



News of the Troop #9

- **Summer Camp Meeting:** There will be a Camp Durant planning meeting June 10 from 7:30 to 8:15. *It is very important that every scout and a parent attend.* We'll be meeting near the troop trailer if the weather is good – if not, we'll meet in the church nave (not the Fellowship Hall). Bring a chair or blanket to sit on. Bring your questions and any forms you haven't yet turned in.
- **Uniform Inspection:** The troop will be holding the annual uniform inspection during the June 9 troop meeting. All scouts must wear their most complete uniform to include merit badge sash, if applicable (no OA sash). The BSA uniform inspection form will be used to score each scout. Special emphasis will be on proper placement of patches/badges. The ASMs will be doing the inspecting. A special recognition will be presented to the highest scoring scouts.
- **Dues:** Each scout is responsible for paying \$1 per month in dues, which his patrol leader should be collecting. Very few scouts are meeting this requirement. According to the Troop Policies and Procedures, scouts must be current in their dues in order to have a Board of Review. I will be enforcing this policy. Scouts should bring what they owe to the June 9 meeting. You can contact the troop scribe to determine what is owed.
- **Court of Honor:** Our last meeting of the 2007-2008 program year is the June 16 Court of Honor. We have a lot of rank advancement and merit badges to present as well as some special recognitions. This is a total troop event so we ask that everybody attend even if you're not receiving a badge. For refreshments, A-J families should bring deserts/snacks and K-Z should bring drinks (preferably non-caffeine). The troop will provide flatware, cups, plates, and napkins.
- **Troop T-shirts:** We now have a troop t-shirt! The PLC and APLs selected a cardinal red shirt with a great looking design. The shirts are 100% cotton, short sleeve and cost \$10. They should be available on June 17. All scouts and adults going to summer camp and Sea Base are required to have at least one shirt. Sizes available are YL, AS, AM, AL, and AXL. Mr. Rick Burke is taking orders and money and he should be available at the June 10 summer camp planning meeting.
- **Philmont 2009 Crew:** Qualified scouts that want to be on the troop's Philmont 2009 crew need to send me a \$350 check made out to "NCAC" as soon as possible. I will have the application with me during the troop meetings and at the summer camp planning meeting. We are looking for two adults to be part of the crew. The next opportunity for the troop to send a crew to Philmont will be 2011. We are looking into sending a 2009 crew to Northern Tier as a second high adventure option. Let me know if you are interested in Northern Tier.
- **2010 National Scout Jamboree:** Yes, it's time to think about whether to attend the National Scout Jamboree during the BSA 100th anniversary as part of the council's contingent. In addition to attending as a participant, older scouts and adults can also apply to be on the Jamboree staff. Applications for both are on-line at the BSA website – MyScouting section. You must have a BSA member number which is on your membership card – I have the new cards and will hand them out during the June 9 uniform inspection. Cost to apply is \$10 (non-refundable on-line fee) and \$100 (refundable mail-in deposit). Scouts from the same troop are grouped together in council provisional troops. More information about the Jamboree is available on-line at the Jambo website.

YiS, Dwight Reed, Scoutmaster