

TROOP 849 NEWSLETTER



May 2007

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CURRENT CALENDAR

- May 1- Troop Meeting
- May 1- SPL Elections
- May 1- New Parent Orientation-Joslyn Center
- May 3- Neighbor to Neighbor-Church of the Brethren
- May 5-6- **Hike* Los Padres**-Filarsky
- May 6- Eagle Court of Honor-Joslyn Center
- May 8- Hike Preparation- Attendees Only
- May 11-13- **Hike***- Location TBD- Rolandelli
- May 12-13- **Hike**- Location TBD-Jon Philips
- May 15- Troop Meeting
- May 19- Advancement Day- Scouthouse
- May 20- Deep Sea Fishing- Redondo Harbor
- May 22- Troop Meeting
- May 25-27- **Pacific Crest Trail Hike***-Slocum
- May 26-28- **Santa Cruz Island Trip**-Harger
- May 29- Greenbar Meeting
- May 29- Hike Preparation- Attendees Only
- May 31- Chawanakee Info. Night- O'Donnell Hall – American Martyr's Church
- May 31- Final Payment due for Chawanakee
- Jun. 2-3- Various Hikes Going Out
- Jun. 9-10- **Luc Suter's Eagle Project**-Richstone Center

**- indicates that it is a Prep. Hike for Long Term*

ADVANCEMENTS

Congratulations to the following scouts!

Icktae Park- Scout

Kyler Mozell- Scout

Kyle Salzman- First Class

"Leave this world a little better than you found it."

--Robert Baden Powell



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

The month of May is the official Troop 849 start of the backpacking season. I'd like to remind everyone that backpacking is at the heart of the Troop's program. We've been known as a "backpacking troop" for over 30 years, and with good reason. We've consistently been able to do at least one (usually two or three) long term hikes in the Sierras every summer since forever. Our Scouts benefit so much from these experiences (physically, mentally, and leadership-wise).

I urge all of the Troop's parents to encourage their Scouts to participate in the backpacking program as much as possible. Our goal this year is to increase the percentage of boys in the Troop who actively backpack.

If you need help equipping your son, see our Quartermaster, Mr. Young, during a Troop meeting (the locker is full of extra equipment). If you have ANY questions about backpacking in Troop 849, contact Mr. Vahey (our Asst. Scoutmaster in charge of backpacking) or me. See you on the trails!

Don McLellan

TROOP ELECTIONS

SPL Elections will be held at the Troop Meeting of May 1st. Attendance is very important for this meeting so please make sure you all come and vote for the person you want to be our new SPL. (Senior Patrol Leader)

HIKES

There will be two hikes going out the weekend of May 11-13. One will be an easy hike perfect for new scouts and the other will be a harder one for more experienced scouts. See sign ups at a troop meeting soon.

May 5-6 Los Padres Trail Hike

The hike begins at Upper Oso campground near Lake Cachuma, elevation 1225 feet. The trail ascends five miles to Little Pine Saddle, elevation 4300 feet (the saddle, and the trail, are clearly visible from Highway 154 when you drive over the San Marcos pass.) The trail descends six miles to Santa Cruz camp, elevation 1900 feet. The beautiful camp is situated in a oak meadow on the banks of Santa Cruz Creek. The creek has excellent fishing and swimming areas below the camp.

This time of year, the wildflowers will be gorgeous. Sightings of bears, bobcats, mountain lions, condors, and birds of prey are possible on this hike.

For more information contact **Steve Filarsky**
546-2313 (home) 545-7825 (work)

Troop 849 CPR Class

CPR Certification is only good for 12 months. As a result, CPR re-certification is now due for most Troop 849 adults. Troop 849 has arranged for a CPR class on Thursday, May 10 from 6 - 9 p.m. Location is to be determined and will be sent out in a separate email. The class fee is \$30 and will cover both CPR and a second session on First Aid to be given later in May. First Aid does not have to be renewed every year, so you may chose to just attend the CPR class on May 10.

If you are an adult and plan to participate in any Troop overnight outings, please try to make this CPR class. Boy Scout regulations require at least one CPR trained individual on any High Adventure activity. To make our High Adventure treks (e.g. backpacking) a fun and safe experience, we encourage as many adults as possible to take advantage of this training.

