

Troop 849 Newsletter



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New Scout Troop Record Keeping – Scout Book

Contributor: Alan Franz

We are launching a new tool for Troop 849! The committee has decided to go ahead with a program to help us organize our rank advancements and calendar functions within one system. Scoutbook has been chosen as this tool and most scouts have been uploaded into the system along with the majority of the Adult Leaders. So what's this all about? It's a cloud based system that allows parents to provide their son access to their rank advancements and awards. It allows for a great way for patrols to stay in touch with one another. It allows for each scout to see how far they have until their next rank. It provides for an on-line calendar that will link with all functions. And that's just the beginning. Parents should look for an email soon that will 'invite' them into Scoutbook. Once invited, each parent can edit their account and provide their information as well as their son's information. They can add their son's email which will help communication among scouts for events and planning. There are many features to checkout on this software - check it out at scoutbook.com and thanks for providing any information/issues on the system to Alan Franz - Afranz2000@yahoo.com.

Joshua Tree

Contributer: Jason Newman

Joshua Tree is a fun, exciting, troop outing that is happening on May 1-3, 2015. We will be in group campsite # 8. There are many activities to do that that are very entertaining and challenging. You can do rock climbing and repelling which will fulfill the requirements for the rock climbing merit badge. You can do the big negative repel which is a really high repel that is scary but awesome. You can also go bouldering with your friends when you are not climbing. At night time you can eat delicious food and relax while watching a roaring campfire and skits. It is car camping so you can bring big tents and camp chairs and whatever food you can put in your car. All in all, Joshua Tree is an excellent rock climbing adventure that can be enjoyed by all scouts and their families too.

Medical Night

Contributer: Erik Lilligren

Remember that it is medical night on the April 21. Remember to come with everything you need.

Merit Badges

Contributer: Erik Lilligren

Time for merit badges classes–
Scouts Sign up!

Swimming Merit Badge Class –
Saturday April 25th – 8am-11am –
sign-up at troop meeting or with
Mr. Reeley

Lifesaving Merit Badge Class –
Sunday April 26th – 8am-11m –
sign up at troop meeting or with
Mr. Reeley

**Note: Due to Swimming Pool site
construction – Swimming &
Lifesaving classes may have to
be postponed until new date.**

First Aid Merit Badge Class –
Sunday April 26th – 1pm – 4pm –
sign up at troop meeting or with
Mr. Reeley/Mr. Siegel.

California Trail Day

Contributer: Mr. Thorpe

Hi everyone,

The Troop will be participating in the annual California Trail Days this year. This is a one-day event where people from all over California turn out to work on various trails.

From a Troop 849 perspective, this event is important because it is only one of two this year that involve conservation work. Conservation work is an important part of outdoor activities. Without people like us working on the trails they would soon degrade and become unusable. From a BSA perspective, conservation work also counts towards Scout service hours. As a bonus, all Scouts and their parents that attend will receive a handsome TrailSaver award. There are five different awards in the series - collect them all.

I hope you can join us. The event is Saturday, April 11th. It starts at 8 am at Vogel Flats and will be done mid afternoon. Please let me know if you can make it so we can arrange carpools.

Mr. Thorpe

Camp Chawanakee

Contributer: Erik Lilligren

A limited number of spaces are still available, but going fast, for this year's summer camp from July 26-August 1. Sign up soon to get your space reserved and remember to select 4 merit badges. Select 2 alternate merit badges also in case they are full.



At the February 8, 2015 Eagle Court of Honor Troop 849 honored three new Eagle Scouts.
Pictured above are Troop 849 Scoutmaster Mr Rolandelli and Eagle Scouts Jake Faustgen, Matt Faustgen and Scott Miketa.

April 2015

Date	Event	Coordinator
2	Neighbor to Neighbor	Mr. Tauber
10-12	Catalina Hike	Mr. Reeley
14	Troop Meeting	SPL
18-19	Nick Barber's eagle Project	Nick Barber
21	Medical Exam night	Dr. Hoff
25	Swimming Merit badge	Mr. Bernard
26	Lifesaving Merit Badge	Mr. Reeley
27	Committee Meeting	Mr Tauber
28	Troop Meeting	SPL
28	Green bar Meeting	SPL

May 2015

Date	Event	Coordinator
1-3	Rock Climbing	Mr. Schnuckel
1-3	LAAC Centennial Camporee	Mr. Reeley
5	Troop Meeting	SPL
7	Neighbor to Neighbor	Mr. Tauber
9-10	Training Hike	Mr Siegel
12	Troop Meeting	SPL
16-17	Easy hike – Spruce Grove	Mr. Reeley
19	Troop Meeting	SPL
21	Parent Summer Camp Information night	
21	Final payment due for summer camp	
26	Green bar Meeting	SPL
26	Troop Meeting	SPL
30-31	LT Training Hike	Mr. Reeley

Neighbor to Neighbor

Contact: Mr. Tauber

Date: May 5, 2015

Location: South Bay Community Church of the Brethren

Time: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

It is true that volunteering has a positive and meaningful impact on our community but you already know that it has many personal benefits for us too. Recently, many of you had participated in the event, thank you. It is what I am looking for, so let's keep the good service work up. I encourage you to continue with your service, it is of a great help. For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to participate in this service event, this is your time to, and I would like to see your attendance. I repeat, this is a great opportunity to give some of your time and effort, and enjoy a unique chance to learn and grow stronger. On the practical side, all Scouts in full Class A uniform, and registered adults who participate will earn two community service hours.

Upon arrival, please park behind the church (one street north of 190th on Armour Lane) in the back parking lot and come in through the back gate. Just the time of the month for our troop's monthly service event!

Deadline for Contributions to the May 2015 Newsletter is April 30. Please have all contributions submitted to Erik Lilligren at Tim@Lilligrencpa.com.