

Troop 849 Newsletter



February 2010

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CURRENT CALENDAR

Feb. 2 – Troop Meeting
Feb. 2 – Webelos Visit the Troop
Feb. 4 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Feb. 6 – LAAC Annual Dinner
Feb. 6 – **Ski and Snowboard Trip**
Feb. 9 – Troop Meeting
Feb. 16-19 – **50 Mile Hike (Backbone Trail)**
Feb. 16 – Troop Meeting
Feb. 19-21 – Adult Leader Backpack Training
Feb. 20 – **Snow Hike**
Feb. 23 – Troop Meeting
Feb. 24 – Rock Wall (LA Rock Gym)
Mar. 2 – Troop Meeting
Mar. 4 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Mar. 5-7 – **Rock Climbing Trip**
Mar 9 – Troop Meeting
Mar 16 – Troop Court of Honor (Pacific School)
Mar 21 – Eagle Court of Honor (Bickel, Dawson, Reeley)
Mar 23 – Troop Meeting

PAY IT FORWARD

Thank you to everyone who brought their clothing donations to our first troop meeting of February. We are off to a great start in our efforts to **“Pay it Forward”** and participate in the council wide community service campaign.

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.

Please bring your donations of the following **NEW** items to any troop meeting during the month of February.

Men’s Boxers (M, L, XL)
Men’s Pajama Pants (L, XL)
Men’s Zippered Sweatshirts (L, XL)
Men’s Sweatpants (L, XL)

Questions? Please contact **Mrs. Sally Bickel**.



SPL CORNER

Hello, I’m **Tanner Bernard** and I am your new Senior Patrol Leader. I am very excited about the opportunities before our Troop in the American Boy Scout Centenary year ahead: participating in the Cen-10-oree and other anniversary events; two summer camps – Emerald Bay and Chawanakee; surf and fishing, ocean kayak and whitewater trips; our many weekend and long term hikes; and, other regular activities ... a great year before us indeed.

Together with our new **ASPL Greg Schnuckel**, the Patrol and other Scout leaders, we look to continue improving our Troop, focusing in particular upon strengthening our Patrols – making them more cohesive, effective and fostering in each an esprit de corps.

I would also like to make our Troop meetings more productive. To help this I would like to post both on our Troop website and on a white board in the Scout House the meeting activities planned in advance at our Greenbar meetings and by the Troop Committee, so that we all know what we hope to accomplish each and every meeting.

However, to make this happen, we need to make our monthly Greenbar planning meetings more effectual. To do so, we need all of our Patrol Leaders to attend regularly, joined hopefully by the Assistant Patrol Leaders along with our Troop Guides and other Scout leaders – contributing the benefit of their experience to these meetings and the Troop.

And, if you have a suggestion, an idea or some other inspiration that will help Troop 849 ... be sure to share it; all together we can make 2010 a very memorable year in Scouting!

SKI/SNOWBOARDING

The Ski and Snowboard Trip will be departing from the Mira Costa parking lot on **Saturday, February 6th**. There is still plenty of room to sign up. There will be a lot of fresh snow so hurry up! Brian Schnuckel will be leading the snow sports merit badge so contact him at 310-489-0749 if you are interested in earning the badge.

Contact **Greg Schnuckel** for additional trip information.

SNOW HIKE

The snow trip this year will be a day event for snowshoeing on **Saturday, February 20th**. There is plenty of snow in the local mountains and fun to be had. The troop has several pairs of snowshoes for scouts and/or adults to borrow so there are no excuses! Come on out and try something new. **This event meets the requirement for the snowshoeing rocker for the Centennial Award.** Contact **Mr. Rolandelli** 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 February through June of 2010. Register early as many classes fill up quickly.



ROCK CLIMBING

Historically, one of Troop 849's most popular trips has been the rock-climbing trip to Joshua Tree. Several adults have stepped up and trained as rock climbing instructors to insure the troop will be able to continue offering this high adventure opportunity. This year's trip is scheduled for March 5 – 7. Look for more info and sign ups at upcoming troop meetings. **This trip will meet the requirement for the rocking climbing rocker for the Centennial Award.** Contact **Dr. Dick Rose** for more information.

WATER FUN

Troop 849 has 2 trips coming up that are great for water lovers. The first is a whitewater canoe/kayak trip on the Kern River and the second is a kayak trip on Santa Cruz Island. **Both trips will meet the requirement for the aquatic activity rocker for the Centennial Award.**

The whitewater trip is scheduled for July 3 - 4, 2010 and the Santa Cruz trip is scheduled to go over Labor Day weekend, September 4 - 6, 2010.

Since these trips are over holidays the reservations need to be made now in order to secure spots. For this reason, we are asking those that are interested to sign up and make a commitment to the trip at this time.

Please contact **Mr. Bret Bernard** or **Mrs. Susan Borghi** if you want to save a spot or to get more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

March - Rock Climbing Trip
 Court of Honor
 Eagle Court of Honor
 Beginner's Hike
April - Shotgun Shooting
 Medical Exam Night
 Catalina Hike
 Deep Sea Fishing