

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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## **Role of the Patrol Leader**

**Contributor:** Mr. Vahey

### Role of the Patrol Leader

As was described in last month's newsletter, being a good patrol leader requires a lot of interaction with your patrol members! As we wrap up the 2014 year, each patrol leader should review what their patrol did during this last year. Were your members active? Did all your members advance at least one rank? What did each patrol member enjoy most about scouting during 2014?

As patrol leader, it is your responsibility to find ways to improve the scouting program for your patrol members. As you discover what each scout enjoyed most and what they need to do for advancement, you have the unique opportunity as a Patrol Leader - that is to Lead Your Patrol!

Leadership is getting a group (your patrol) to achieve a common objective. This entails envisioning what wants to happen, forming a plan, communicating with your patrol, and providing motivation/training/coaching to achieve that objective. Take time now to talk to your patrol members; form a vision of what you and they want your patrol to do in 2015. Get your 2015 plan together! Be Prepared. Be active as a leader!!

## **SPL Report**

**Contributor:** Tanner Yamada, SPL

Troop 849,

This month, our main activity is the Henninger Flats night hike. In case you haven't been active recently, almost everything that we've been doing for the past few meetings is related to Henninger. SO PLEASE COME!!! No excuses. Clear your calendar because this hike is one of the best that we have. Patrol leaders, get your patrol signed up because it's time for patrol competitions. Unless you have the band concert or other conflicts, you must come to the meeting Tuesday to solidify your food, patrol activities, and car rides.

After that, to close up the month and year is our game night right before winter break. We have some fun stuff planned, so hang out for an hour and a half to play some games. REMEMBER, there are no meetings after game night, so don't be that awkward one person who shows up.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,  
Tanner Yamada

## Veterans Day Ceremony 2014



On the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month", Troop 849 once again honored our Nation's Veterans by participating in Manhattan Beach's Veterans Day Ceremony. Eric Furth gave a touching speech on why Veterans Day is important to him and Steven Lambert led the troop and audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Troop 849 was represented by 18 Scouts and 8 Adults. The troop's participation was well received and our scouts were personally thanked by the Mayor, the City Manager, and several veterans. The ceremony was well attended and featured distinguished speakers Mayor Wayne Powell and Veterans LCPL Christopher Honanie and LCL Chris Barra. Also in attendance were several members of the city council, the City Manager, the Parks and Recreation Director, the Police Chief and Fire Chief.



## Shotgun Shooting

**Contributor:** Harry Andreas

"Scouts and Parents: The annual Troop 849 Shotgun shooting event is upcoming on Saturday, 20 December.

We will meet at the scout house at 8:00AM and drive to A Place to Shoot in Santa Clarita. This is an ideal time for anyone who did not complete the merit badge at summer camp.

Further details will be available at the December troop meetings. Please attend.

## Eagle Facebook Page

**Contributor:** MS. Joanne Hadley

Please visit our troop Eagle Facebook page!

Eagle candidates and recent Eagle Scouts: post photos and description of your projects. Also post pictures of the evening you passed your board of review!

All troop members—please invite all your family and friends to visit the page and “like” the pictures and posts of our Eagles and Eagle events.

Our page contains inspiring sharing by troop Eagles since 1956! Your posts will inspire others who are on the Eagle trail. The page is called: **Eagle Scouts of Troop 849 MB**

## Troop 849 Participates in Air Force Promotion

Lieutenant Colonel Jon Strizzi was promoted to Colonel on Thursday December 3 2014 at a ceremony on the Los Angeles Air Force Base.

Troop 849 was in charge of the flag ceremony for this event. Nick Strizzi and Michael Schnuckel will be handling the color guards.

## December 2014 Calendar

date	Event	Coordinator
1	Committee Meeting	Mr. Tauber
2	Troop Meeting	SPL
4	Neighbor To Neighbor	Mr. Tauber
9	Troop Meeting	SPL
12-14	Night Hike – Henniger Flats	Mr. Rolandelli
16	Troop Meeting	SPL
20	Shotgun Shooting	Mr. Andreas
23 & 30	No Troop Meeting	

## January 2015 Calendar

date	Event	Coordinator
6	Troop Meeting	SPL
8	Neighbor to Neighbor	Mr. Tauber
13	Troop Meeting	SPL
13	Summer Camp and Long-Term Camp Deposits Due	Mr. Rolandelli
20	Troop Meeting – Hike Prep	SPL
24	Rocket Hike - Saddleback Butte State Park	
26	Committee Meeting	Tauber
27	Troop Meeting	SPL

### Neighbor to Neighbor

**Contact:** Mr. Tauber  
**Date:** February 5, 2015

**Location:** South Bay Community Church of the Brethren

**Time:** 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

It is true that volunteering has a positive and meaningful impact on our community but you already know that it has many personal benefits for us too. Recently, many of you had participated in the event, thank you. It is what I am looking for, so let's keep the good service work up. I encourage you to continue with your service, it is of a great help. For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to participate in this service event, this is your time to, and I would like to see your attendance.

I repeat, this is a great opportunity to give some of your time and effort, and enjoy a unique chance to learn and grow stronger.

On the practical side, all Scouts in full Class A uniform, and registered adults who participate will **earn two community service hours**.

Upon arrival, please park behind the church (one street north of 190th on Armour Lane) in the back parking lot and come in through the back gate.

**Just the time of the month for our**

### FUTURE NEWSLETTERS CONTRIBUTIONS

**Contributor:** Erik Lilligren

We would love to have you your contributions to next month's newsletter. If you would like to have your contribution considered please contact me at [tim@lilligrencpa.com](mailto:tim@lilligrencpa.com) or upcoming troop meetings. I want to finalize the January Newsletter by January 2 so please have all contributions to me by December 31.