

Troop 849 Newsletter



Winter 2011-2012

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CURRENT CALENDAR

Jan. 10- 7:30 PM Troop meeting
Jan. 14- 9:00 AM Swimming merit badge
Jan. 17- 7:30 PM Troop meeting/ Deposit due
for long terms/ Deposit due for summer camp
Jan. 21-22- 7:00 AM Saddleback Butte rocket
launch
Jan. 23- 7:30 PM Troop Committee Meeting
Jan. 24- 7:30 PM Troop Meeting/Webelos visit
the Troop
Jan. 31- 7:00 PM Greenbar Meeting/ 7:30
Troop Meeting

SPL CORNER Andrew Karnes

Hello,

Thanks to all the scouts for voting me in as
your new SPL.

This message is actually for the scouts who
rarely attend – the meetings have changed and
you should come and check out the new
format.

The meetings start the same with the flag
ceremony and announcements and then we
have several planned activities. First we have
presentations, next we learn/perform a skill
and then we break into patrol corners
concentrating on a topic provided to us that
night. We have all been assigned to patrols
and there are parent volunteers helping each
patrol. Last, we spend about 10 minutes in
our closing circle discussing what we learned
that night before we leave. There is less
chaos, more Scout participation, and lots of
opportunities for Scout leadership, training
and skills. Once a month, we will have a
meeting devoted to merit badge assistance and
rank board of reviews for advancement.

RECENT ADVANCEMENTS

SCOUT

Paul Matt

TENDERFOOT

Cody Kallenbach
Isaac Leon
Matt Look
Sammy Mansfield
John McKenna
Chasen Ozawa
Jon Scalabrini
Brent Siegel
William Smith
August Taylor
Dawson Taylor

SECOND CLASS

Vishnu Karukonda
Steven Lambert
Connor Mateo
Alex Nahabed
Joey Patroni
Steve Shoemaker
Ethan Stokes
Cian Ward
Merrick Wong

FIRST CLASS

Duncan Bardeau
Sawyer Hines
Evan Suarez

STAR

Jack Brand
Eric Furth
Tim Guiteras
Will Kadlec
Bram Osterhaut
Klayten Richmond
Will Rowe
Sean Ward
Tanner Yamada

LIFE

Nick Barber
Hunter Bernard

EAGLE

Sean Harger
Ricky Hoft
Kyle Salzman



SKUNK CABBAGE **Ethan Stokes**

This hike was October 08-09, 2011. There were 5 scouts and 3 adults. We hiked up Devil's Slide Trail and hiked to Skunk Cabbage Meadow; we set up camp a short distance northeast of Saddle Junction and the peak climb was to Tahquitz Peak, southwest of our campsite. Skunk Cabbage was a relatively easy hike, both the camping part and the backpacking part. I found the peak climb harder than the backpacking part of the trip. First, we were always at the risk of falling off the edge of the peak and second, it was a steeper climb than the backpacking. It was also colder than any hike I had ever been on (which is why I bought a ski mask); even in the afternoon it was as cold as morning. It was the first wilderness hike I had gone on and the first hike where there wasn't a fire pit. I saw a lot of dead skunk cabbage, more than live ones (rest in peace). I also learned that willows help find sources of water. One of the very few disappointments I had was when my dad, Mr. Vahey and I had gone looking for a spring and couldn't find it. We had beef stroganoff with noodles and top ramen. I think it was pretty good and I'm going to go on that hike again next year.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE **Eric Furth**

Hello, members of Troop 849. My name is Eric Furth, and I'm going to be succeeding Mrs. Bickel as the Troop Scribe. I have been receiving help from many others to perfect my newsletter skills. I would also request some help from other Scouts to help write these articles. One change that I want for the newsletter is to have Scouts be more involved. I want their voices to be heard in the Troop community. I am an Editor-in-chief at my school newspaper, and I have a lot of experience with writing. If anyone has any questions or comments on my newsletter, contact me at eric@furth.us.

