

Troop 849 Newsletter



March 2010

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CURRENT CALENDAR

- Mar. 2 – **Hike Prep for Rock Climbing & Ski/Snowboarding**
- Mar. 4 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- Mar. 5-7 – **Rock Climbing Trip**
- Mar 9 – Troop Meeting
- Mar 16 – Troop Court of Honor (Pacific School)
- Mar 20 – **Skiing/Snowboarding Day**
- Mar 21 – Eagle Court of Honor (Bickel, Dawson, Reeley)
- Mar 23 – Troop Meeting
- Mar 30 – NO MEETING – SPRING BREAK
- Apr 1 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- Apr 6 – Troop Meeting
- Apr 6 – New Parent Orientation

SPECIAL NEWS

As you know, scouting is an organization dependent on volunteers. In order for Troop 849 to maintain a successful and vibrant scouting program with the incredible variety of activities we offer, many volunteers are needed at the troop, district, and council level. Troop 849 is very fortunate to have many very special volunteers who have, over the years, given their time, expertise, dedication, and passion to scouting. A great many of these volunteers serve many years past when their own sons have moved on to new chapters in their lives. Just look around the scout house during a meeting and you will see not only our Scoutmaster, Mr. Rolandelli, but also Mr. Reeley, Mr. Gunderman, Dr. Rose, Mr. Thorpe, Mr. Andreas, Mr. Hoesly, Mr. Tauber, Mr. Young, and Mr. Vahey, all of whose sons are now adults themselves. (I am certain I have missed naming someone. There are so many dedicated volunteers it can be difficult to keep track.) One volunteer I have not mentioned yet is Mr. Don McLellan, our Committee Chair. Mr. McLellan has decided it is his time to step down and move on. Please see his parting words in the Committee Chair Corner on page 2.

Thank you, Don, for your many years of service to scouting from all of us in Troop 849.

~Sally Bickel



SPL CORNER

“Leadership – guidance given by going in front of, to cause to go with oneself, to influence the actions of others;” or, as our own Dr. Rose famously posits in his Scout leader conferences ... ‘motivating a group toward a common goal.’

Don McLellan has been our Troop Committee Chair for nearly 13 years, that’s nearly as long as I am old! Through those years, together with the able assistance of our Scoutmasters, Committee members, and other adult and Scout leaders he has helped guide our Troop toward a goal of excellence in all things “849” – motivating Scouts to become leaders both within and outside the Troop, and promoting an exceptional activity program. Mr. McLellan has recently decided it is time to let another take up the torch of leadership. We thank you Mr. McLellan for your dedication, energy and many contributions to the ongoing success of our Troop!

And, we wish our new Committee Chair, Mike Tauber, the best of luck and success as he assumes the Chair. You will have our support and assistance as you lead our Troop ahead. Thank you for “stepping up.”

Staying on message ... we just had a great Greenbar meeting planning for our activities for March and beyond; I think we had more Scout leaders there than in quite awhile, but we can do even better. Remember all Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders should attend these meetings. Troop Guides and our other Troop-wide leaders should also attend – this is the best opportunity each month to provide direction to our Troop. Greenbars usually take place the last Tuesday of each month; at the Scout House beginning at 7pm ... so Scouts please put these on your calendars now.

I’ve noticed on our Troop Roster that not every Patrol presently has a designated Patrol Leader and/or Assistant Patrol Leader ... Scouts we need to fill these important positions, so at your next Patrol breakout please be sure to fill any vacant leadership positions. We also need to fill the Troop-wide leadership roles of Scribe; and, Den Chiefs are also needed to assist each of our local Cub Scout Packs. Scouts please help us fill these important positions now ... not only will this help you develop as a leader, but all together, we can make Troop 849 even better!

~Tanner

SKI/SNOWBOARDING

The Ski and Snowboard Trip will take place on **Saturday, March 20th**. There will be a lot of fresh snow so hurry up and sign up to join the group! The prep meeting for this trip will take place at the March 2nd troop meeting. Please attend this prep as we will need to determine drivers, departure times, return times, and lift ticket arrangements.

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

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. This is a car camping trip so is suitable for all scouts and adults. The prep meeting will be at the March 2nd troop meeting. It is essential that you attend the prep meeting as important safety information will be discussed and participation waivers will be distributed. Contact **Dr. Dick Rose**, **Mr. Allan Slocum**, or **Mr. Rick Reeley** for more information.

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Scouts and their families are cordially invited to attend an Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony for

Christopher Robert Bickel
Conor Joseph Dawson
Robert Eric Reeley

Sunday, March 21, 2010
3:00PM

O'Donnell Hall, American Martyr's Church

TROOP COURT OF HONOR

Troop 849 will be holding its spring Court of Honor on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:30PM in the multipurpose room at Pacific Elementary School. Scouts and their families are encouraged to attend to help support and recognize the achievements of all scouts in the past six months. Scouts must be in full class A uniform.



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Big news! After 12 plus years as Troop 849's Committee Chairman I have decided to move on and turn the Chairman's position over to Mr. Michael Tauber. The Troop Committee at Monday's meeting unanimously approved this change of leadership. Mr. Tauber has been an integral part of Troop 849's adult leadership corp for over ten years and was the "founding father" of the Neighbor to Neighbor program, our annual deep-sea fishing trip, and the Friends of Troop 849 concept. More recently Mr. Tauber has been involved in L.A. Area Council events and causes, including being in charge of the Council's Rose Parade activities this past year. The BSA float was spectacular and earned the prestigious National award. I'm convinced Mr. Tauber will do a great job as our Committee Chairman and I hope you will join me in congratulating him and thanking him for accepting this position.

I will still be around as the head of the mysterious "Manhattan Parents for Scouting" (our sponsor organization) and as the head of the Friends of Troop 849 organization. My oldest son is 32 now. We joined the Troop when he was 10½ years old. I was Cubmaster of Pack 713 at the time. Our Troop had about 22 boys in it when we joined, Dr. Rose had just completed his third term as Scoutmaster, and John Hegner was approaching 25 years as the Committee Chairman. Troop 849 grew from there and about two years into my chairmanship we were trying mightily to deal with over 120 registered boys. As a Dad I've been very blessed over the years to have all four of my sons participate in Troop 849's outstanding program and achieve the rank of Eagle. As the Committee Chairman I've been very fortunate to have a loyal group of about a dozen dedicated committee members who have put up with me all these years (for fear of forgetting somebody I will not name names, but they know who they are). They have served the Troop tirelessly and with a spirit of purpose and dedication that continues to amaze me. And they will no doubt continue to serve the Troop under Mr. Tauber's leadership, along with new members of the committee that Mr. Tauber will recruit, and Troop 849 will get better and better.

~Don McLellan

LOOKING AHEAD

April - Shotgun Shooting
Medical Exam Night
Catalina Hike
Deep Sea Fishing