

Troop 849 Newsletter

March 2008



CURRENT CALENDAR

- Mar. 4- Troop Meeting
- Mar. 6- Neighbor to Neighbor-
Church of the Brethren
- Mar. 11- Hike Prep. - Attendees Only
- Mar. 14-16- Rock Climbing Trip-
Joshua Tree
- Mar. 15- Troop Equipment Spring Cleaning
- Mar. 18- Troop Meeting
- Mar. 25- Interfaith Dinner-
South Gate Auditorium
- Mar. 25- Greenbar Meeting
- Mar. 25- Troop Meeting
- Mar. 27- Troop Committee Meeting
- Mar. 29- Troop Leadership Training-
Scout House



SPL CORNER

Hey Troop!

I am glad to see that more of you have begun attending the weekly scout meetings. In the upcoming weeks and months I would like to plan some patrol-run sessions in which each patrol works on a particular scout skill and then presents and teaches that skill to the rest of the troop. As far as troop outings, coming up on March 14th-16th is the annual rock climbing trip, which is a great experience and I encourage all of you to go. In addition, April 1st is our spring court of honor, so it is important that everyone finish up any advancement and incomplete merit badges beforehand. Also, we all need to welcome the new webelos as they bridge to our troop. Keep coming to the meetings on Tuesdays!

-Ryan Hadley



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Tom Thorpe and the Backpacking subcommittee have done a tremendous job lately to re-energize Troop 849's backpacking program. So far 25 people have signed up to go on a Long Term trips this summer. All of the training hikes have been scheduled and planned out (put them on your calendar now!).

If you want to go on a Long Term hike, sign up immediately so we can plan appropriately. If your schedule prevents you from attending a long term this year, don't let that stop you from going on a few weekend backpacks with the Troop. The more hikers we have the better. And we are always looking for potential adult hike leaders to train.

If you have any questions about our backpacking program please ask Mr. Thorpe or any of the other leaders (Vahey, Rose, Noda, Slocum, Gunderman, etc.) who are active hikers with Troop 849.

-Don McLellan



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Order of the Arrow elections will be held at the beginning of the troop meeting on Tuesday, March 4th. Please make every effort to attend as the Arrow candidates are counting on the support of their fellow scouts for election into Scouting's "*National Honor Society*."

ROCK CLIMBING TRIP

The annual Rock Climb is March 14 -16 at Joshua Tree National Park. This year we are staying at Group Site #1. We will be climbing and rappelling routes for first time beginners, for those with some experience, and a route or two that will challenge the best of our climbers. Be sure to sign up at the troop meeting. If you have climbed with our troop, be sure to sign up for the merit badge class. For details contact **Dr. Rose** 310.545.0668 or **Mr. Slocum** 310.384.7522.

MT. LOWE HIKE

The annual Mt. Lowe hike is April 5-6. It starts from the trailhead near Mt Wilson. We meet at the Scout House on Saturday morning before driving to the trailhead. 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 Phillipe's on Alameda. First time hikers must have their packs checked on Tuesday, April 1. Contact **Mr. Noda** for further information.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Just a reminder to be attending Neighbor to Neighbor each month for community service. Neighbor to Neighbor is a program where the Boy Scouts serve dinner to the homeless at the Church of the Brethren in Redondo Beach. It's a great way to earn service and help the community. The following dates are when Neighbor to Neighbor is going to be held:

Thursday, 3/7

Thursday, 4/3

Thursday, 5/1

LOOKING AHEAD

April - Spring Court of Honor
Mt. Lowe Hike
Catalina 50 Mile Hike
Shotgun Shooting
Spring Camporee
Chris Bickel Eagle Project

May- Various Hikes
Deep Sea Fishing
Advancement Day

COURT OF HONOR

The Spring Court of Honor will be held at 7:30PM on Tuesday, April 1st at Pacific Elementary School. This replaces the regularly scheduled Troop Meeting. Scouts and their families are encouraged to attend to support the scouts who have earned Merit Badges, achieved Rank Advancement, and who have been awarded other honors. Class A Uniforms are required. Patrol Leaders should contact **Riley Thomasson** to confirm what their responsibilities are for the program.