

Troop 849 Newsletter



May 2008

CURRENT CALENDAR

May 1- Neighbor to Neighbor-Church of the Brethren
May 4- Deep Sea Fishing- Redondo Harbor
May 6- Hike Preparation
May 10-Advancement Day-Scouthouse
May 9-11-**Hike*-Dollar Lake**
May 10-11-**Hike*-Laws Camp**
May 13-Troop Meeting
May 17-18-**Hike-Valley Forge**
May 20-Troop Meeting
May 24-"We Remember" Event
May 24-26-**Hike**-Pacific Crest Trail**
May 27-Greenbar Meeting
May 27-Troop Meeting
May 29-Chawanakee Info. Night
May 30-Jun 1-**Hike**-Jackstraw Springs**
May 30-Jun 1-**Hike**-Trail Fork Springs**
May 31-Jun 1-**Hike-Spruce Grove**

*Harder Hike

**Harder hike, counts towards Long Term requirements

SPL CORNER



Hey Troop!

This past Court of Honor was a great success, with several special awards and countless merit badges being received. I know that you all have been working very hard toward advancement, and throughout the upcoming meetings I would like to institute a little bit more time to get requirements signed off. In addition, since we have a lot of new scouts joining our troop, we need to welcome them, help them out, and begin teaching them scout skills. It is important that we all set a good example for the new scouts and encourage them to stay involved in our troop on hikes and outings. As we enter backpacking season, I hope all of you will sign up for the various hikes our leaders and scouts have planned. Every hike is a chance to make some unforgettable memories!

-Ryan Hadley



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

As with most everything our own Mr. Tauber gets involved with, the annual Troop 849 Deep Sea Fishing Trip has grown from something small to a much bigger, very exciting event. We are now at the point of having an entire boat dedicated to our Troop, along with personalized instructions by salty professional fishermen at a Troop meeting. I hope all Troop 849 Scouts and many of our adults sign up for and attend this event.

Since Mr. Tauber grows things for a living, it should come as no surprise that he has the same touch with Scout-related activities (among the many things he has grown: Neighbor to Neighbor, Friends of Troop 849, L.A. Council Religious Awards Dinner, L.A. Council Ten Commandments Hike, etc.). As you reel in that large fish from the deck of "our" boat, be sure to thank Mr. Tauber for everything he does for the Troop and for Boy Scouting in general. We netted a good one when he joined our Troop many years ago.

-Don McLellan

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Neighbor-to-Neighbor is a program where the Boy Scouts serve dinner to the needy at the Church of the Brethren in Redondo Beach. This is a monthly service opportunity and takes place the first Thursday of every month. Upcoming dates are May 1st, June 5th, and July 4th. Contact **Mr. Tauber** or **David Copeland** for specifics.

"WE REMEMBER"

This is an activity for Saturday, May 24th on Memorial Day Weekend where Scouts will help place flags on the graves of veterans at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes. We will car pool together from the Scout House and arrive at Green Hills for a 9:00AM check in. Activities will wrap up by about 11:00AM for an expected return time to Manhattan Beach of 11:30AM. Contact **Mrs. Sally Bickel** for more information.

HIKES GALORE!!

VALLEY FORGE HIKE

Our First New Scout Hike for 2008!!
Valley Forge - Saturday May 17th - Sunday May 18th.
Easy backpacking trip for new scouts and parents. Leave from Red Box (next to Mt. Wilson) hike in 2.5 miles. Basic camping skills and Tenderfoot-First Class scout skills will be covered. Contact **Mr. Rick Reeley** for more information.

DOLLAR LAKE HIKE

This is a strenuous training hike that requires previous backpacking experience. The trip will depart Friday, May 9th and return Sunday, May 11th. The adventure begins at the South Fork Trailhead on Jenks Lake Road, 2.5 miles from Highway 38. The trail begins at the large paved parking lot (6,900') on Jenks Lake Road East and climbs 2.5 miles where it crosses the Wilderness boundary just beyond a short side trail (NE) to a photo overlook (Poop-Out Hill, 7,740') and Wilderness information display. The trail then crosses the Wilderness boundary and continues another 1.7 miles to South Fork Meadows (8,200'). Here the trail forks to the right (west) to Dollar Lake (2 miles, 9,300'). Contact hike leader, **Scoutmaster Dave Rolandelli**, with any questions.

LAWS CAMP HIKE

The Laws Camp Hike covers approximately 12 miles over two days. The adventure begins at 5:00AM on Saturday May 10th at the Scouthouse for the drive to Idyllwild. The hike starts at the Devil's Slide Trail from Humber Park and climbs nearly 2,000' in less than 3 miles. The basin on top is well worth the trek as it is a beautiful forested area down to Laws Camp. We normally will visit the fire lookout on Tahquitz Peak, or climb to the top of Red Tahquitz. We will return Sunday, May 11th in the afternoon. Contact hike leaders, **Mr. Leigh Noda** or **Mr. Jim Gunderman**, for details.

PACIFIC CREST TRAIL HIKE

This year's PCT hike will continue from last year. We'll start at Fawnskin, just north of Big Bear Lake, and hike west past Lake Arrowhead to Lake Sherwood. Since this is the northbound direction of the trail, we'll be hiking the same direction of most of the thru hikers. Our trip is about 40 miles over 3+ days hiking generally in a slight downhill. We'll depart Friday, May 23rd in the evening and hike to camp away from the cars. We will return on Sunday, May 25th. I'm not bringing my tent, just a tarp to keep the dew off. This will help keep my pack under 30 lbs, food and water included. Please contact **Mr. Alan Slocum** if you are interested in this trip at 310-384-7522.

DEEP SEA FISHING TRIP

Where: Redondo Beach Sports Fishing
233 North Harbor Drive Redondo Beach

When: May 4th, Sunday
Arrive at 6:30AM to check in and get gear as the boat will leave on schedule at 7:30AM with or without you. Return time by 12:30PM.

Requirements: Over 16 years of age requires a fishing License that can be purchased for \$12.60 (Cash Only) at Redondo Sports Fishing or The Sports Authority.

Cost: \$30.00 per scout or adult. Bring extra money if you would like to purchase a snack on the boat: Burgers, Fries, Soda, Candy. If you would like to rent a pole it will cost \$15.00 and a Driver's license and deposit will be required. Bring a few extra dollars (\$5.00) for sinkers and hooks but bait will be provided.

Dads, Moms, Brother, Sister, Grandparents, Friends & all are welcome but if siblings or friends are attending they must be accompanied by an adult.

Scouts must have yellow emergency cards

Any questions call **Assistant Scout Master Michael Tauber** at (310) 546-7340 or Redondo Sports Fishing at (310) 372-2111.

ADVANCEMENT DAY #1

Saturday May 10, 2008
9am-11:45am at Scouthouse

This is a "must do" for all new scouts, as Tenderfoot through First Class skills will be covered including Tenderfoot physical fitness requirements part 1. Scouts should wear Troop activity shirts and outdoor activity clothes - do not wear scout uniform. Bring your Scout Handbook so requirements can be signed off. Contact **Mr. Rick Reeley** for more information.

CHAWANAKEE INFO NIGHT

Be sure to mark your calendars for Chawanakee Info Night on Thursday, May 29th at 7:30PM. All scouts and parents are **required** to attend, as many important details about camp will be discussed including behavior standards, merit badges, camp activities, transportation, camp life, and tent partners. Location of meeting will be announced at upcoming troop meetings and via the troop email announce system. Contact **Mr. Jim Gunderman** or **Mrs. Sally Bickel** with any questions.