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3.3.2019:

Troop,

- We have a PLC at 6:30 and a Troop meeting this week. We will be planning for our outing next weekend and finishing our February theme.
- If you want to go to Winding Trails, be sure to let me know and bring your permission slip in Tuesday.
- For those going to summer camp, we only have half of the merit badge schedules. They are due this week so Mrs. Gretchen can get everyone registered. Be sure you bring your schedules to the meeting so I can review it and then we can get them to her.
- Camp cards have been distributed, so please sell them. This is our only fundraiser, so let's get some funds in.
- Scouting for Food is different this year in two aspects. 1. it's later this year, as drop off is 3/16 and pick up is 3/23. 2. we will be placing door hangers on doors instead of dealing with bags. I think this will be a huge advantage for us. I will need boys both days to help either hang door hangers or pick up food. It would be great if you could do both. We will start at 9 a.m. on both days and will meet in the parking lot behind St. Paul's as usual.
- Please put 5/25 on your calendar to assist with a dedication at Springfield cemetery. Mr. Carter requested that our Troop be a part of the dedication and I can't think of a better way to show our support to the community. A lot of you have ask for more opportunities for community service, so here's our chance to show it. I will have more information in the weeks to come.
- Congrats again to Reda and the Babas's family as we had Reda's Eagle Court of Honor last night and it was another great ceremony with a great turnout. Thanks to all who helped out and came to support Reda.

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http://www.troop716.org/PermSlips/2019/Winding_Trails_Permission_Slip.pdf

3.10.2019:

Troop,

- We do not have a Troop meeting this week.
- I found out Friday evening when I went to take tents out of the trailer for our camping trip that we are missing 4 or 5 new tents. They were taken home in NOVEMBER (turkey muddy camp) and have not been returned. I know where one is and that has been dealt with, but the others need to get turned in at the 3/19 meeting. If you have a tent, it better be cleaned and brought to the next meeting. I'm very upset that we bought new tents and they're not being taken care of. When boys go camping and given a tent to take home, it needs to be taken out of the tent bag and at least unrolled and opened up so mold and mildew doesn't set in. The tent should be set up, dried out, cleaned, and returned at the next Troop meeting. We as a Troop need to make this practice happen moving forward. For those who have tents, please ensure they are cleaned and get returned. Also moving forward, parents will be notified that their son has a tent to be cared for. Parents will then be responsible for ensuring their son cares for the tent and makes sure its returned to the Troop in proper condition. If the tent is ruined due to lack of caring for it, a new one must be purchased to replace it, and the family will have to reimburse the Troop for that cost. I hate to come across so blunt and harsh, but equipment is expensive and we have to make sure it's last for our current and future scouts.
- Winding Trails wrap up. First of all, a huge thank you to our Unit Commissioner, Mr. Danny Green, who ran a Wilderness 1st Aid course yesterday for us. Mr. Green has been a nurse for 34 years and a paramedic for 45 years, so his history certainly benefited us greatly. Thanks to Mrs. Lauri for transporting boys and gear to and from the Gatehouse and camp and to Mr. Don Ross for camping with me this weekend. We got to Winding Trails in the snow and got our tents set up while the fluffy flakes really fell. The boys got a small fire going, but that only lasted an hour. We were all in our sleeping bags by 8 as it was quite chilly. We got up around 6:45 Saturday morning. Nico and Butchy made scrambled eggs and bacon. Mr. Green showed up just as we finished cleaning up. Our new Webelos, Brent Simms, joined us at 9 and we started the 1st aid course with CPR and AED training. The boys learned so many 1st aid skills and we also shared some great stories. Mr. Green really made the injuries look real with his make up skills. The boys saw an amputated hand, a compound arm and leg, and burns. They treated a bunch of different scenarios and got some real hands on experience. I made grilled cheese and ham sandwiches while the boys continued

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with instruction. We had lunch and then finished around 2:30. Mr. Green informed me that we were expecting 2- 3 inches of rain overnight. With that information, I made the call that we would sleep in the cabin to stay warm and more importantly, dry. One of the tents was already wet on the inside as was mine. Plus, our tents were set up in a low area at the bottom of a hill next to a small creek. With the threat of rain and being in a flood plain, it was an easy call. We moved our sleeping gear into the cabin and took down the tents. Afterward, we did some rank advancements, and then the boys had some free time before

dinner. They got a fire going and we ended up having a early dinner/snack at 4. Hot dogs over the open flame. The boys loved this and we had some good laughs. We cooked hamburgers around 6 and some of us had 2nd dinner. Nico and Brent got picked up at 7:30 as the rest of us hung out in the cabin. The boys played Uno and Checkers while Don and I relaxed. Around 9, Ben S stated he didn't feel well, so his mom came to get him (I heard he is feeling better today). We turned in a bit after 11 and slept pretty well hearing the rain pour on the roof. We were up early, got packed up, had breakfast, cleaned the cabin, and were back to the Gatehouse before 9. Cole was our acting SPL and did a great job. He was very pleased he got to have that honor, and he proved he was up to the task. Overall, it was a cold wet outing, but thankfully we had the cabin as a great plan B. The 1st aid training we all received was invaluable and while I hope no one ever has to use it, it's nice knowing the training is always there. I feel they learned life saving skills that we are going to continue to practice. I took 45 pictures and sent them to Joseph. He'll put them on the Troop website soon and let us know with a follow up email.

- This Saturday, 3/16, we will be placing door hangers in the Sykesville area and need boys to place them and drivers to divide and conquer the area. We will meet in the parking lot behind St. Paul's at 9 a.m. We'll organize boys and drivers with maps of Sykesville and get those door hangers placed. This could go quickly, but need maximum attendance, so please let me know who's coming, including parents. Troop hats are required so people know who we are, but uniforms are not since coats will cover them anyway. Thanks in advance. We'll pick up the food the following Saturday, 3/23, and then take it to the Wal-Mart parking lot so it can be turned into the Carroll County food bank.

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3.17.2019:

Troop,

- We have a PLC at 6:30 and a Troop meeting this week.
- I'm hopeful to see 5 or 6 tents being returned at this week's meeting as well. We've have several nice days to get them set up and cleaned, so for those who have one, be sure to bring it so Sean can get them back in the trailer.
- Thanks to the drivers and boys who helped get the door hangers for SFF distributed throughout Sykesville yesterday. It took us about 2 hours in windy conditions, but we got it done. Pick up this Saturday will go quicker and I'm hopeful we will have a good turn out. We will meet at 9 a.m., assign areas again, go around and pick up bags and then take them to the Wal-Mart parking lot. We'll box up all the food we pick up and get them loaded on the large trailer. This whole process takes about an hour and a half so please continue to support our efforts.
- Don't forgot your community service forms for SFF. You can wait and fill out one for both days, but these hours count, so be sure to take the time to complete a form.
- Hopefully you are continuing to sell the camp cards.

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3.31.2019:

Troop,

- We have a Troop meeting this week. We will be meeting at the escape room in Westminster at 7 p.m. Be sure to bring \$10 cash. Class B shirts should be worn. Joseph will be sending out an email shortly with all the details.
- Attached is the permission slip for our April outing. I need it this week since we don't have a meeting next week. A menu needs to be planned and I need to know who's going so we are prepared for that.
- We will be welcoming Brent Simms from Pack 719 into our Troop on Monday evening. Welcome Brent and the Simm's family. We're excited to have you join us.
- Hopefully those going to summer camp are working on pre-reqs.

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[http://www.troop716.org/PermSlips/2019/Little Bennett April.pdf](http://www.troop716.org/PermSlips/2019/Little_Bennett_April.pdf)