

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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## CURRENT CALENDAR

- June 6 – Troop Meeting & Hike Prep
- June 10-11 – John's Meadow Easy Hike
- June 10-11 – Dollar Lake Training Hike
- June 13 – Troop Meeting
- June 18 – Eagle Court of Honor  
(Alex Bergjans, Jino Del Monte, Andrew McLellan)
- June 20 – Hike Prep
- June 20 – Long Term Prep
- June 23-25 – Jackstraw Springs Training Hike
- June 27 – Troop Meeting & Hike Prep
- July 4 – Happy Holiday-No Troop Meeting
- July 6 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- July 7-9 – Various Hikes
- July 11 – Outdoor Cooking
- July 14-16 – Santa Cruz Island Kayak Trip

## EASY HIKE



The hike to **John's Meadow** in the San Geronio Wilderness is a great beginner hike for new scouts. The camp is located at 7200' and 2.7 miles from the trailhead. Hikers can expect to see many types of flora and fauna including Manzanita, Indian Paintbrush, White Fir, Red-tailed Hawk, Chipmunk, and Golden-mantled Ground Squirrels. Can anyone say "advancement opportunities?" Hike prep will be at the Troop Meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The hike will leave from the Scout House early on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and return Sunday afternoon. Contact **Mr. Roth** for more information.

If there is sufficient interest, another easy hike to the same area, possibly **Fish Creek**, will go out the weekend of June 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>.



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Has your Scout's progress on rank advancement been a little slow lately? Does he seem to be bogged down and a little unmotivated? Many Scouts go through these slow phases. One suggestion for getting him off the dime is for him to attend an **Eagle Court of Honor**. Seeing the proof that the Eagle Rank can be obtained, along with our Troop's stirring ceremony, sometimes serves to motivate the younger scouts into rank advancement action. Our next Eagle Court of Honor is Sunday, June 18, at 3pm in American Martyr's O'Donnell Center. If your Scout is around that Sunday afternoon, please strongly urge him to attend (and join him if you can!).

And speaking of urging, I'd urge as many Troop 849 Scouts and adults as possible to participate in our backpacking program. Our hikes come in all shapes and sizes for all skill levels, and now that June is here the hiking season is in full swing. Contact **Mr. Vahey** for more information.

--Don McLellan

## TRAINING HIKE

For a more challenging hike, consider this trip to **Dollar Lake** in the San Geronio Wilderness. We will follow South Fork Trail up to South Fork Meadows where the trail splits; we then take the west fork on to Dollar Lake at an altitude of 9300'. Dollar Lake Trail could have some patches of snow and ice at the higher elevations so this trip is for experienced hikers. Hike prep will be at the June 6<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting. Contact **Mr. Rolandelli** for more information.



## EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

All troop members and their families are invited to attend an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at American Martyrs Church, O'Donnell Center. This ceremony will honor **Alex Bergjans, Jino Del Monte, and Andrew McLellan** for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. The ceremony begins at 3:00 pm and refreshments and snacks will be served immediately following the event. Scouts should wear their complete Class A uniform.

## JACKSTRAW SPRINGS TRAINING HIKE

This is a moderately challenging, high-altitude training hike for Scouts planning to go on a long-term hike this summer. We'll follow the Forsee Creek Trail in the San Geronio Wilderness; hike up the north slope of San Bernardino Mountain, camp at Jackstraw Springs, and bag Mt. Shields, a B Peak. This training hike will leave from the Scout House on Friday evening, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and return on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Sign up at a Troop Meeting. For more information, contact **Mr. Barrows** or **Mr. Williamson**.

## SANTA CRUZ ISLAND KAYAK TRIP

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Santa Cruz Island Kayak Trip will be July 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. This trip has it all including kayaking, hiking, and camping! The cost will be \$90 per scout and \$100 per adult and includes boat transportation to/from the island, kayak rental, camp fees, and food. You may also choose to bring your own snorkel equipment (wetsuit recommended) and see what you can see. Pack your gear in a backpack, as the campsite is about 1 mile in from the dock. Space is limited so this is first come first served; those that pay first are the first to go. **Contact Mr. Harger** for more information.

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Neighbor to Neighbor is a community service project that benefits disenfranchised people. The Scouts perform tasks such as serving dinner, clearing tables, and putting away tables and chairs. This service is provided on an ongoing basis, the first Thursday of each month, at the Church of the Brethren in Redondo Beach from approximately 6:00-7:00 PM. Contact **Mr. Tauber** for more information.



## ADVANCEMENTS

Life – **Ryan Hadley**



## BSA MEDICAL FORMS

The BSA requires all scouts and adults who participate in troop activities to have a current Class 1 Medical Form on file with the troop. Additionally, all scouts and adults under the age of 40 need a Class 2 Medical Form completed every 3 years in order to attend summer camp and participate in any other activity lasting longer than 72 consecutive hours. Adults age 40 and older need a Class 3 Medical Form annually for the same type and duration of activity. Youth and adult participants in high adventure activities (such as long term backpacking trips) require a Class 3 Medical Form to be completed within 12 months of the activity. A parent may complete Class 1 Medical Forms but a Health Care Professional must complete Class 2 and 3 Medical Forms. These forms are available on our website at [troop849.org](http://troop849.org). If you have any questions regarding these requirements, please contact **Mr. McLellan** or **Mr. Noda**.

## CAMP CHAWANAKEE

All parents and scouts signed up for Camp Chawanakee this summer should have attended the informational meeting on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Scouts were informed of the status of their medical forms, received Merit Badge schedules to sign up for classes, and were given information regarding what to pack and behavior standards at camp. Parents should have signed permission slips and made final payments at this time. If for some reason you missed this meeting and are confirmed to attend Camp Chawanakee, please contact **Mr. Rolandelli**.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**July** - Santa Cruz Kayak Trip  
Various Weekend Hikes  
Outdoor Cooking  
Chawanakee Summer Camp

**August** – Summer Break, No Troop Meetings  
Long Term Hike – Silver Moccasin Trail  
Long Term Hike – Trans Sierra  
Long Term Hike – Mammoth / Florence Lake

**September** – Troop Junior Leader Training  
Surf Hike  
Court of Honor  
Canoe Trip