

Troop 849 Newsletter



July/August 2006

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CURRENT CALENDAR

July 4 –	Happy Holiday-No Troop Meeting
July 5 –	Hike Prep/Training Hikes
July 6 –	Neighbor to Neighbor
July 7-9 –	Training Hikes
July 11 –	Outdoor Cooking
July 12 –	Hike Prep/Santa Cruz
July 14-16 –	Santa Cruz Island Kayak Trip
July 18 –	Troop Meeting
July 25 –	Troop Meeting
July 30-Aug 5 –	Chawankee Summer Camp
Aug 3 –	Neighbor to Neighbor
Aug 11-20 –	Silver Moccasin Trail Long Term
Aug 12-22 –	Trans Sierra Long Term
Aug 18-27 –	Mammoth to Florence Lake Long Term
Sept 5 –	Troop Meeting
Sept 7 –	Neighbor to Neighbor
Sept 9 –	Troop Junior Leading Training

TRAINING HIKE



Join us on a challenging hike the weekend of July 7th -9th. One group will follow the South Fork Trail to Dollar Lake and the other will hike the Vivian Creek Trail. Expect to leave from the Scout House on Friday, July 7th at 3:00 PM and return on Sunday, July 9th. This is a great long-term prep hike and a chance to bag a C Peak! Due to the July 4th holiday, the **mandatory hike prep** will be on Wednesday, July 5th at 7:00 PM at the Scout House. Contact **Mr. Slocum** for more information.

OUTDOOR COOKING

We will be having our traditional summertime outdoor cooking event on Tuesday, July 11th at 6:00 PM at El Nido Park in Torrance. This is a family event and replaces the regular troop meeting. Scouts will cook dinner for themselves and their family members using open fires and the foil packet cooking method. This is a great opportunity to fulfill some 2nd Class requirements. Scouts must provide their own food, beverage, and cooking equipment (such as long tongs). The troop will provide firewood only. Bring your Totin' Chip, Ten Essentials, and wear your troop activity shirts. Contact Senior Patrol Leader, **Tim Breen** for more information.



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

At our last Troop meeting we were very fortunate to have Scott Whinfrey speak to our boys (and most of the adults too) about his recent experience being a real working cowboy in Argentina, Chile, Australia and Mexico the past few years. Scott was a member of our Troop in the mid 90's and received his Eagle in 1997. He brought many of the tools of his trade to show the boys (not a horse, but most everything else) and did an excellent job of holding their attention for almost an hour. This is a great example of what we hope to have happen about once a month at the Troop meetings: a guest speaker to join us and enlighten and entertain the boys. If you personally have a profession or hobby that the boys might find interesting, or if you know of somebody (they don't have to be a T849 Eagle Scout) who does and can speak about it for 20 to 30 minutes, please tell one of the adult leaders. As I mentioned, we would like to do this once a month, and we'd appreciate all the help we can get to achieve this.

--Don McLellan

SANTA CRUZ ISLAND KAYAK TRIP

The 2nd annual Santa Cruz Island Kayak Trip is going out July 14th – 16th. This trip has it all including kayaking, hiking, and camping! The cost is \$100 per scout and \$110 per adult, which 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) to see what you can see. Pack your gear in a backpack, as the campsite is about 1 mile in from the dock. Due to a conflict with Outdoor Cooking, hike prep for Santa Cruz will be on Wednesday, July 12th at 7:00 PM in the B & B Room of American Martyr's Church. **For those interested in claiming one of the last five slots, please contact Sean or Mr. Harger.**



ADVANCEMENTS

1st Class – David Copeland

2nd Class – D J Stanfill
Riley Thomasson

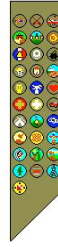
Scout – Cameron Bardeau
Tanner Bernard
Andrew Booras
Bryan Copeland
Sean Griffin
Michael Hadley
Ryan Lee
Spencer Phillips
Andrew Shoemaker
Zachary Thomasson
Axel Zwissler

NEW SPL

Troop elections were held in June and **Tim Breen** was elected as the new Senior Patrol Leader. Tim has chosen **Matt Shuler** and **Luc Suter** to be his Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. These scouts will hold their new leadership positions for approximately six months. Congratulations.

CHAWANAKEE

There will be a final prep meeting for those scouts attending Chawanakee in the week prior to leaving for camp. Topics to be discussed at this meeting will be tent partners, adult driving assignments, merit badge schedules, and scout leadership. An announcement will be sent out when the date and time are scheduled. Contact **Mr. Rolandelli** for more information.



MERIT BADGES

Troop 849 has an extensive library of Merit Badge books which scouts may borrow while working on a Merit Badge. Talk to any adult leader at a troop meeting regarding what procedure to follow when checking out a book.

Keep in mind that some of the books are older and the requirements for the Merit Badge may have been changed. Current requirements for all badges can be found in the 2006 Boy Scout Requirements book or online using www.meritbadge.com or www.usscouts.org.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

October – Old Home Town Fair
Rock Climbing – Joshua Tree

November – Bike Hike
Advanced Rock Climbing
Veteran's Day Ceremony

This will be the only newsletter distributed over the summer since there are no regular troop meetings in August. Please check the Troop website at www.troop849.org for calendar changes and announcements. The first regular Troop Meeting in the fall is scheduled for **September 5th** and weekend activities begin right away, September 9th, with Troop Junior Leader Training. For those of you participating in summer camp at Chawanakee and Long Term Hikes in the Sierras, enjoy!!