

# Troop 849 Newsletter



April 2007

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## CURRENT CALENDAR

- Apr. 3- Spring Break-No meeting- Enjoy!
- Apr. 5- Neighbor to Neighbor- Church of the Brethren
- Apr. 10- Troop Meeting
- Apr. 17- Hike Preparation-Attendees Only
- Apr. 21- **Spring Camporee**
- Apr. 24- Greenbar Meeting
- Apr. 24- Troop Meeting
- Apr. 26- Troop Committee Meeting
- Apr. 27-29- **PCT Kickoff**
- Apr. 28- Backpack Equipment Orientation- Scouthouse
- May 1- Troop Meeting
- May 1- New Parent Orientation- Joslyn Center
- May 3- Neighbor to Neighbor-Church of the Brethren
- May 8- Hike Preparation-Attendees Only
- May 11-13- **Hike\***-Location TBD
- May 12-13- **Hike**- Location TBD
- May 12-13- **Hike\***-Los Padres



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

It's springtime, and that means some new boys (and new parents) will be joining our Troop! Please make an extra effort to welcome these new families into the Troop 849 family.

Some of the feedback we've gotten in the past from newcomers to our Troop revolves around how confusing everything seems at first, and just how hard it is to thrive in those first few months.

If you spot someone (boy or parent) at a meeting or event that seems confused or lost, try to help them out as best you can. We all know how valuable a strong start in Boy Scouting can be, and anything you can contribute to ensuring that strong start for every new boy will pay dividends for years to come.

Thank you all in advance.

**Don McLellan**



## SPL CORNER

Hello everyone, Tim Breen here.

I would just like to say a few words about the Scout Slogan. As I hope you all know, our Slogan is "Do a good turn daily," symbolized by the turned knot at the bottom of the (1<sup>st</sup> Class) Scout Badge. What this ideal is actually asking us to do is something we do not often discuss, unfortunately. This saying calls us to do more in Scouting than just come to the meetings and participate in the trips and projects; it calls us to bring the ideals of Scouting into all aspects of our life: family, friends, and school. So, I invite all of you to really think about our Slogan and ask yourselves: "Am I doing a good turn? Am I really acting as a Boy Scout should?" As Boy Scouts, this is part of what we do; and although we might not say it every meeting it is still very important.

## SPRING SCOUT CAMPOREE Saturday April 21, 2007

Join the all day fun at Lake Arrowhead Scout Camp. This year's theme is "Scouting Around the World" in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boy Scouting. Test your skills in patrol competitions and earn the Citizenship in the World Merit Badge. You will have the opportunity to participate in a special Order of the Arrow Campfire.

**For questions call Mr. Reeley 798-2801**

## **TROOP 849 BACKPACKING ORIENTATION**

Saturday, April 28, 2007  
9am-12am  
Scout House

All new scouts and their parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Answers To:

What does my son need to bring on a backpacking trip?

What are 10 essentials?

What do I need to buy?

Where do I buy it?

What is my son going to eat?

Will my son be exposed to rattlesnakes, poison oak, ticks, rodents, bears, and flowing streams? (The answer is YES!)

**Presented by Steve A. Filarsky**  
546-2313 (home) 545-7825 (work)

## **EAGLE PROJECTS**

Two scouts have eagle projects scheduled this spring and need the help and support of fellow scouts.

**James Merrifield's** project will take place May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Wilderness Park in Redondo Beach.

**Luc Suter's** project will take place June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Richstone Family Center in Hawthorne.

Sign up to help at an upcoming Troop Meeting.

Check out the website  
[www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org](http://www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org)

Merit Badge Workshop Day  
April 14, 2007

## **PACIFIC CREST TRAIL**

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) stretches from Mexico to Canada, a hike of 2600 miles. In April each year the hikers, helpers, prior hikers, and other interested people gather to talk and demonstrate long distance backpacking for the Pacific Crest Trail. One of the hikers participating has over 20,000 miles of backpacking. A very nice lady has over 11,000 miles of backpacking. Come on this car camp and learn about long distance backpacking. There are interesting people, seminars, gear contests, and BBQ food.

We'll leave MB after dinner Friday and return to MB Saturday evening. We can stay till Sunday if you want to hike the first 10 miles of the trail.  
The cost is \$25.

**Contact Alan Slocum 387-7522 for more information.**

## **A THANK YOU FROM THE NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR PROGRAM**

December 11, 2006

Dear Michael and Scouts from 849,

As the holiday season approaches and people are in the spirit of giving, I want to acknowledge and give thanks to all of you for your generous gifts to our needy neighbors who are part of the Neighbor to Neighbor program. Your combined efforts to collect and package the toiletries, socks, and candies helped to make our gift bags for our guests extra special and much appreciated.

Your ongoing help with serving and clean up have truly been a Godsend. The Scouts have demonstrated true compassion for the less fortunate among us and I'm sure they have a new appreciation for how fortunate they are.

A special thanks to Mark and his mom, Doreen, for their generous donation in buying the extra supplies that were needed to complete the bags.

I hope all of you have a blessed holiday season and happy and healthy new year.

Gratefully yours,

Elizabeth (Bitsy) Lutton