HOMETOWN FAIR BURGER BOOTH **Eric Furth/Hugo Furth**

This year's Burger Booth was a great success. A new leader was chosen to run this booth: Mr. Lambert. He was a great leader offering wise advice as well as helping servers, cooks, and cashiers alike. A brand new banner, visible from a full block away, plus the introduction of sliced tomatoes to this year's offerings led to a record sale of over 1500 burgers. Scouts and adults alike had fun working there. As this is the only troop fundraiser of the year, it was extremely important that everyone participated. Every customer served was quite happy with their order. If not, the servers would always cater to their needs. The hard work and immense effort that everybody put out really showed. The burger booth coincided with the Hometown Fair, held on October 1st-2nd 2011.

Note: Those articles that don't have bylines were taken from the Fall 2011 Court of Honor

PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH

We traveled by Amtrak Train to Philmont, New Mexico for 6 days of hiking and 2 days of activities at base camp. With activities such as museum visits, horse rides, branding, challenge events, Leave No Trace training, a conservation program, tie and lumber pole climbing, a gold mine tour, gold panning, blacksmithing, food pick up, a peak climb of 12, 411 elevation, Mountain Man living training, tomahawk throwing, and rifle shooting, this was a riveting trip. We took a bus back to Albuquerque for the plane flight home. Saw lots of deer, elk, antelope, two bears, and stars. It was a great group and an even better trip. Baldy Mountain had great views. This took place from August 10-18th, with 7 Scouts and 6 adults.



SANTA CRUZ ISLAND KAYAKING TRIP

This trip took place from September 3-5th. The boat ride was slightly rough. After a short hike on the first day, a few people foxes ran around our campground. The stars were beautiful at night. Everyone had fun at the trip from watching stars or animals, hiking, and kayaking. It was a marvelous experience. Fifteen Scouts and fifteen adults participated. We've already booked the campsite for next September and will have 45 spots available.

CAMP CHAWANAKEE

40 Scouts and 5 adult leaders traveled by bus to Camp Chawanakee at Shaver Lake for a week to work on rank, earning merit badges, and multiple other activities that the high-Sierras offer. The camp programs were enjoyed by all. Camp Chawanakee had so much to offer and everyone had a wonderful time. This took place on July 31st- August 6th.

2011 DUCK PASS LONG TERM Eric Furth

Overall, this was one of the best hikes I have ever gone on. I cannot stress the ultimate beauty of the scenery in this area of Mammoth. There was mile after mile of snow-capped mountains, mighty trees, calm and refreshing streams, and crystal, glassy lakes. Besides the scenery, everyone participated quite well, fulfilling their duties each day. Everyone had a great attitude and an even better time hiking this beautiful area. Some of the lakes we stopped at included Barney Lake, Purple Lake, and Duck Lake. Each one was equally splendid and many in our group enjoyed swimming and fishing in them. This trip could have never happened if it hadn't been for Mr. Guiteras, Mr. Furth, Mr. Rolandelli, and Mr. Noda. Thanks to all of these people, our group was able to have the experience of a lifetime. The group hiked 25 miles total. This hike took place with 4 adults and 4 Scouts from August 18th-23rd



JOSHUA TREE
Vishnu Karukonda

Joshua Tree was a fun and exciting trip. Everyone woke up to a fresh bed of mist. After a plentiful breakfast, we started to set up the climbs. We all were eager to start climbing. Once we finished, we had a quick safety orientation. We shared the climbs with another troop. We got a lot of rock-climbing merit badges signed off. On the second night, we had a huge fire. It was really fun. Everyone was sad when we had to leave. It was sad to see everyone pitch up their tents. Joshua Tree was a really fun trip. We all miss it. This trip took place from April 15th-17th, with 17 Scouts and 11 adults.

DOHENY BEACH SURF HIKE

We met at the Scouthouse in the morning. When we got there, it was cold but warmed up over the course of the trip. Mr. Ozawa conducted a short surfing lesson for those that were inexperienced in surfing. Whether surfing, riding rented bikes, or hanging out with friends this was a fun trip. Everyone was content at the end of the day. This trip took place during September 10th, with 12 Scouts and 6 adults.



DECEMBER RIFLE TRIP
Eric Furth

This was a very exciting trip for many, with 10 Scouts and 5 adults participating. Everyone met at the Scouthouse around 7:30 am, and arrived at the range around 9:00 am. Everyone shot .22-caliber rifles during the beginning of the trip, with excellent results from all. During the second part of the trip, we shot larger rifles at a different range. This trip took place on December 17th, at a shooting range called "A Place to Shoot" in Valencia.