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#### Quick Notes from the 10 March 2015 Troop 71 Parents' Meeting

- Scouting for Food. Bag distribution is this Saturday, 14 March 2015. Participants meet at Aley UMC parking lot starting 8:15 am, briefing at 8:30, then head out to designated area. Food collection is Saturday, 21 March 2015. Meet at Aley UMC at 8:15 am.
- Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. Service project scheduled for two Saturdays, 14 and 21 March 2015, 8 am to 12 pm both days, at the John Ankeney Soccer Complex 505 South Orchard Lane, Beavercreek, Ohio 45434. Meet at the concession stand. Goal is to satisfy requirement number 7.
- Cross-Overs. There were a total of 20 Cub Scouts who crossed-over to Troop 71 during the extended weekend of 20-23 February 2015. Possibility of another three will cross-over in the next few weeks. Also, there were three Boy Scouts who transferred to the troop in the past six months.
- Little Miami River Clean-Up. This is on 6 June 2015. Troop 71 will try to sign-up for about a two-mile stretch of Little Miami River near the vicinity of Dayton-Xenia Road and Trebein Road (near Bob Messmore's farm where we camp frequently).
- Aley UMC Clean-Up. This is on 18 April 2015. Troop 71 assists with outside work - usually with the flower beds. POC is Jim Engel.
- Seabase St. Thomas. Troop 71 contingent is ready to go. POC Cherish Lesko.
- Philmont Treks in 2016. Troop has two crews (groups) going, while Venture Crew has one. Troop 71 goes 10-22 June 2016; Venture Crew goes 8-20 June 2016. Troop 71 contingent still has openings. Contact Ray Blowers if interested.
- Troop 71 Backpack Trip to Europe. Troop 71 Committee approved proposal to take scouts and a few adults on a two-week backpacking tour of England and possibly a few countries on the continent. Trip will be in June 2017. POCs are Cherish Lesko and Dennis Hernit.

- Adult Training. Reminded everybody of the need to maintain currency of Youth Protection Training (YPT), which expires two years after completion date. Also, made sure Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members take position-specific training such as Troop Committee Challenge.
- Finance and Funding. Stan Leszczuk, Troop Treasurer, spoke about troop Joining Fee, Monthly Dues, Scout Accounts, fundraising activities, and the Kroger Rewards Program.
- Flower Power Fundraiser. Evan James announced the start of the Flower Power fundraiser and handed out catalogs, order forms, and flyer. POC is Anita James.
- Unit Chairperson. Ray Blowers, Unit Chair, spoke about Philmont treks in 2016, Troop 71 committee meetings, and the various awards that scouts and scouters (adults) may receive from council and district level BSA.
- Unit Commissioner. Frank Maguire, Unit Commissioner, introduced himself and briefly described duties of the unit commissioner. Basically, the unit commissioner serves as liaison between Troop 71 and Tecumseh Council and/or Chillicothe District. Aside from sharing news in both directions, unit commissioner makes sure that problems are quickly addressed so they don't get out of control.
- Summer Camp. Ann and Kyle Lundberg announced that they were now taking requests for Camp Tomahawk Merit Badge classes. Form is available from Troop 71 website (<http://www.troop71.info/00-summercamp.html>)
- New Parent Coordinator. Rich Kutter, New Parent Coordinator, introduced himself and made himself available for questions or comments from parents of scouts new to the troop.
- "Around the Room." Parents, grandparents, and guardians of new scouts introduced themselves.
- Parents' Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.
- Two scouts had Boards of Review.

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Dennis Hernit