

Troop 849 Newsletter



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CURRENT CALENDAR

- Feb 1 – Troop Meeting (Webelos visit the Troop)
- Feb 3 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- Feb 5 – Youth Troop Leadership Training
- Feb 8 – Troop Meeting
- Feb 15 – Troop Meeting
- Feb 18-20 – Adult Backpack Leader Training
- Feb 22 – Troop Meeting
- Mar 1 – Troop Meeting
- Mar 1 – New Parent Orientation
- Mar 3 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- Mar 5 – Skiing and Snowboarding
- Mar 8 – Troop Meeting

TRAIL TIPS

General: 1) Keep your pocket knife away from you compass when using it as the knife is magnetic and will throw the compass reading off.

2) When making an off-trail pit stop, carefully inspect the area for poison oak and avoid it. Few things are worse than poison oak on certain parts of the body that shall remain unmentionable.

Pack Related: 1) Be consistent in where you put things in your pack so you'll be able to find them.

2) Use an extra water bottle to store snacks. Once empty it can be used for water.

Tent Related: 1) Pick your tent spot carefully. Avoid ditches and bowls. Try to figure where the rain water will go and then set it up elsewhere.

2) Bring rain gear inside the tent with you at night in case it starts raining.

Thanks to **Mr. Tom Thorpe** for providing these trail tips. Additional tips will be published in future newsletters.



COMMITTEE CORNER

Scouts,

Soon we will have the opportunity to meet and welcome new scouts to our troop. With them, come new leaders who will become Assistant Scout Masters, Patrol Coordinators and they will take on other important roles adding to the success of our troop. Our scout oath states that scouts are helpful, friendly, courteous, kind and cheerful, therefore we should assist the new tenderfoot by teaching scout skills, and extending the help needed for them and all scouts to succeed. Show scout spirit as you continue your journey through scouting.

Troop 849 and all boy scouts troops are boy lead organizations. That is why it is important for all scouts to attend troop meetings and all scouts who hold leadership positions to also attend Green Bar meetings to better understand and participate. Scouts work together following their Senior Patrol Leader to achieve a common goal. You might ask, what is the common goal? Why is it important to learn scout skills? What are my ten essentials? Why is it important to go on a hike and to use knowledge learned? I would like all scouts to think about these questions. Talk to other scouts about them and the different answers you might have and then talk to me, I would like to hear from you.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Michael Tauber

CHECK OUT THIS LINK TO A VIDEO ARTICLE ABOUT TROOP 849 EAGLE SCOUTS!

<http://manhattanbeach.patch.com/articles/scout-s-honor-alive-in-manhattan-beach>

TROOP LEADERSHIP TRAINING

For all Troop 849 Scouts - First Class and above that have not taken Troop Leadership Training with me before please attend. This includes all Patrol Leaders, Instructors and Troop Guides.

Sign up at Troop Meeting or e-mail me that you will be attending.

Thanks,
Mr. Reeley

SKI SNOWBOARD DAY

We will be heading to Big Bear on Saturday March 6th for our Annual Troop 849 Ski and Snowboard trip. The Snow Sports merit badge will be offered. If interested in the badge please contact **Mr. Brian Schnuckel**. We will depart from the Mira Costa parking lot at 6:30 on March 6th.

Look for the signup sheet at Tuesday scout meetings.

Contact **Greg Schnuckel** for more information.

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.

REI CLASSES

Did you know that REI offers classes in many outdoor activities and skills? Classes cover activities such as rock climbing, mountain biking, kayaking, snowshoeing, navigation, and wilderness first aid. Fees vary depending on the class and are discounted for REI members.