

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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## CURRENT CALENDAR

- Feb 1 - Neighbor to Neighbor –  
Church of the Brethren
- Feb 6 - **City Council Meeting**
- Feb 6 - Troop Meeting
- Feb 13 - Troop Meeting
- Feb 20 - Hike Prep (Snow Trip)
- Feb 22-25 – **Snow Trip** - Sequoia
- Feb 23-25 - **Adult Backpack Training**
- Feb 27- Greenbar
- Feb 27 - Troop Meeting  
OA Elections  
Second payment due for Chawanakee
- Mar 1 - Neighbor to Neighbor -  
Church of the Brethren
- Mar 1 - Troop Committee Meeting
- Mar 6 - Troop Meeting
- Mar 13 - Hike Prep (Rock Climbing)
- Mar 14 - Rock Wall - L.A. Rock Gym
- Mar 16-18 - **Rock Climbing Trip** - Joshua Tree
- Mar 17 - Troop Equipment Spring Cleaning
- Mar 20 - Court of Honor - O'Donnell Hall
- Mar 27 - Interfaith Dinner - Harvey Morse  
Auditorium
- Mar 27 - Greenbar Meeting
- Mar 27 - Troop Meeting
- Mar 29 - Troop Committee Meeting
- Mar 31-4 - **Catalina 50 Mile Hike**
- Mar 31-1 - **Backpack Hike** - Mt. Lowe

**“A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens.”**

- Sir Robert Baden-Powell



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

The Mayor of Manhattan Beach, Mr. Nick Tell, has invited the Troop to the February 6th City Council meeting beginning at 6:30pm. **The Troop will be receiving a commendation from the City Council as part of the Mayor's "What Makes Manhattan Beach Great" program.** I'm sure we all agree with the Mayor that Troop 849 is one of the things that makes Manhattan Beach great. It is very important that we fill up the Council chambers with as many Troop 849 Boy Scouts in class A uniforms as possible. PLEASE plan to attend this special event. The regular Troop meeting at the Scout house at 7:30pm will follow (we should be done with the Council meeting by 7:15pm). Parents, of course, are also encouraged to attend the presentation.

--Don McLellan



## SPL CORNER

Hi everyone, Tim Breen here. I would like to take just a few moments to talk to you about advancement. This is an important task for which you, the scout, must take responsibility. I would like to encourage all of you to take the initiative and get your advancement done. Most meetings, there are older scouts who don't have a specific responsibility. You should all be able to go up to them and be able to get your stuff done. I hope you can all have the opportunities to keep advancing; remember, we are here as leadership because we want to help you. Keep up the good work.

## SNOW TRIP

The snow trip is coming up soon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. On this hike we will do one of two things - the scouts can choose to either drive up there and camp at the trailhead and just mess around or you can hike up to a place where the scouts will have their base camp. Once they get there, they will build snow caves and such for the night and sleep in them. The next day, those scouts can choose to go snowshoeing or cross-country skiing or snowboard/traditional ski. We will leave Sequoia on the 25<sup>th</sup> after having a great time! Besides that, every scout who attends will need to wear very warm and layered clothing; they should expect it to be very cold up there since there is snow. For more information, contact **Mr. Vahey, Mr. Rolandelli, or Chris Bickel.**

## MERIT BADGES

The Backpacking merit badge class will be given on February 1 at the scout house. This merit badge is for scouts that will complete any of the troop long-term hikes including the Catalina tip-to-tip hike. The requirements include completing 3 training hikes and planning a trip. Sign up at the troop meeting. Please see **Mr. Slocum** prior to attending this class.

The rock climbing merit badge class will be given in 3 parts: classroom, belay class, rock climb. The classroom will be on March 9 at the scout house, March 14 at the Rock Gym, and March 16-18 at the Joshua Tree troop event. Sign up at the troop meeting. See **Mr. Slocum** with any questions.

Don't forget to check out the website for Cabrillo Beach Youth Camp, [www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org](http://www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org). There are still spaces available in the February class for Emergency Preparedness and the March classes for First Aid and Citizenship in the Nation.

## NEW MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR

**Mr. Rick Reeley** is now a merit badge counselor for Communications, First Aid, Music, and Personal Management.

## ADVANCEMENTS

**Star** - Conor Dawson (1/23/07)

**Life** - Tim Breen (1/9/07)

## TRAIL TIPS

Longterm Tips:

Thoroughly check your tent before leaving. Set it up and check everything out.

Since space is a premium, try packing clothing in your sleeping bag stuff sack, tent bag, and ground pad. These items can be moved back into your pack as space permits.

Head nets are often essential.

Sometimes nothing can protect you from mosquitoes. "Skeeter Stick" will stop the itching even after you get bitten.

## DEN CHIEF TRAINING

The Pacifica District is offering Den Chief Training on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This is a great way to get leadership experience and share what you know with Cub Scouts. See the Los Angeles Area Council website at [www.boyscoutsla.org](http://www.boyscoutsla.org) and click on Pacifica District for more info.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**March** - Rock Climbing Trip  
Troop Leadership Training

**April** - Shotgun Shooting

**May** - Deep Sea Fishing