

Troop 849 Newsletter



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CURRENT CALENDAR

- Jan. 10 – Hike Prep (Rocket Hike)
- Jan. 14-15 – Rocket Hike
- Jan. 15 – Eagle Court of Honor
- Jan. 17 – Troop Meeting
- Jan. 21-22 – Snow Trip Prep Hike
- Jan. 24 – Troop Meeting
- Jan. 31 – Troop Meeting
- Feb. 2 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- Feb. 7 – Troop Meeting
- Feb. 11-12 – Winter Camp
- Feb. 14 – Troop Meeting



NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to **Alex Bergjans**, Troop 849's newest Eagle Scout. Alex was awarded his Eagle Rank on December 20, 2005. For his Eagle Project, Alex chose to clean-up and re-landscape the area around Mira Costa High School Auditorium. The project was completed in January of 2005.



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Happy New Year! Thanks to all of you who got your 2006 re-registration check back to me in the requested timeframe. If you haven't submitted your check yet, please contact me immediately. We don't want to drop Scouts from the troop if they still intend to be involved, but without receiving a re-registration check the Scout is usually dropped from our official BSA roster. If the re-registration fee is a financial hardship we can work something out.

2006 will be another busy year for our troop. The more you participate (Scouts AND adults) the more fun you will have! Adults should contact me or Mr. Noda to find out more about participation opportunities within Troop 849.

- Don McLellan

SNOW TRIP PREP HIKE

The snow trip prep hike is scheduled for January 21st-22nd. This is your chance to get prepared for the February snowshoeing / winter camp which can be very strenuous. So, all scouts and adults who plan on going on that February trip will need this prep hike to strengthen their hiking muscles. Contact **Mr. Vahey** if you want to get out and practice.

WINTER CAMP

As winter's snows deepen, we will return to the mountains for snowshoeing, boarding, cross country skiing, and igloo building as a part of a weekend camping trip. If you have ever been on a long term or are an exceptional hiker you are welcome to come and enjoy the especially quiet wilderness and dark winter sky.

Learn new skills and earn manly bragging rights as a true mountain man! The trip takes place on February 11th - 12th. Contact **Mr. Vahey** for more information.



EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Trent Ketterer will be having his Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, January 15th at 4:00 PM in the Joslyn Community Center. All Scouts and adults are invited to attend the ceremony to help Trent celebrate this important accomplishment. Class A uniform required.

ANNUAL TROOP CD

Do you have great photos from all the fabulous hikes, camps, and events you have enjoyed in 2005 with Troop 849? Would you like to see the fantastic photos that others have taken of all the wonderful outings? Well, you can! **Mr. Slocum** is again putting together the Annual Troop 849 CD and needs all your photos to add to it to make it the best it can be. Please submit photos to Mr. Slocum on a CD with the name and date of the event for each picture ASAP. Thanks.

ADULT BACK PACK TRAINING

The **Los Angeles Area Council High Adventure Team** is offering Adult Backpack Training for leaders and interested adults on Feb. 24th -26th. Backpack training is required for Hike Leaders in order to qualify for High Adventure Awards. We need adults to take this important training. The training provides a look at the backpack planning process, including equipment, food, trail safety, maps, compass, and terrain profiling. The second part of this training, which involves an overnight weekend (date TBD), allows participants to practice what they have learned. If you will be leading a troop backpacking trip this year and you haven't taken this class, sign up now! Anyone who will be participating in backpacking trips with Troop 849 is encouraged to take this class. Contact **Dr. Rose** for further information.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Now is the time to sign up for **Camp Chawanakee** and **Long Term** backpacking trips. Sign up sheets are available at the Scout House during Troop Meetings. The initial deposit required for Camp Chawanakee is \$100 and for long terms is \$50.



RECENT RANK ADVANCEMENTS

Alex Williamson – Life

Brett Salazar – 2nd Class

MERIT BADGES



Mrs. Bickel will be holding an information meeting for all scouts interested in earning the Merit Badges for **Reading** and **Scholarship**. The meeting will take place at the Scout House at 7:15 pm on January 24th.

Don't forget to check out which Merit Badges are being offered at **Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center**. Look on their website at www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org for current listings.

LOOKING AHEAD

February – Neighbor to Neighbor
Winter Camp
Order of the Arrow Elections
Adult Back Pack Training

March – Neighbor to Neighbor
Rock Hike
Troop Junior Leader Training
Court of Honor
Santa Cruz Island Kayak Trip
Interfaith Dinner

April – Shotgun Shooting
Neighbor to Neighbor
Backpack Hike
Catalina 50 Mile Hike
Spring Camporee