or text if you will be late.

Zink Range Gate Code: 3671

Directions to Work Area: After entering Zink Ranch follow the directions to the Red Castle Gun Range. Drive past the gun range towards Lake Skiatook. You will see the large towers for the power lines that cross the ranch. As you pass under the power lines, a couple of buildings will be present on the right. Park near these buildings (either in front or across the street). This will be our staging area (see Figure 1 above). If you drive down to the lake, you have driven too far.

What to Bring:

ASMs:

- Wheel barrows for trucking small debris (We could use a couple of these)
- Chain saws (with fuel and oil) to be operated only by ASMs (again a couple would suffice)

Scouts & ASMs:

- Loppers
- Bow saws
- Hiking/Work boots
- Work gloves
- Potable water and water bottles (we will have some coolers with water/Gatorade)
- Lunch (we will not be set up for cooking)

Project Responsibilities

Christopher Smith (918-899-5265) – Troop 26 Project Manager; Will procure necessary materials and lead team efforts to complete all necessary work.

Bill Fournet (918-607-4533) – Council Liaison; Will confirm all requirements and work plans with council and coordinate with council as necessary.

Dennis Zvacek – Medical Staff lead for work days.

ASMs – Will provide guidance to the scouts as necessary and will handle all tree/limb cutting duties.

Organization: Troop 26, Eagle District, Indian Nations Council

Fundraising Project: 2013 Camp Card Campaign

Troop 26 Fundraising Coordinators: Bill Fournet & Christopher Smith will lead Troop 26 efforts to plan, coordinate, and recruit for this Fundraiser.

Timeline: Below are the key dates outlined by the council for

- Unit pre-registration must be completed by Friday, February 8th
- Camp cards will be distributed to units on Tuesday, February 26th
- Troop 26 will ramp down campaign by Monday April, 29th
- Final deadline for scouts to return cards/money, Monday, May 6th
- Camp Card program is 100% closed with council on Friday, May 10th

Historical Details: In 2012, Troop 26 participated in the Camp Card fundraising campaign. In this campaign, 50% of every card sold was deposited to participating scout's account (\$2.50 per card). Troop 26 earned no money for this fundraiser. In fact, the troop was responsible for any lost or stolen card, which resulted in the loss of ~\$750 for the troop. However, it is estimated that this fundraiser is one of the top fundraisers for the troop, grossing ~\$17,500 and netting \$8,750 to scout accounts. To be a successful fundraiser for the troop, the campaign needs to be restructured and closely managed.

Summary of Proposed Changes: Below is a list of proposed changes to the program to help insure its successful implementation.

- Troop 26 earns 10% of every transaction (\$0.50 per card)
 - Target is to recover losses from 2012 (requires 1500 cards sold)
 - Insurance that the troop will not lose money in 2013
 - Opportunity for the troop to earn extra funds for regular operations
 - Reduces scout earnings by 10%
- Change in fundraiser management structure
 - Two campaign managers provides resources if campaign becomes overwhelming
 - Trained volunteers to help manage selling events & card accounting
- Use scout accounts to limit card distribution and liability
 - Tighten rules on scout card distribution
 - Follow up with scouts regularly to insure no stagnation
- Limit scouting activity based on failure to comply with campaign requirements
 - Cannot participate in campouts, summer camps, jambo, or other events until camp card account is in compliance.