

# Troop 849 Newsletter

*April/May 2011*

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## CURRENT CALENDAR

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 – Backpack Equipment Orientation  
April 23 – Adult Wilderness First Aid – Part 2  
April 26 – Troop Meeting  
May 1 – Deep Sea Fishing  
May 3 – Troop Meeting  
May 5 – Neighbor to Neighbor  
May 7 – Swimming Merit Badge  
May 8 – Lifesaving Merit Badge  
May 10 – Troop Meeting  
May 14 – Advancement Day  
May 17 – Troop Meeting  
May 21-22 – Backpack Hike – Little Jimmy  
May 24 – Troop Meeting  
May 26 – Chawanakee Information Night

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST  
EAGLE SCOUT – **AUSTIN EDMONDS!!!**



## SPL CORNER

Hello Everyone. This is your SPL Michael Hadley. As winter ends and spring begins, it is time to start thinking about spring and summer activities such as backpacking and camping. We offer many different types of backpacking trips from, from easy beginner hikes to challenging treks for experienced hikers. Backpacking is my favorite scouting activity and I encourage everyone to try it. Other things to do are eagle projects and other service projects such as Neighbor to Neighbor. Also, remember to keep attending our weekly Tuesday night meetings. Thanks.

## 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 C are to be completed by a parent or guardian but Part B must be completed by a licensed health care provider.

Troop 849 will hold Medical Exam Night on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Scout House where scouts and adults can have Part B completed by volunteer physicians provided by the troop. **Scouts and adults are asked to come prepared with the BSA Medical Form in hand with Parts A and C fully completed.**

The BSA Annual Health and Medical Form can be found on our Troop Website at [www.troop849.org](http://www.troop849.org) under Forms or a printable copy can be found on the National BSA 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.

## CHAWANAKEE INFORMATION NIGHT

Attention Summer Camp Participants!!!

On Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a MANDATORY meeting for all parents and scouts who will be attending Chawanakee this summer. The location and time are yet to be determined.

At this meeting we will discuss all things relating to summer camp including transportation, spending money, merit badges, what to pack, what not to pack, behavior expectations, camp food, activities, leadership, mail and care packages, emergency contact info, weather, and more.

Please check your calendars now and reserve Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for this very important meeting.

Please contact **Mrs. Sally Bickel** at [newsletter@troop849.org](mailto:newsletter@troop849.org) if you have any questions.

## **JOSHUA TREE ROCK CLIMBING TRIP**

Troop 849 is heading to Joshua Tree National Park April 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> for a Rock Climbing weekend. Tentatively we are planning on camping at Belle Campground, which is accessed thru the Twenty-Nine Palms park entrance.

The troop just purchased new Harnesses and Daisy Chains to keep our equipment up to date. This is a great trip for new scouts who may never have rock climbed before and for older scouts who are seasoned climbing veterans. If interested please contact **Asst Scoutmaster Mr. Brian Beiber** or **Mr. Brian Schnuckel** and sign up at the scout meeting.

## **BACKPACK EQUIPMENT ORIENTATION**

All new Scouts and their parents are invited to come and learn about backpacking equipment. We'll go over each piece of equipment that you need to have a fun and successful backpacking experience. We'll meet at the Scout house at 9:00 am on Saturday April 23rd. There will be a presentation that will be followed by questions and answers. We should be done by noon.

Please contact **Asst. Scoutmaster Tom Thorpe** for more information.

## **SWIMMING AND LIFESAVING MERIT BADGES**

Attention new scouts!!! Troop 849 is offering classes for the Swimming Merit Badge and the Lifesaving Merit Badge in May. These are great badges to get before you go away to summer camp!!

Swimming will be offered on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and Lifesaving on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Both will take place at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club.

Please see **Asst Scoutmaster Mr Bret Bernard** or **Asst Scoutmaster Mr Rick Reeley** for more information. Sign ups are available at Troop Meetings.

## **ADVANCEMENT DAY**

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am-Noon at the Scouthouse - For all scouts that need Tenderfoot to 1st class requirements should attend. Instructors are requested to attend to help teach rank advancement skills. Scouts must bring their scout handbook. Contact **Asst. Scoutmaster Mr. Rick Reeley** for more information.

## **National Youth Leadership Training**

NYLT is a focused, high-energy, participatory leadership Course for Boy and Venture Scouts. During the summer of 2010 the Los Angeles Area Council will be offering this national Scout leadership course at two (2) different times and locations. First is a "weekends" course June 17-19 and 24-26 at nearby Cabrillo Youth Facility (San Pedro). The second is a "weeklong" course at Forest Lawn Scout Reservation (Cedar Glen) August 8-13.

NYLT is for Scouts interested in becoming better and more effective leaders both in Scouting and in life. The program is available to scouts who by June 1, 2011, are First Class or above in rank; at least 13 years old; and, have completed their Troop-run TLT (Troop Leadership Training).

For more information please contact  
**Asst. Scoutmaster Mr. Bret Bernard.**

## **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 scheduled for May 1, 2011.

## **BEGINNER'S BACKPACK TRIP**

New scouts and parents take note! There will be a beginning backpack trip to Little Jimmy on May 21<sup>st</sup>-May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is perfect way to test your backpack skills and learn how to hike the Troop 849 way!

Sign up at a Troop meeting with **Asst Scoutmaster Mr. Rick Reeley**.