

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 11 -- Troop Meeting  
Oct. 13-16 - Canoe Trip  
Oct. 18 -- Troop Meeting  
Oct. 21-23 Rock Hike  
Oct. 25 -- Troop Meeting  
Oct. 29 -- Ten Commandment Hike, Bike Inspection, Eagle Project  
Nov. 1 -- Troop Meeting  
Nov. 3 -- Neighbor to Neighbor  
Nov. 5-6 -- Bike Hike

## ROCK HIKE



There is a rock hike going out on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October to Joshua Tree. Everyone is encouraged to go. It includes rappelling, rock climbing, and bouldering. This trip is good for experienced climbers and beginners. If you have any questions call **Mr. Filarsky**.



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Our Troop's burger booth at the Hometown Fair was a great success. We sold close to 800 burgers which translates to \$1,955 in net profits for the Troop's operating fund. Thanks to the approximately 36 scouts and 28 adults who volunteered their time to work the booth. A special thank you goes out to **Dave and Doreen Harrington** for once again acting as Booth Managers. The Harringtons spend many hours before, during, and after the Fair to make our booth a success. Please join me in expressing our gratitude to them for all their hard work and managerial skills.

--Don McLellan



## TEN COMMANDMENT HIKE

This hike is intended to be an interfaith and cross-cultural event with visits to several different houses of worship in the Manhattan Beach area. The event is open to all Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older. Bring a sack lunch and your 10 essentials. Registration for the hike is at 8:30 AM at American Martyrs Church. The hike will conclude at approximately 3:30 PM. Contact **Mr. Tauber** for details.

## CANOE TRIP



Do you love the water? Do you love the desert? Then this canoe trip is for you! We will paddle 3 days on the Colorado River, setting up camp each night along the way. We start just north of Needles and continue through to Castle Rock. Contact **Dan Stanfill** for further information.

## BIKE HIKE



Please join us on the annual Bike Hike. We will leave from the Scout House early Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>, drive to Chilao, and set up camp prior to heading out on our rides. There will be rides for both experienced and beginner mountain bikers. You must have a mountain bike and helmet and these must pass a safety inspection. A bike/equipment inspection will be done on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at the Scout House. Contact **Mr. Monahan** for details.



## EAGLE PROJECT

**Bobby Blaschke** will be having his Eagle Project on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at Chilao Campground. Look for sign ups at a Troop Meeting or contact Bobby.

## KATRINA CAR WASH

Unfortunately, the hurricane relief car wash that was scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> is cancelled. Mira Costa was unable to confirm permission to use the school for the event and it appeared that not enough scouts and adults were committed to work at the event. Thank you to all those who offered their support and who signed up to work. If you have any questions or if you collected any money for pre-sale tickets, contact **Alex Williamson** for information.

## LOOKING AHEAD

November – Bike Hike  
Veteran's Day Ceremony  
Desert Hike  
Registration

December – Night Hike  
No Troop Meetings 12/20 or 12/27

January – Summer Camp Deposits  
Rocket Hike

## 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. Contact **Mr. Tauber** for more information.

## MERIT BADGES

### CLIMBING MERIT BADGE CLASS

**Mr. Slocum** will be teaching the Climbing Merit Badge Class in October.

Oct. 8, 9 - 11:30AM Scout House

Oct. 14 -6 - 8PM Rock Gym

Oct. 22-23 All day Joshua Tree

*You must attend all three sessions to earn the merit badge. Look for sign-ups at Troop Meetings. Contact **Mr. Slocum** for more information.*



Remember, scouts of any rank can earn Merit Badges. It is a great way to explore a hobby or skill you have never tried before. Contact **Sally Bickel** for a current list of Merit Badge counselors in our area.

We have received much positive feedback regarding the new Troop Newsletter. Thank you for your support. Please direct any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns to **Sally Bickel** or **Louise Williamson**.