

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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## CURRENT CALENDAR

- Mar 4/10 - Bud McLellan's Eagle Project – Wildwood Picnic Area
- 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 20 - **Court of Honor** - O'Donnell Hall
- Mar 24 - Troop Equipment Spring Cleaning
- Mar 27 - Interfaith Dinner
- 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
- Apr 3 - Spring Break - No meeting - Enjoy!
- Apr 5 - Neighbor to Neighbor - Church of the Brethren
- Apr 10 - Troop Meeting
- Apr 14 - **Shotgun Shooting**-Rosemead/Triple B
- Apr 17 - Hike Preparation
- Apr 20-22 - **Spring Camporee**

## COURT OF HONOR

The spring Court of Honor will be held at the O'Donnell Hall, American Martyrs Church, on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Rank advancements, Merit Badges and other honors will be awarded so all Scouts and their families should plan on attending. Please remember to wear your full Class A uniform.

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"Following the Scout Law sounds like a game plan that would give us all a better chance for success in life—and I mean every area of life."

**- Zig Ziglar, author and motivational speaker**



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

This past weekend (2/23-2/25), during the High Adventure Team's Adult Backpack Leader's Training, the Troop 849 family received three different awards. The Forest Service recognized **Troop 849** for the +1,300 hours of effort members of our Troop put in on projects up in the local mountains last year. It was the highest number of hours in 2006 of all L.A. Area Council Troops. **Asst. SM Rich Hoesly** was recognized for his extraordinary efforts in taking over Trail Boss duties on many U.S. Forest Service sponsored mountain projects for Mr. Horton, who had to take a break from his normal full load of projects due to a serious shoulder injury. And finally, **Asst. SM Dick Rose** was recognized for his invention of a new method of installing fire pits which saves both 1 ½ hours of labor and 1 cubic foot of concrete for each new fire pit. Congratulations to all!

**--Don McLellan**



## SPL CORNER

Hello everyone, Tim Breen here. I'd like to take a minute to talk to you about service. This is a requirement for most ranks that most people don't really think about. Starting at Second Class, we are required to participate in service projects. For us, it is often easy, because we have so many Eagle candidates who are planning and undertaking projects. One reason to do service is to show support for them. But service is one of the fundamental ideas upon which Scouting is founded. Remember the words from the Scout Oath, "...to help other people at all times..."? And we must not only to do the service, but also do so in the spirit of the Scout Law (i.e., cheerfully). So, next time you have to get up early to go to someone's project, just remember: it builds character.

## ROCK CLIMBING

The Joshua Tree climbing and camping trip will take place on Friday, March 16 to Sunday, March 18. The trip provides a wonderful opportunity to boulder, climb, and rappel. No experience is necessary – we teach you. No climbing equipment is required – we provide for those who don't have their own. Hike preparation is on Tuesday, March 13 (it is mandatory). Indoor rock climbing will be on Wednesday, March 14. If you have questions call **Mr. Filarsky or Dr. Rose**.

## SUMMER CAMP

If you have not yet signed up for summer camp, now is the time to do so. Summer Camp will be Sunday, July 29 to Saturday, August 4 at beautiful Camp Chawanakee located high in the mountains north of Fresno. This is the ideal location for Boy Scouts to earn Merit Badges and other advancements. Most boys make significant progress toward their next rank advancement while at Chawanakee.

Fees for Summer Camp are \$340 for summer camp plus \$100 for transportation, or \$440 total. The \$100 transportation fee covers the Scout's roundtrip on a 47-passenger bus to Chawanakee. No boy will be denied summer camp because of financial hardship. The Troop will provide financial assistance to any family who needs it to send their son(s) to summer camp. Please contact Don McLellan or Leigh Noda for details.

If you have not yet paid your deposits, the first (\$100) and second (\$140) installments for camp fees are due now to **Mr. Reeley**. The final installment of \$200 is due on Thursday, May 31. There will be a Chawanakee Information night that same night – so mark your calendars!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Tauber has been appointed to the LAAC Boy Scouts of America as Chairman of the Religious Relationship Committee. His committee will bridge and bring together many religious groups and will provide programs for scouts in the LA area. Some of his events have included the Ten Commandments Hike through Manhattan Beach with over 300 scouts and families participating. He also produced the Religious Award Banquet partnering with Cedars-Sinai Hospital, honoring scouts for their work in earning their religious award. Troop 849 would like to congratulate him and wish him the best of success in his new position.

## ADVANCEMENTS

**Tenderfoot -** Andrew Booras (1/30/07)  
Kyle O'Connell (2/27/07)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Class -** Tanner Bernard (1/30/07)  
Marshall Pittman (2/27/07)  
**1<sup>st</sup> Class -** Tanner Bernard (2/13/07)  
**Life -** Kirk Busby (2/20/07)  
**Eagle -** Mark Harrington (2/12/07)  
Thomas McAulay (2/22/07)

## MT. LOWE HIKE

The Mt. Lowe hike starts from the trailhead near Mt Wilson. It is about 3 miles and 1,500' each way. The hike is a great first of year hike and great for first time hikers. Our destination is at the site of the Mt Lowe Tavern and is near Inspiration Point with a great vista of the LA Basin. The hike ends with hot dip sandwiches at Phillippe's on Alameda.

## EAGLE PROJECT

Bud McLellan's Eagle Project in Big Tujunga Canyon on Sunday, March 4 and Saturday, March 10 (meet at 7:00 AM at the Scout House both days) could use a few more workers. Please **contact Bud** directly if you want to participate. Thanks.

## INTERFAITH DINNER

The Los Angeles Area Council, BSA presents the 35th Annual Interfaith Banquet hosted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Committee on Scouting. Tuesday, March 27, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. North Torrance Stake Center 2000 W Artesia Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90504

## CATALINA HIKE

Join us during Spring Break for the Catalina "Tip to Tip" 50 mile-5 day hike from Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday, April 4th. We will travel by boat to Catalina and hike across the entire island, camping at four different campsites. The last day to sign up is at the March 13th troop meeting, as reservations need to be made in advance. Cost = \$135.00 per person