Please let me know by May 1 if you plan to attend. This will help the instructor know how many mannequins to bring for CPR. You can reach **Jim Gunderman** at 310-615-5379 and leave a message if he is not there.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE

This Memorial Day three day weekend we will be hiking a segment of the Pacific Crest Trail. This year it will be from Big Bear Lake (near Holcomb Valley) south to Fish Creek and climb Grinnell Mtn. ("A" peak).

The trail is pretty flat and we'll hike about 30 miles of PCT and a total of 40 miles including the peak. This backpack counts as a long term training hike, but due to the small change in altitude it is an intermediate level hike. We will leave Friday evening and return to MB Monday afternoon. For questions please **contact Mr. Slocum** at 310.384.7522.

May 20--FISHING TRIP

Half Day Fishing Trip

Where: **Redondo Beach Sports Fishing**
233 North Harbor Drive Redondo Beach

Fishing Boat Cost: \$32.00 Per scout

When: **May 20th, Sunday**

!!!! Arrive: 6:00 am (the boat will leave on schedule with or without you)

Boat leaves: 6:30am sharp!!!!!! Back by 11:30 am

Requirements:

Over 16 years of age requires a fishing license, Cash \$12.10 One day license is available at **Redondo Sports Fishing** or

The **Sports Chalet** or Big 5

Fishing Boat Cost is \$32.00 per scout or adult.

12 years of age and under, the cost will be \$27.00

Bring extra money if you would like to purchase a snack on the boat.

Burgers, Fries, Soda, Candy

If you would like to rent a pole it will cost \$13.00. at R.S.F.

Driver's license and deposit required

Bring a few extra dollars (\$5.00) for sinkers and hooks (bait is provided)

Dads, Moms, Brother, Sister, Grandparents, Friends & all Welcome

Any questions call **Assistant Scout Master**

Michael Tauber at (310) 5467340

Or

Redondo Sports Fishing at (310) 372-2111

MAY 26-28 SANTA CRUZ ISLAND

The Santa Cruz Island Kayak/Hike trip is a spectacular opportunity for both Scouts and Adults. Set out over a three day period, this trip has a lot to offer in plenty of time. In the trip, some of the activities include a seven mile hike, kayaking into the local sea caves for as long as you want, and exploring around the beach and its surroundings. It's a beautiful place only 30 miles from Ventura Harbor.

For only \$105 for Scouts and \$115 for Adults, you will be able to enjoy the 3rd annual trip to Santa Cruz Island from Troop 849. The fee includes roundtrip transportation from Ventura Harbor to Scorpion Harbor, kayak rental, camp reservations and all meals. . We'll depart early on Saturday morning, May 26th and return Monday evening, May 28th. For more information, please call (310) 379-5784 and ask for Sean or my Dad, **Jim Harger**. Make your check out to my Dad to reserve your spot (we only have 32 and it's first come, first served). We'll hope to see you there!

Chawanakee Information Night Thursday, May 31 at 7:30 PM

Please plan to attend this **mandatory** Summer Camp information night on Thursday, May 31 at 7:30 p.m in O'Donnell Hall at American Martyrs Church. This meeting is for **both** the parents of Scouts attending **as well** as the Scouts themselves. Please plan to have at least one parent attend the meeting with the Scout. At the Information Night, we will review what preparations you need to make for summer camp. Merit Badge class sign-up forms will be provided at this meeting along with an opportunity for parents and scouts to ask questions about the camp.

Final Chawanakee payments are due on May 31.

Fees for Summer Camp are \$340 for summer camp plus \$100 for transportation, or \$440 total. The \$100 transportation fee covers the Scout's roundtrip on a 47 passenger bus to Chawanakee. No boy will be denied summer camp because of financial hardship.

The Troop will provide financial assistance to any family who needs it to send their son to summer camp. Please contact Don McLellan if you have questions regarding financial aid.

If you have any questions about Chawanakee Information night, please **contact Jim Gunderman** at 310-615-1095 or **Sally Bickel** at 310-372-7842.

MEDICAL EXAM NIGHT

Well it is that time of the year again to fill out the required BSA medical forms for Summer Camp and Long Term. The forms are available from the National BSA web site or from the "Forms" page of our web site. We will have a few at the Scouthouse too.

The preferred approach is to have your personal physician complete the form. He can perform as comprehensive an exam as you would like. As an alternate, come to Medical Exam Night at the Scouthouse to get the form filled out. We obviously cannot do a very extensive exam at the Scouthouse.

We are also looking for additional licensed health care professionals to help with the exams. If you can help, please **call Mr. Thorpe or Mr. Vahey**. Thank you.