

Troop 849 Newsletter



May 2006

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CURRENT CALENDAR

- May 9 – Hike Prep (Devil's Canyon)
- May 13-14 – Devil's Canyon Hike
- May 16 – Troop Meeting
- May 20-21 – Eagle Project (Gavin Filarsky)
- May 21 – Deep Sea Fishing
- May 23 – Troop Meeting (Friends of Scouting)
- May 26-29 – Pacific Crest Trail Hike
- May 30 – Hike Prep (June 3-4 hikes)
- June 1 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- June 1 – Chawanakee Information Night
- June 3-4 – Eagle Project (Sam Mullin)
- June 3-4 – Training Hikes
- June 6 – Troop Meeting
- June 10-11 – Easy Hike
- June 13 – Troop Meeting
- June 18 – Eagle Court of Honor
(Alex Bergjans, Jino Del Monte, Andrew McLellan)

EASY HIKE



Mr. Vahey will be leading an easy hike in the Angeles Mountains from May 13th – 14th; the destination will be Devil's Canyon. This is a perfect hike for new scouts or older scouts who want a fun trip. Cost will be \$9, which includes transportation, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Scouts need to bring lunch for Saturday on the trail and money to buy lunch for Sunday on the road home. New scouts should bring their packs fully packed for inspection to hike prep on Tuesday, May 9th. Departure will be from the Scout House on Saturday, May 13th at 6:30 AM.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE

This training hike will be from May 26th to May 29th and cover the Pacific Crest Trail from 3 Points to Messenger Flats. Scouts should have the opportunity to climb a peak or two along the way. This hike is for experienced scouts. Sign ups are available at Troop Meetings. For more information, contact **Mr. Monahan**.



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Troop 849 welcomed **13 new bridging Webelos** at last Tuesday's meeting. We know these boys are in for some great adventures with our Troop as they wind their way along the Scouting trail. Joining a Troop as large and as active as ours can be a little overwhelming at first, so I urge all "veteran" Troop 849 scouts and adults to make a special effort to help these new scouts and their families get comfortable in the Troop. Thank you in advance for your help.

The backpacking season is upon us once again. We are always seeking adults to go on our backpacking trips and eventually develop into backpacking leaders. The Troop requires three adults on almost all backpacking trips, and we usually have three or four trips going out on backpacking weekends. We need adults! For more information contact our backpacking program leader, Assistant Scoutmaster **Mr. Mike Vahey**.

--Don McLellan

DEEP SEA FISHING

Come join us for a morning of fresh air, friends, and deep-sea fishing. We will meet at Redondo Beach Sports Fishing Pier at 5:30 AM on Sunday, May 21st and board the ship for a half day at sea. Equipment rental is available at the pier or you can bring your own. All adults and scouts 16 years and older will need a fishing license, also available at the pier. The crew on board the ship will help you learn how to tie on hooks, bait the line, and remove the caught fish. Sign up at a Troop Meeting or contact **Mr. Tauber** for more details.

NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to **Matt Karatsu** for becoming Troop 849's most recent Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Project, Matt completed improvements at Chileo Campground in the Angeles National Forest in July of 2005.



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.

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

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

All Scout families are invited to the May 23rd troop meeting for a short Friends of Scouting (FOS) presentation. As many of you remember, the FOS campaign is the annual fund raising program for the Los Angeles Area Council, our troop's parent organization. Donations to the campaign provide operating funds for the Council and help support activities and facilities that benefit Troop 849 scouts including scout camps. The support and services of the Los Angeles Area Council help make our troop's programs and experiences possible.

Pledge cards will be distributed during the May 23rd meeting. Please see **Mrs. Williamson** for additional pledge cards or if you have any questions about Friends of Scouting.



ORDER OF THE ARROW

Congratulations to **Chris Bickel, Tim Breen, Gavin Filarsky, John Gunderman, James Merrifield, Mike Rolandelli, Matt Shuler, and Andrew Vandenberg** for being elected to the Order of the Arrow by Troop 849 scouts. The OA candidates are all now required to complete the Ordeal before they obtain official membership in the Order of the Arrow.

DOLPHIN PATROL

The Dolphin Patrol meets each week during the regular Troop Meeting, even on hike prep nights. Please contact **Asst. Scoutmaster Adam Young** for meeting details. Regular attendance at meetings is very important in order to complete advancement requirements. Welcome to Troop 849!

JUNE HIKES

There are several hike weekends scheduled for the month of June so there will be plenty of opportunities for both new and experienced scouts to get in some backpacking and peak climbs. Look for sign ups at upcoming troop meetings for training hikes the weekends of June 3rd - 4th and also June 23rd -25th. There will be an easy hike planned for the weekend of June 10th-11th. Adults are encouraged to participate in the hikes as well. For questions regarding Troop 849's backpacking program, contact **Mr. Mike Vahey**.

ADVANCEMENTS

2nd Class – **Jon Kitchen**

Tenderfoot – **Sean O'Connell**

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Chawanakee information night is Thursday, June 1st at the Scout House. Final payment of \$125 is due at this time. Final payment of \$75 for Long Term Hikes is due Tuesday, June 6th at the troop meeting.

All scouts and adults who are going to summer camp or on a long term hike are required to have a physical exam and complete the appropriate BSA personal health & medical form. The forms can be found on the Troop's website at **www.troop849.org**; click on forms at the top of the page. The forms must be completed and signed by a medical professional. Troop 849 suggests Ocean Medical at 1106 S. Pacific Coast Hwy, Redondo Beach, CA (310) 316-1661 or you can visit your personal physician for an exam. Please contact **Don McLellan** if you have any concerns or questions regarding the medical forms required.

LOOKING AHEAD

June - Chawanakee Information Night

Various Weekend Hikes
Sam Mullin's Eagle Project
Eagle Court of Honor

July - Santa Cruz Kayak Trip

Various Weekend Hikes
Outdoor Cooking
Chawanakee Summer Camp

August – Summer Break, No Troop Meetings

Long Term Hike – Silver Moccasin Trail
Long Term Hike – Trans Sierra
Long Term Hike – Mammoth / Florence Lake