

# Troop 849 Newsletter



*March/April 2011*

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## CURRENT CALENDAR

March 8 – Troop Meeting  
March 12 – Scoutmaster Training  
March 15 – Court of Honor – Pacific School  
March 22 – Troop Meeting  
March 26 – Adult Wilderness First Aid – Part 1  
March 27 – Eagle Court of Honor – O'Donnell Hall  
March 29 – Troop Meeting  
March 29 – Hike Prep for Catalina hikers  
April 2-4 – Catalina Hike  
April 5 – Spring Break – No Troop Meeting  
April 7 – Neighbor to Neighbor  
April 9 – Shotgun Shooting  
April 12 – Medical Exam Night at Scout House  
April 15-17 – Rock Climbing at Joshua Tree  
April 19 – Troop Meeting  
April 23 – Adult Wilderness First Aid – Part 2  
April 26 – Troop Meeting  
May 1 – Deep Sea Fishing  
May 3 – Troop Meeting

## ROCK CLIMBING TRIP

One of the premier activities offered by Troop 849 is the annual Rock Climbing Trip to Joshua Tree National Park. The trip is a two-night car camping event with the main focus on rock climbing. This is a great trip for first time climbers as well as seasoned climbing veterans. Troop 849 has climbing gear for scouts and adults to use but participants may bring their own gear if they have it.

In addition to rock climbing there will be plenty of opportunity for advancement in outdoor cooking and other scout skills.

The trip is scheduled for Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact **Mr. Brian Schnuckel** for more information and look for a sign up sheet at upcoming troop meetings.

## ADULT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Boy Scout Leader Basic Training One

March 12, 2011

El Segundo Scout House

Cost \$10.00

Troop 849 needs trained adult leaders! In part one of Boy Scout Leader Training you will learn the role of an adult leader in a boy-led troop, program planning and troop administration. Please contact **Mr. Rick Reeley** for more information and to sign up.

### Adult Wilderness First Aid – Part 1

March 26, 2011

This is part one of a two part program. Wilderness First Aid is an essential training program for a troop such as ours that offers an extensive outdoor program with high adventure activities like backpacking, rock climbing, and water activities. Please contact **Mr. Rick Reeley** for more information and to sign up.

## TROOP COURT OF HONOR

Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> is the semi-annual Troop 849 Court of Honor. Scouts and their families will enjoy an evening honoring our scouts' achievements including rank advancement, awards, and merit badges.

Scouts must be in full class A uniform, including merit badge sash. There will be light refreshments served after the ceremony.

Date: 03/15/2011

Time: 7:30PM

Location: Pacific Elementary School Cafeteria

## EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Troop 849 scouts and their families are cordially invited to attend an Eagle Court of Honor for

**Sean Harger  
Grant Ketterer  
Ryland Miller**

Sunday, March 27, 2011  
2:30PM

O'Donnell Hall, American Martyr's Church.

Scouts must be in full class A uniform. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

## CATALINA HIKE

Looking for something fun to do over spring break? Sign up for the Catalina Hike and enjoy a 3 day backpacking trip on beautiful Catalina Island. See **Mr. Rick Reeley** for details.

## TRAIL TIPS

### General:

Never run from a mountain lion. Running is an invitation for it to pounce on you. Make yourself appear as large as possible. Face them down and back away slowly. Do not turn your back on them.

When pausing on the trail, stop with your backpack to the sun so you get some shade.

### Pack related:

Pack the heaviest items near your body and at the center of the pack. This will help keep the pack from falling "backward".

It is better not to swap or switch gear, so you do not get confused about who is carrying what. This applies to all food and gear in your possession.

### Tent related:

Don't let the ground cloth stick out from under the tent or it may act as a rain scoop and flood your tent. Fold it over and back under to form a rain barrier. (Don't dig a ditch around your tent as it is very hard on the environment.)

## MEDICAL EXAM NIGHT

Each year every registered scout and adult must complete a new Annual Health and Medical Form, parts A, B, and C. Parts A and B are to be completed by a parent or guardian but Part C must be completed by a licensed health care provider.

Families are encouraged to visit their personal physicians to complete the medical exam portion (Part C) but will hold a Medical Exam Night on April 12<sup>th</sup> as an option.

The BSA Medical Form can be found online on the BSA National website at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

More information regarding Medical Exam Night will be sent via the Troop 849 email announce system.

## DEEP SEA FISHING

It's just around the corner! Do you love to fish? Do you love the ocean air?

The annual Deep Sea Fishing Trip out of King Harbor, Redondo Beach will be here before you know it. Keep your eyes and ears open for details about this fun family trip.