

Troop 849 Newsletter



March 2009

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CURRENT CALENDAR

- Mar. 10- Troop Meeting
- Mar. 14- Troop Equipment Spring Cleaning
- Mar. 17- Hike Preparation-Attendees Only
- Mar. 18- Rock Wall- L.A. Rock Gym
- Mar. 20-22- **Rock Climbing Trip**- Joshua Tree
- Mar. 24- Interfaith Dinner
- Mar. 24- Troop Meeting
OA Elections
- Mar. 28- Shotgun Shooting-Rosemead/Triple B
- Mar. 28-29-**Scout Skills Car Camping**
- Mar. 30- Troop Committee Meeting
- Mar. 31- **Court of Honor**-O'Donnell Hall



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

In these troubled economic times, with so many people being impacted by the state of the economy, I'd just like to remind everybody that Troop 849 believes strongly no Scout should be unable to participate in our Troop's activities due to lack of funds. Any parents who believe their son will not be able to go on an outing because they cannot afford the fee should contact either Mr. Noda or me and we will work something out. All such discussions will be kept in strictest confidence. Troop 849 is well funded and is very able to offer "scholarships" when the need arises (and not just for outings, we can provide help for the cost of a new uniform, backpacking equipment, etc.). Please, don't hesitate to let Mr. Noda or me know you need some assistance. Your son's Scouting experience is too valuable for him to miss.

--Don McClellan



SPL CORNER

Hi Everyone,

With the winter lull in other activities, I'd like to talk about another very important part of the troop- the weekly meetings. These meetings provide a chance for the troop to get together as a group and work on things it needs to get done. As many of you have probably noticed, the quality of our meetings lately has deteriorated. This does not have to do with the people; it has to do with the program. Put simply, WE NEED IDEAS!

I strongly encourage anyone with a suggestion of a skill they would like to see taught to let me know. Any skill you know or interesting activity you could teach us about would also be appreciated. We can improve the program at the meetings, but it's going to take some initiative from everyone.

--Ryland

Interfaith Dinner

On Tuesday, March 24, the 37th annual Interfaith Banquet will be held. This dinner honors all LAAC scout youth who have earned their religious award in 2008. Those scouts will be recognized with a certificate and religious knot when they register. The Protestant Committee on Scouting is hosting.

When: Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30 PM
Where: West Angeles Church of God in Christ
3045 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90016

For more information, call **Diane Gilmore or Wade Hatch, (213) 413-4400**

All scouts are reverant by being faithful in their duty to God. Some go further and give special service. This may qualify them for a religious emblem. Such an emblem is not a Scouting award; it is conferred on a Scout by his religious leader. Each faith has its own requirements for earning its emblem.

Rock Climbing Trip

On Friday, March 20 through Sunday, March 22, the annual Rock Climbing trip will be held in Joshua Tree. This has always been a highly anticipated event. People of all levels of rock climbing are welcomed. The rock climbing walls that Troop 849 chooses are well set-up with experienced trained, adult rock climbing instructors. In addition, the walls vary for the type of climber. There are ones that are more designed for beginners, intermediate, and advanced.

This event also allows for some delicious meals to be made because this is a car camping event. If a scout is interested or is currently working on their Climbing Merit Badge, then he could use this trip as an opportunity to complete most of the requirements. Everyone who has attended in the past has said it was so fun and enjoyable. If you have any further questions, please contact **Dr. Rose**, who is leading the trip.

COURT OF HONOR

On Tuesday, March 31, the Court of Honor will be held. It will take place at O'Donnell Hall, which is right across from the American Martyrs Church. Come out because it will be a great opportunity to reflect on what the last six months have been like. Advancements and Awards will also take place. Please come in full Class A Uniform. Parents and siblings are encouraged to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/28-3/29 → Scout Skill Car Camp
- 4/2 → Neighbor to Neighbor
- 4/4-4/5 → Mt. Lowe Backpack Trip
- 4/4-4/6 → Catalina Trip
- 4/16-4/19 → Catalina 50 Mile Hike
- 4/17-4/19 → Spring Camporee
- 4/18-4/19 → Grant Ketterer Eagle Project

APRIL KICKS OFF BACKPACKING SEASON! ARE YOU READY?