

Troop 849 Newsletter



January 2011

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CURRENT CALENDAR

Jan 4 – Troop Meeting
Jan 6 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Jan 11 – Troop Meeting
Jan 18 – Troop Meeting (Hike Prep)
Jan 22-23 – Model Rocket Launch
Jan 25 – Troop Meeting (Webelos visit the Troop)
Jan 29 – LAAC Annual Dinner
Feb 1 – Troop Meeting (Webelos visit the Troop)
Feb 3 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Feb 5 – Snow Sports Merit Badge
 Youth Troop Leadership Training
Feb 8 – Troop Meeting (Hike Prep)
Feb 12-13 – Winter Camping
Feb 15 – Troop Meeting
Feb 18-20 – Adult Backpack Leader Training



COMMITTEE CORNER

Troop 849 is thankful for the many adults who volunteer to make our scouting program a success. We are fortunate to have adults who are trained in rock climbing, surfing, biking, snow sports, and a myriad of other outdoor activities so we can offer these exciting activities for our scouts to safely enjoy.

One of the highlights of the program Troop 849 offers is our extensive backpacking schedule. In order to continue to offer such a full range of hikes for beginners through advanced hikers we need trained hike leaders. If you have not yet become involved as an adult volunteer this is a great way to do so.

Adult backpack leader training will be offered the weekend of February 18-20, 2011. Contact Mr. Tom Thorpe, Dr. Dick Rose, or Mr. Allan Slocum for more information.



SPL CORNER

Hello troop 849. This is your SPL Michael Hadley. First of all, thank you scouts and adults for attending the December night hike. It was a great success and I hope that everyone who went enjoyed themselves.

We are now coming to the beginning of a new year, and this year has a lot in store. We have planned many hikes and trips for both scouts and adults. The first trip this year is the annual Rocket Hike on January 23rd-24th. I encourage everyone to go on this trip because this is where we recruit Webelos to join Troop 849 and we launch model rockets, which is very fun. We also have many service projects and eagle projects planned for 2011. Remember to go on lots of trips. Thanks!

~Michael

MODEL ROCKET LAUNCH

The Model Rocket Launch is a yearly tradition when Troop 849 invites the Senior Webelos to come along and participate with the troop in an overnight camping event. On Saturday, Troop 849 scouts will teach various scouting skills to the Webelos such as orienteering, rock climbing, knot tying, lashing, backpacking, and campfire building. The highlight of the weekend will be the launching of model rockets on Sunday morning. This year the event will take place on January 22-23, 2011 at Saddleback State Park. All scouts are encouraged to attend with their patrols and take part in hosting the Senior Webelos and their parents. This is a great chance to show off what a fantastic troop we have!

WEBELOS VISIT THE TROOP

The Senior Webelos will be visiting Troop 849 during the regular troop meetings on January 25th and February 1st. Please make every effort to be in attendance at these meetings in order to make the Webelos feel welcome and enjoy their time with the troop.

NEWEST EAGLE SCOUT

Troop 849 would like to congratulate its newest Eagle Scout –

Grant Ketterer – December 16, 2010

Eagle count stands at 103!! And, we have several more Eagle Candidates in the pipeline!!

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Neighbor to Neighbor is a monthly service opportunity where the Troop 849 Boy Scouts serve dinner to those in need at the Church of the Brethren in Redondo Beach. It's a great way to perform service and help members of our community. Neighbor to Neighbor takes place the first Thursday of every month. Contact Mr. Mike Tauber for more information.

MERIT BADGES

Summer camp isn't the only time a scout can earn merit badges. There are many other options to work on badges!

Cabrillo Youth Camp www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org offers regular opportunities to take merit badge classes and the Pacifica District www.pacificabsa.org holds merit badge days in the spring and the fall. Check out their websites for more information.

Another way is for the scout to contact a merit badge counselor directly and work on a badge that interests him on his own. (Don't forget the buddy system. Never meet with a counselor alone, you must bring a friend, fellow scout, or parent with you) Ask a Scoutmaster for the contact list for merit badge counselors in our area. Have fun!