

# TROOP 849 NEWSLETTER



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## CURRENT CALENDAR

March 2-3 Winter camping  
March 5 Troop meeting  
March 7 Neighbor to Neighbor  
March 9 Skiing and Snowboarding trip Bear Mountain  
March 12 Court of Honor  
March 19 Troop meeting  
March 23-34 Adult wilderness first aid  
March 26 Troop meeting/Greenbar  
    New parent orientation  
April 2 – no meeting – Spring break  
April 4 Neighbor to neighbor  
April 5-7 Catalina Hike  
April 9 – Troop meeting  
April 13 – Golf merit badge  
April 14 – Eagle COH  
April 16 – Medical Exam Night  
April 20-21 – 50 mile bike hike  
April 27 – Strand bike trip



## Rocket Hike

The annual Rocket Hike to Saddleback Butte occurred on February 9-10<sup>th</sup>. Over 65 people attended some or all of the event. We were joined by over 15 prospective Webelos, representing 3 packs and 7 dens. The weather was a bit chilly but at least there was not any rain! The Webelos and scouts participated in a hike to the top of the Butte (with 40-50 mph wind gusts), rotated through scout skills stations and were fed with a feast of burgers, hotdogs and meatball sandwiches. Dutch oven peach cobbler was a hit for dessert. After a game of capture the flag, they were entertained with a campfire. Morning rocket launching was awesome, a bit cold but no wind.

Dr. Lance Siegel

## Catalina Hike April 5-7

Time for our annual Spring Break Catalina Backpacking trip - This year's trip is:

16.2 mile backpacking across Northern Catalina Island. Boat leaves Friday morning and returns Sunday afternoon. Hike from Two Harbors Friday to Parsons Cove (8.1 miles) on Friday, day hike trips on Saturday to Starlight cove/Emerald Bay, then return hike to Two Harbors on Sunday (8.1 miles). A great moderate backpacking trip with a fun group of scouts and leaders. You will hike past Cherry Valley & Emerald Bay Scout camps.

Cost per person is \$130.00 - which pays for roundtrip boat rides, campsite fees (2 nights), meals, and firewood/fuel for campsite. Please bring your check (Troop 849) as we need to secure boat reservations and campsites - by next Tuesday's Court of Honor.

Will have a sign-up sheet at tonight's meeting  
Mr. Rick Reeley



## Rank Advancements at The Court of Honor March 12th

????? Who has advanced? You will have to come and see.

Our spring Court of Honor is coming up Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, in O'Donnell Center at American Martyrs Church. Rank advancements, since the last Court of Honor, will be awarded as well as merit badges earned. Please plan on attending this special night as we honor the hard work of the scouts in our troop!

### Neighbor to Neighbor

This Thursday, March 7th, 2013 is our Neighbor to Neighbor service activity from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the South Bay Church of the Brethren located at 2761 190th Street in Redondo Beach. Neighbor to Neighbor gives you an opportunity to volunteer to help those who are less fortunate. Scout and registered adult participation counts for two community service hours.

All scouts must be in full Class A uniform. All are welcome to help (scouts and their families) as Neighbor To Neighbor is a community service.

Hope To See You All There,  
Vishnu Karukonda

### Eagle Court of Honor

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> there will be an Eagle Court of Honor, beginning at 2:30 pm at American Martyrs Church – O'Donnell Hall. The Eagle Scouts from our Troop that are being honored at this event: **Tanner Beecher Bernard, Michael Hadley, Brett Salazar and A.J. Shoemaker.** Scout Volunteers are being sought to assist with this Ceremony, if available, please contact Mr. Bernard or Mrs. Hadley.



### SPL Corner

We're now at the beginning of the most activity-intensive part of the year, and so there will be plenty of hikes and day activities for you to choose from. Before all that (with the exception of the Bear Mountain Ski and Snowboard trip), however, we have the Court of Honor on March 12th at O'Donnell Hall at American Martyrs. Be sure you know what your patrol is assigned to do; and if you're a patrol leader, make sure you organize the members of your patrol either at the beginning or end for setup/takedown, or beforehand if you've been assigned to bring refreshments. There won't be any more activities in March after that, but there will be plenty in April, so make sure to check the calendar and sign up if you want to go—you'll need to sign up soon, if so. I hope you've all enjoyed the winter activities with the troop, and I look forward to what the spring months have in store.

- Bram Osterhout



### Skiing and Snowboard Trip March 9th

Skiers and Snowboarders,

If you are interested in the snow-sports merit badge I will be talking about the requirements at tonight's meeting. Counselors will be on hand at Bear Mountain on March 9th. The written book part will need to be completed before the trip. A blue card should be prepared and taken on the trip for sign-off along with the written portion completed.

Brian Schnuckel

### **CPR/AED & WFA Training –**

Adults going on Longterm(s)/Philmont and Scouts attending Philmont can get certified trained in CPR/AED and/or Wilderness First Aid. Certifications are good for two years. CPR/AED certification class only – Thursday 3/21/13 – 7pm-9pm at B&B room American Marytrs  
CPR/AED/WFA – Saturday 3/23 American Marytrs & Sunday 3/24 MB Scouthouse

Contact Mr. Reeley for details

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

March 12<sup>th</sup> Court of Honor  
March 16<sup>th</sup> – Matt Lyon’s Eagle Project  
April 5-7 Catalina hike  
April 13<sup>th</sup> Golf merit badge  
April 14 – Eagle Court of Honor  
April 16 Medical Exam night – start getting your insurance cards and immunization records  
April 20-21 50 mile bike hike  
April 27 – Strand bike trip  
Later this spring – Jake Faustgen’s (my) Eagle project

### **Editor’s Note**

**I have enjoyed serving as editor of the Troop newsletter. Thanks for reading. Good luck to the next editor, Matt Wenner.**

**– Jake Faustgen**