

# Troop 849 Newsletter



Winter 2011-2012

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## CURRENT CALENDAR

Jan. 10- 7:30 PM Troop meeting  
Jan. 14- 9:00 AM Swimming merit badge  
Jan. 17- 7:30 PM Troop meeting/ Deposit due  
for long terms/ Deposit due for summer camp  
Jan. 21-22- 7:00 AM Saddleback Butte rocket  
launch  
Jan. 23- 7:30 PM Troop Committee Meeting  
Jan. 24- 7:30 PM Troop Meeting/Webelos visit  
the Troop  
Jan. 31- 7:00 PM Greenbar Meeting/ 7:30  
Troop Meeting

## SPL CORNER Andrew Karnes

Hello,

Thanks to all the scouts for voting me in as  
your new SPL.

This message is actually for the scouts who  
rarely attend – the meetings have changed and  
you should come and check out the new  
format.

The meetings start the same with the flag  
ceremony and announcements and then we  
have several planned activities. First we have  
presentations, next we learn/perform a skill  
and then we break into patrol corners  
concentrating on a topic provided to us that  
night. We have all been assigned to patrols  
and there are parent volunteers helping each  
patrol. Last, we spend about 10 minutes in  
our closing circle discussing what we learned  
that night before we leave. There is less  
chaos, more Scout participation, and lots of  
opportunities for Scout leadership, training  
and skills. Once a month, we will have a  
meeting devoted to merit badge assistance and  
rank board of reviews for advancement.

## RECENT ADVANCEMENTS

### SCOUT

Paul Matt

### TENDERFOOT

Cody Kallenbach  
Isaac Leon  
Matt Look  
Sammy Mansfield  
John McKenna  
Chasen Ozawa  
Jon Scalabrini  
Brent Siegel  
William Smith  
August Taylor  
Dawson Taylor

### SECOND CLASS

Vishnu Karukonda  
Steven Lambert  
Connor Mateo  
Alex Nahabed  
Joey Patroni  
Steve Shoemaker  
Ethan Stokes  
Cian Ward  
Merrick Wong

### FIRST CLASS

Duncan Bardeau  
Sawyer Hines  
Evan Suarez

### STAR

Jack Brand  
Eric Furth  
Tim Guiteras  
Will Kadlec  
Bram Osterhaut  
Klayten Richmond  
Will Rowe  
Sean Ward  
Tanner Yamada

### LIFE

Nick Barber  
Hunter Bernard

### EAGLE

Sean Harger  
Ricky Hoft  
Kyle Salzman



### **SKUNK CABBAGE**

**Ethan Stokes**

This hike was October 08-09, 2011. There were 5 scouts and 3 adults. We hiked up Devil's Slide Trail and hiked to Skunk Cabbage Meadow; we set up camp a short distance northeast of Saddle Junction and the peak climb was to Tahquitz Peak, southwest of our campsite. Skunk Cabbage was a relatively easy hike, both the camping part and the backpacking part. I found the peak climb harder than the backpacking part of the trip. First, we were always at the risk of falling off the edge of the peak and second, it was a steeper climb than the backpacking. It was also colder than any hike I had ever been on (which is why I bought a ski mask); even in the afternoon it was as cold as morning. It was the first wilderness hike I had gone on and the first hike where there wasn't a fire pit. I saw a lot of dead skunk cabbage, more than live ones (rest in peace). I also learned that willows help find sources of water. One of the very few disappointments I had was when my dad, Mr. Vahey and I had gone looking for a spring and couldn't find it. We had beef stroganoff with noodles and top ramen. I think it was pretty good and I'm going to go on that hike again next year.

### **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

**Eric Furth**

Hello, members of Troop 849. My name is Eric Furth, and I'm going to be succeeding Mrs. Bickel as the Troop Scribe. I have been receiving help from many others to perfect my newsletter skills. I would also request some help from other Scouts to help write these articles. One change that I want for the newsletter is to have Scouts be more involved. I want their voices to be heard in the Troop community. I am an Editor-in-chief at my school newspaper, and I have a lot of experience with writing. If anyone has any questions or comments on my newsletter, contact me at [eric@furth.us](mailto:eric@furth.us).

