

Troop 849 Newsletter

November 2009

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CURRENT CALENDAR

Nov 3 – Troop Meeting
Nov 5 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Nov 10 – Troop Meeting
Nov 11 – **Veterans Day Ceremony**
Nov 17 – Troop Meeting
Nov 24 – No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 1 – Troop Meeting
Dec 3 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Dec 8 – Troop Meeting
Dec 11-13 – **Night Hike – Henninger Flats**
Dec 15 – Troop Meeting
Dec 22 – No Meeting – Happy Holidays
Dec 29 – No Meeting – Happy Holidays
Dec 30 – Rose Parade Float Decorating

100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

CHECK THIS OUT! HAVE YOU HEARD?

Experience Scouting like never before with Adventure Base 100! Created specifically for the 100th Anniversary Celebration, Adventure Base 100 is traveling the country to give people an exciting, hands-on view of the history and future of the Boy Scouts of America.

This 10,000 square foot campus features immersive Scouting experiences including a ropes course and zip line, interactive digital exhibits, a multi-sensory IMAX-like dome, and more! It will also house a traveling museum that will showcase real artifacts from the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Tex.

Starting at the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, Calif. in January, and ending at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York in November, this magnificent traveling exhibit will stop at key events and locations in more than 40 cities.

Want to know more about this and how you can get involved? Contact Mr. Tauber or Mr. Reeley.



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Two longstanding Troop 849 outings are coming up: The annual night hike and the annual rocket hike. We will (hopefully) be returning to Henninger Flats above Altadena in December for the night hike. This trip offers spectacular views of Los Angeles at night and day time patrol competitions that are always popular with the Scouts. The hike up the hill at night is suitable for all levels of hikers. Almost all of you are familiar with the Rocket Hike (the "hike" is very short, from the car to the campsite, about 50 feet). Perhaps Troop 849's longest running outing, this event stems from our early leaders' roots in the aerospace industry. In fact, one of the key engineers for our country's efforts to put a man on the moon before the 60's ended (and before the Russians got there) was an adult leader in our Troop and had an Eagle Scout son (Bill and Alan Dixon). It's always fun to have the Webelos attend what for many is their first camp out, somehow survive the cold night and live to shoot off the rockets they built themselves. I hope all our Scouts and many of our active adults will plan to participate in both these great events.

--Don McLellan

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Manhattan Beach's Parks and Recreation Department extends an invitation each year for Troop 849 to participate in the City's Veterans Day Ceremony. It is always important for Scouts to show a presence in our community by being involved in activities such as this.

Selected scouts will lead the Pledge of Allegiance as well as deliver a short speech. Full Class A Uniforms are required for this event.

Meet at the Scout House at 10:30AM, Wednesday, Nov. 11th. We will go as a group to the ceremony. Contact **Mrs. Bickel** for more information.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

On the first Thursday of each month scouts from Troop 849 participate in the Neighbor to Neighbor program at the Church of the Brethren in Redondo Beach. December is a special month since we distribute gift bags with essential items such as socks and toiletries as well as serve a wonderful meal to those in need. We will be stuffing these gift bags during our regular meetings in November in order to have them ready for distribution in December. Please make every effort to attend the November troop meetings to help out with this very important service project. Thank you.

NIGHT HIKE

The annual Troop 849 Night Hike is scheduled for Dec 11-13, 2009. This is a special hike which departs on Friday night in order to enjoy an evening of hiking to the campsite by the light of the stars and moon. Enjoy a view of the city lights from a great vantage point up at Henninger Flats! Saturday is full of fun with many activities and patrol competitions. You won't want to leave but nevertheless we must hike down on Sunday midday to return to Manhattan Beach. Contact **Scoutmaster Rolandelli** for more information.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

The Los Angeles Area Council is again offering its **University of Scouting** at Loyola Marymount University on Saturday, December 5, 2009. University of Scouting has a wide variety of classes available for Scoutmasters, Troop Committee Members, Advancement Chairs, and **BOY SCOUTS!** This is not just adult leader training.

The cost is only \$22 if registration is received by November 23rd. You can register online by going to the council website at boyscoutsla.org and following the links to University of Scouting.

Questions? Contact Assistant Scoutmaster Rick Reeley.

ADULT LEADER BACKPACK TRAINING

In order to provide Backpack Training for adult leaders planning long term hikes or participating in year 'round High Adventure programs, the LAAC High Adventure Team will conduct the 45th Council Backpack Training Seminar for registered adult scouters on the weekend of **19-21 Feb 2010** at the Cabrillo Scout Center in San Pedro.

This program is conducted in two parts. The first part on 19-21 February 2010 comprises a series of demonstrations, presentations, and discussions covering a variety of subjects including leadership, preparation and conditioning, equipment and gear, cooking and menu planning, first aid and safety, mountain travel and orientation, conservation, long term hike planning and the high adventure program awards and procedures. Emphasis is placed on encouraging adult leaders to transfer training to their junior leaders and assistants. The second part is the field trip. This requires outdoor experience and provides the practical application of the subjects covered.

Please contact **Dr. Rose** for more information or to sign up.

NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to **Chris Bickel**, Troop 849's newest Eagle Scout. Chris had his Eagle Character Board on October 18, 2009 and is Troop 849's 96th Eagle Scout.

Who will be next?

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO DO?

Come aboard the **S.S. Lane Victory** a 10,000 ton World War II "Victory" cargo ship, lovingly and meticulously restored by volunteers and operated by U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans of World War II. This national historic landmark is a living memorial to the seamen who lost their lives at sea. It includes a museum of ship memorabilia including whistles, flags and cannons; gift shop and library. One-hour guided tours of the bridge, crew's quarters, ham radio room and engine rooms are available, as are occasional all-day voyages recalling the adventures of its service in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. Visitors can go from the bridge to the galley to the cargo holds. Not wheelchair-accessible; no sandals or high heels. Open for self-guided tours from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM daily. Donation: \$3.00 per adult, \$1.00 per child 15 and under. Group rates are available for tours. Two hours of free parking is available at the site. Berth 94, San Pedro, phone 310-519-9545.