

Troop 849 Newsletter



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CURRENT CALENDAR

- Jan. 1 – Rose Parade
- Jan. 5 – Troop Meeting
- Jan. 7 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- Jan. 9-10 – DJ Stanfill Eagle Project
- Jan. 12 – Troop Meeting
- Jan. 12 – SPL Elections
- Jan. 16 – Ski/Snowboard Trip
- Jan. 17 – DJ Stanfill Eagle Project
- Jan. 19 – Troop Meeting
- Jan. 19 – Deposit Due for Summer Camps
- Jan. 23-24 – Rocket Hike
- Jan. 26 – Troop Meeting
- Jan. 26 – Webelos Visit the Troop
- Feb. 2 – Troop Meeting
- Feb. 2 – Webelos Visit the Troop
- Feb. 4 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- Feb. 6 – LAAC Annual Dinner

NEW EAGLE SCOUT



Congratulations to **Conor Dawson**! Conor became Troop 849's 97th Eagle Scout on December 8th.

Watch for our recent Eagles, **Robert Reeley**, **Chris Bickel**, and **Conor Dawson**, in the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day. They will be among the 300 Eagle Scouts walking along with the BSA Float in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts in the USA.

ROCKET HIKE



The Rocket Hike is a yearly tradition when Troop 849 invites the Senior Webelos to come along and participate with the troop in an overnight camping event. Troop 849 scouts will teach various scouting skills to the Webelos such as orienteering, first aid, knot tying, backpacking, and campfire building. The highlight of the weekend will be the launching of model rockets on Sunday morning. The planning meetings for this trip will take place at the January 5th and January 12th troop meetings so if you intend to go on the Rocket Hike don't miss these troop meetings.



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

In what is becoming an annual event, another Troop 849 leader is being honored in February with the Los Angeles Area Council's highest volunteer award. Mr. Rich Hoesly is being given the Silver Beaver Award for his years of tremendous service in Boy Scouting, including especially his efforts on the Council's High Adventure Team (HAT), his work in the Trail Boss program, and his dedicated service to T849 as the Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of Eagle Project reviews and hiking awards. Rich joins our Troop's other Silver Beaver recipients: Mike Vahey, Richard Rose, Rick Reeley, and Rich's wife Carol Hoesly. Please join me in congratulating Rich for this outstanding achievement, and please join many of the Troop's leaders at the Silver Beaver Awards banquet in early February (more banquet details available in this newsletter).

Have a happy holiday season. **–Don McLellan**

SUMMER ACTIVITIES



It may be the middle of winter, but it's time to start planning for summer! Troop 849 will be going to both **Camp Emerald Bay** and **Camp Chawankee** in 2010. The dates for Emerald Bay are 6/27/10 to 7/3/10 and for Chawankee are 8/1/10 to 8/7/10. There will also be 2 or 3 **Long Term Hikes** of 7 to 10 days in July or August. January is the time to submit your application for Emerald Bay, Chawankee and/or Long Term and pay the initial deposit to secure your spot. Summer Camp and Long Term are both great scouting experiences that should not be missed. Please contact **Mr. Rolandelli** or **Mr. Reeley** for more information.

EAGLE PROJECT

DJ Stanfill's Eagle Project is coming up in January. For his project, DJ will be constructing and installing a variety of storage units, display cases, and book shelves at the Roundhouse Aquarium on the Manhattan Beach Pier. This is a great opportunity to help out a fellow scout and earn service hours. Please contact DJ to sign up to work on his project.

ANNUAL TROOP CD

Do you have great photos from all the fabulous hikes, camps, and events you have enjoyed in 2009 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.

PAY IT FORWARD

Pay It Forward is on the move and will be held in February 2010 by all the Districts of the Los Angeles Area Council. Huge Community Service Projects will be taking place and all troops are being asked to participate with their Districts in this joint effort to do their **Good Turn** and provide community service to worthwhile organizations and people in need all over the Los Angeles area. **What a way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting!**

Join your fellow **Pacifica District** Packs and Troops in supporting our United States Military. Soldiers' Angels is an international volunteer-led organization that provides aid and comfort to all branches of the United States Military.

On this Pay it Forward Day of service we will be collecting various items to be sent to our Troops. Donation items will include packages of T-shirts, socks, toiletries, snack items, calling cards, etc. Each Troop/Pack will be given a specific item to collect and with cheerful spirit bring them to our designated collection site on **February 27th**.

Look for more information in our next newsletter and at upcoming troop meetings. Questions? Please contact Sally Bickel.

LAAC ANNUAL DINNER

The 2010 **Los Angeles Area Council Annual Dinner** will be on February 6, 2010. Honored at this event will be the 2009 Silver Beaver Recipients and the 2009 Eagle Scouts. Troop 849 is proud to be honoring **Mr. Rich Hoesly** as a Silver Beaver and **Ryan Hadley, Robert Reeley, Chris Bickel, and Conor Dawson** as Eagle Scouts.

If you are interested in attending this event please contact **Mr. Curt Ketterer** to make your reservation. Cost is \$45 per person. Please log on to the LAAC website at www.boyscoutsla.org for more information.

MERIT BADGES

Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center offers classes for many of the most popular Merit Badges. Check out their website at www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org for classes offered in January, February, and March of 2010. Register early as many classes fill up quickly.



LOOKING AHEAD

February – Snow Hike
50 Mile Hike
Adult Backpack Training
Rock Wall – L.A. Rock Gym
March - Rock Climbing Trip
OA Elections
Court of Honor