### **HOMETOWN FAIR BURGER BOOTH**

**Eric Furth/Hugo Furth**

This year's Burger Booth was a great success. A new leader was chosen to run this booth: Mr. Lambert. He was a great leader offering wise advice as well as helping servers, cooks, and cashiers alike. A brand new banner, visible from a full block away, plus the introduction of sliced tomatoes to this year's offerings led to a record sale of over 1500 burgers. Scouts and adults alike had fun working there. As this is the only troop fundraiser of the year, it was extremely important that everyone participated. Every customer served was quite happy with their order. If not, the servers would always cater to their needs. The hard work and immense effort that everybody put out really showed. The burger booth coincided with the Hometown Fair, held on October 1st-2<sup>nd</sup> 2011.

**Note: Those articles that don't have bylines were taken from the Fall 2011 Court of Honor**

## **PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH**

We traveled by Amtrak Train to Philmont, New Mexico for 6 days of hiking and 2 days of activities at base camp. With activities such as museum visits, horse rides, branding, challenge events, Leave No Trace training, a conservation program, tie and lumber pole climbing, a gold mine tour, gold panning, blacksmithing, food pick up, a peak climb of 12,411 elevation, Mountain Man living training, tomahawk throwing, and rifle shooting, this was a riveting trip. We took a bus back to Albuquerque for the plane flight home. Saw lots of deer, elk, antelope, two bears, and stars. It was a great group and an even better trip. Baldy Mountain had great views. This took place from August 10-18<sup>th</sup>, with 7 Scouts and 6 adults.

## **CAMP CHAWANAKEE**

40 Scouts and 5 adult leaders traveled by bus to Camp Chawanakee at Shaver Lake for a week to work on rank, earning merit badges, and multiple other activities that the high-Sierras offer. The camp programs were enjoyed by all. Camp Chawanakee had so much to offer and everyone had a wonderful time. This took place on July 31st- August 6<sup>th</sup>.



## **SANTA CRUZ ISLAND KAYAKING TRIP**

This trip took place from September 3-5<sup>th</sup>. The boat ride was slightly rough. After a short hike on the first day, a few people foxes ran around our campground. The stars were beautiful at night. Everyone had fun at the trip from watching stars or animals, hiking, and kayaking. It was a marvelous experience. Fifteen Scouts and fifteen adults participated. We've already booked the campsite for next September and will have 45 spots available.

## **2011 DUCK PASS LONG TERM Eric Furth**

Overall, this was one of the best hikes I have ever gone on. I cannot stress the ultimate beauty of the scenery in this area of Mammoth. There was mile after mile of snow-capped mountains, mighty trees, calm and refreshing streams, and crystal, glassy lakes. Besides the scenery, everyone participated quite well, fulfilling their duties each day. Everyone had a great attitude and an even better time hiking this beautiful area. Some of the lakes we stopped at included Barney Lake, Purple Lake, and Duck Lake. Each one was equally splendid and many in our group enjoyed swimming and fishing in them. This trip could have never happened if it hadn't been for Mr. Guiteras, Mr. Furth, Mr. Rolandelli, and Mr. Noda. Thanks to all of these people, our group was able to have the experience of a lifetime. The group hiked 25 miles total. This hike took place with 4 adults and 4 Scouts from August 18th-23<sup>rd</sup>.

**JOSHUA TREE**  
**Vishnu Karukonda**

Joshua Tree was a fun and exciting trip. Everyone woke up to a fresh bed of mist. After a plentiful breakfast, we started to set up the climbs. We all were eager to start climbing. Once we finished, we had a quick safety orientation. We shared the climbs with another troop. We got a lot of rock-climbing merit badges signed off. On the second night, we had a huge fire. It was really fun. Everyone was sad when we had to leave. It was sad to see everyone pitch up their tents. Joshua Tree was a really fun trip. We all miss it. This trip took place from April 15th-17<sup>th</sup>, with 17 Scouts and 11 adults.

**DOHENY BEACH SURF HIKE**

We met at the Scouthouse in the morning. When we got there, it was cold but warmed up over the course of the trip. Mr. Ozawa conducted a short surfing lesson for those that were inexperienced in surfing. Whether surfing, riding rented bikes, or hanging out with friends this was a fun trip. Everyone was content at the end of the day. This trip took place during September 10<sup>th</sup>, with 12 Scouts and 6 adults.



**DECEMBER RIFLE TRIP**  
**Eric Furth**

This was a very exciting trip for many, with 10 Scouts and 5 adults participating. Everyone met at the Scouthouse around 7:30 am, and arrived at the range around 9:00 am. Everyone shot .22-caliber rifles during the beginning of the trip, with excellent results from all. During the second part of the trip, we shot larger rifles at a different range. This trip took place on December 17<sup>th</sup>, at a shooting range called "A Place to Shoot" in Valencia.