

Troop 849 Newsletter



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CURRENT CALENDAR

- April 4 – Hike Prep (Mt. Lowe)
- April 6 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- April 8-9 – Backpack Hike (Mt. Lowe)
- April 11 – No Meeting
- April 18 – Troop Meeting
- April 22 – Spring Camporee
- April 25 – Troop Meeting
- April 29-30 – Robert Lesniowski Eagle Project
- April 30 – Shotgun Shooting
- May 2 – Troop Meeting (SPL Elections)
- May 4 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- May 6 – Backpack Equipment Orientation
- May 6 – Advancement Day



SCOUTMASTER CORNER

Scouts who have completed all requirements for rank advancement for Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, or Star must first complete the "Blue Sheet" which can be found in the Scout Locker. It is suggested that a new Blue Sheet be started each time a Scout advances to accurately keep track of activities and service hours. The Blue Sheet should be completed carefully, with special attention being given to the sections regarding scout spirit and leadership. When finished, the Scout then proceeds with a Senior Scout conference and, if passed, requests a Scoutmaster conference for the following week. When the Scoutmaster conference has been successfully completed, a Board of Review will be scheduled. Scouts ready to advance to Life should first discuss their progress with the Scoutmaster but still need to complete a Blue Sheet. All Scouts seeking advancement are expected to come prepared to all conferences and the Board of Review and be in full, class A uniform.



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

If you attended the recent Court of Honor you have already received Troop 849's annual CD. Each year Alan Slocum puts this wonderful little gem together and one copy of it is given to each boy in the Troop at the Spring Court of Honor. This CD contains photos and reports from almost all of Troop 849's activities during a calendar year. And when it is presented in this format (i.e. every single event digitally one or two clicks away, with a home page that shows at a glance what the Troop has done) I can't help but be amazed at just how active our Troop is and what a great, varied program we offer our sons. Please join me in thanking Alan for devoting the time and energy required to pull all of the photos and reports together into a high quality "permanent record" of each year in Troop 849.

And speaking of the Court of Honor, if you were unable to attend, I'm happy to report the City of Manhattan Beach presented us with a proclamation thanking Troop 849 for 50 years of existence in this community and being a positive influence on so many young men over the years. Each Scout received a 50-year patch to put on his uniform. Congratulations and Happy Birthday to the Troop.

- Don McLellan

SPRING CAMPOREE

The **Pacifica District Spring Camporee** will take place at the Forest Lawn Scout Reservation at Lake Arrowhead on April 22, 2006. The Camporee is being lead by the Order of the Arrow and the theme this year is "Native Americans – Up Close". All scouts are welcome to attend, look for sign ups at Troop Meetings. *Those scouts who were up for OA Elections last month should plan to attend to see if they have been selected to become members of the Order of the Arrow.* Contact Assistant Scoutmaster **Mr. Reeley** for more information.

SHOTGUN SHOOTING

Troop 849 will be making its annual trek to Triple B Clays Shotgun Sports Park in South El Monte on Sunday, April 30th at 12:00PM. Look for sign ups at Troop Meetings. For additional information, contact Mr. Andreas.



EAGLE PROJECTS

Troop 849 has several Eagle Scout Service Projects coming up and the Eagle Candidates need your help! Please look for sign ups at Troop Meetings for the following Scouts' projects and save the dates.

Robert Lesniowski – April 29-30

Painting at Nativity
Elementary School

Gavin Filarsky – May 20-21

Trail repair at Switzers Recreation
Area, Angeles National Forest

Sam Mullin – June 3-4

Refurbish campground at Horse
Flats, Angeles National Forest

ADULT CPR/FIRST AID

Adults who have previously taken CPR/First Aid and who need to be *recertified* are welcome to attend a class on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00PM in the B & B Room at American Martyrs. There will be a small fee, contact **Mr. Slocum** or **Mr. Gunderman** to sign up.

BACKPACK EQUIPMENT ORIENTATION

Backpacking season is upon us! It is extremely important for all participants in backpacking (scouts and adults) to understand what equipment is needed and the safe use of that equipment. If you are a new scout or have not yet participated in a backpacking trip with Troop 849 you should attend backpack equipment orientation on Saturday, May 6th at 9:00AM. Contact **Mr. Filarsky** for additional information.

ADVANCEMENT DAY

Advancement Day will be held at 12:30PM on Saturday, May 6th. All scouts who wish to work on rank advancements are welcome to attend. It will be especially helpful for scouts working on Tenderfoot and 2nd Class requirements. Physical fitness requirements, raising/lowering the flag, first aid, knots/lashing, and safe swim are some topics that may be covered. Contact **Mr. Reeley** for additional information or if you are an older scout who would like to help teach scout skills.

SUMMER CAMP

There are still several spots available for **Camp Chawanakee**. This is the only camp Troop 849 will be going to this summer so don't miss out on the fun. Camp will run from Sunday, July 30th to Saturday, August 5th. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn Merit Badges, participate in waterfront activities, archery, pioneering, crafts and more. See **Mr. Rolandelli**, **Mr. Reeley**, or **Mr. Gunderman** for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

- May-** Advancement Day
Backpack Equipment Orientation
Various Weekend Hikes
Gavin Filarsky's Eagle Project
Deep Sea Fishing
- June-** Chawanakee Information Night
Various Weekend Hikes
Sam Mullin's Eagle Project
- July -** Santa Cruz Kayak Trip
Various Weekend Hikes
Outdoor Cooking
Chawanakee Summer Camp