

# Troop 849 Newsletter

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## CURRENT CALENDAR

**Jan. 6-**Troop Meeting-

Summer Camp Deposit Due

**Jan. 13-** Troop Meeting

**Jan. 20-**Hike Preparation (Rocket Hike)-

Attendees Only

**Jan. 24-25-**Rocket Hike-Saddleback State Park

**Jan. 26-**Troop Committee Meeting

**Jan. 27-**Greenbar/Troop Meeting-

Webelos visit Troop

**Feb. 3-**Troop Meeting-

Webelos visit Troop

**Feb. 5-** Neighbor to Neighbor-

Church of the Brethren



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Happy New Year to all Troop 849 members and associated friends and family. I'm sure 2009 will be another great year for Scouting, and as always we'll kick the year off with our annual rocket hike. My first visit to the Troop 849 rocket hike occurred over 20 years ago. The excitement each young Scout shows when the rocket he built is finally launched for the first time matches the excitement that same Scout felt when his first Pinewood Derby car was built and then raced four or five years before in Cub Scouts. It's a great outing that we've refined over the years, and ranks as one of the favorites among our Scouts. **Mr. Gunderman** is once again leading this trip and deserves our thanks (and support) for all his efforts. I hope we have a large turnout for this first event of 2009.

I'd also like to thank **Mr. Ketterer**, or Troop's treasurer, for handling the Troop's re-registration process again this year. It's a painful task to chase everybody down and collect all the right forms and money, and then get all the right information to the District honchos, but Mr. Ketterer makes it look easy. Please join me in thanking him next time you see him.

---Don McLellen



## SPL CORNER

Hi everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break over the holiday season. This past year has been a great year for our troop, and I'd like to thank all of you for making this so. All of the troop's outings and activities have been tremendously successful, one of the largest groups of new scouts in recent memory, is off to a great start and several of our older scouts have achieved the rank of Eagle. None of this would be possible without the excellent planning and guidance of our adult leaders, as well as the enthusiastic participation of our scouts and parents. Looking forward to 2009, I think we have a great year ahead.

-Ryland Miller

## Rock Climbing Instructor Training

We are planning our Rock Climbing trip for March, and we desperately need more Instructors! We have about 10 now, but we are required to have one instructor for each 6 scouts. Since we often have 40 or so scouts go, and since not every instructor can go every time, you can understand our need to have more trained people. If you are curious about the training, talk to any of our current instructors: Greg Young, Sally Bickel, Laura Kitchen, Jim Gunderman, Dave Rolandelli, Keith Williamson to name a few.

Instructor Training Classes are often held downtown at the Scout Center, but since 2 of the 4 teachers (they are called "Rock Climbing Directors") are in 849, we can hold our own class on our own schedule!!

If you want more information and think you might be interested, please contact **Dr. Richard Rose** by phone at (310) 545-0668.

## Help!

### We Need Trained Adult Hikers!

Every February, the High Adventure Team of the LA Council teaches a class called "Backpack Leader Training". In order to qualify for awards for our weekend and Long Term hikes, it is required that the Hike Leader has this training. Most of the adults that hike with us have attended this class, but we are always in constant need for more. If you have not taken this class and intent to hike with us in the future, please plan to go. The class is usually taught the third weekend in February, so save this weekend on your calendar. The class starts on Friday evening at 8:00, and lasts all day Saturday, and ends on Sunday at noon. Meals are provided. There is a cost of \$50, but if you go, the troop will probably pay for it! Also, there will be many friendly faces there since 3 of the instructors are from Troop 849!! We really are the premier backpacking and high adventure Troop in Southern California! If you are thinking about going, please contact **Dick Rose, Rich Hoesly, or Tom Thorpe!**

## ROCKET HIKE

The Rocket Hike will be held on Saturday, January 24 to Sunday, January 25 at Saddleback Butte State Park, near Lancaster. This is always a well- attended event and a great deal of fun. The Rocket Hike is our joint Boy Scout / Webelos Campout and event. The SPL for the event, **Kyle Salzman** will be asking senior boy scouts (1st class and above) to assist with leading some of the Scout skill events. Please check with him if you'd like to volunteer. In addition, rockets can be purchased at Hobby People at 16725 Hawthorne Blvd. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions regarding this event, please see **Mr. Gunderman**.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb. 7-8- *Skiing and Snowboarding Hike***

**Feb. 14-15- *Snow Camping Hike-Location TBD***

**Feb. 14-16-*Adv. Rock Climbing Trip-Joshua Tree***

**Feb. 20-22-*Adult Backpack Training***

**Mar. 7-8-*Scout Skill Car Camping Trip-Location TBD***

**Mar. 20-22-*Rock Climbing Trip-Joshua Tree***

**Mar. 28- *Shotgun Shooting-Rosemead/Triple B***