

Troop 849 Newsletter



May 2009

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CURRENT CALENDAR

- May 5- Troop Meeting
May 7- Neighbor to Neighbor-
Church of the Brethren
May 9- Advancement Day-Scouthouse
May 10- Deep Sea Fishing-Redondo Harbor
May 12- Hike Preparation-Attendees Only
May 15-16- **Dollar Lake Hike**
May 16-17- **Little Jimmy Hike***
May 16-17- **Laws Camp Hike**
May 16-18- **Skunk Cabbage Hike**
May 19- Troop Meeting-
SPL Elections
May 22-24- **Pacific Crest Trail Hike**
May 26- Troop Meeting
May 28- Chawanakee Info Night-
Final Chawanakee Payment Due
May 29-31- **Dollar Lake Hike**

*Easier Hike

COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

It's May already and our official backpacking season has arrived. The Troop has a number of hikes planned for all levels of hikers and I urge all Scouts to try at least one backpacking outing this summer. Backpacking brings together so many facets of Scouting, which is why we love it so much. If you have any questions or issues regarding anything related to backpacking, please ask any of the adult leaders (especially **Mr. Thorpe**, **Mr. Slocum**, **Mr. Vahey**, **Mr. Noda** and **Dr. Rose**) as they will be happy to discuss anything at all related to this subject. Happy hiking!

~Don McLellan

FISHING TRIP

It is not too late to sign up for the annual Troop Fishing Trip taking place on Sunday, May 10th.

Where: Redondo Beach Sports Fishing
233 N. Harbor Dr. Redondo Beach

When: Sunday, May 10th at 6:30AM

Cost: \$35 per person for the boat

\$13.40 one-day fishing license for age 16 and over

\$15 to rent a pole (you may bring your own)

\$5 for sinker and hooks (bait provided)

Additional cash suggested to buy snacks on board

Any questions? Call **Asst. Scoutmaster Mike Tauber** at 310-546-7340 or Redondo Sports Fishing at 310-372-2111.

SPL CORNER

Hi everyone. With SPL elections coming up at the end of the month, I'd like to talk about leadership. When people think of leadership, they most commonly think of direct leadership: getting someone to do something, usually by telling him to do it. While this method can be effective, a good leader must also be able to lead indirectly. Indirect leadership is the example you set for others. It's the way you behave in daily life. Leading indirectly means participating wholeheartedly and not complaining about your duties. I want everyone, especially our SPL candidates, to think about both kinds of leadership this month.

~Ryland

Pacific Crest Trail Hike

All Long Term Backpackers,

This memorial day we are continuing our PCT (Pacific Crest Trail) backpacking experience. This year the scouts want to step it up a little: 50 miles in 3 1/2 days. We'll hike a few on Friday night and a little over 15 on each of Sat, Sun, Monday. We'll start on the Angeles Forest Highway about 10 miles south of Hwy 14. The trail goes west, then north across Hwy 14 thru Vasquez Rocks, Agua Dulce to Francisquito Canyon. We'll tailor the exact mileage per day as we go and are able to go as far as the scouts want. This trip is designed for backpackers with multiple Long Term experience who want the maximum mileage possible in a weekend. This trip is longer than many "week long treks" done in half the time.

I am looking for both scouts and adults who want to set the distance record for a Troop 849 backpack.

Call **Mr. Slocum** with questions or more details.
310.384.7522

ADVANCEMENTS

Congratulations to the many who received the rank of *Scout*:

~Jack Brand
~Riley Denis
~Everett Kim
~Tyler Maruyama
~Roberto Medrano
~Luke Pastore
~Nicholas Thomason
~Tanner Yamada

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5-7 → *Round Valley Hike*
June 6-7 → *Spruce Grove Hike*
June 13 → *Conor Dawson Eagle Project*
June 14 → *Eagle Court of Honor*
June 20-22 → *White Mountain Hike*
June 26-28 → *Dry Lake Hike*
June 27-28 → *Ice House Canyon*

Laws Camp Hike

Laws Camp is a beautiful setting in the San Jacinto Wilderness Area east of Idyllwild. We plan to leave Manhattan Beach at 5 AM and drive to the Humber Park trailhead in Idyllwild. The most difficult part of the hike is the first 2 1/2 miles where the elevation gain is about 1,700 feet. On Saturday, we plan to visit the fire lookout on Tahquitz peak before hiking to the campsite. On Sunday, we should be home in the afternoon.

This moderate hike is for scouts and adults with some backpacking experience with the Troop. It is an excellent hike for scouts in their second summer with the Troop. Since the group size limit on our permit is 12, we may have to prioritize who will be on the hike if we have more than 12 people sign up. First priority will be to the Philmont group scouts and adults, second priority will be to scouts, and third priority will be to adults beyond the Troop's three deep requirement.

Profile: 12.6 miles, 2,840', 9 BPH, TH 6,480', C 7,420'.

Peaks: Tahquitz 8,846' [A]

Sign up at the meeting or by e-mailing **Mr. Noda** at lnoda@aol.com

CHAWANAKEE INFORMATION NIGHT

Chawanakee information night will be held on Thursday, May 28th at 7:30 PM. (Location is yet to be determined) This meeting is **MANDATORY** for all scouts and parents of scouts who will be attending Chawanakee this summer.

Topics that will be covered will include what to expect in a typical day at camp, camp and troop policies and behavior standards, what to and what not to bring to camp, merit badges and activities at camp, tent partners, transportation to and from camp, food at camp, medical forms, camp authorization and consent forms, and final payments for camp.

If you can't wait until info night to learn a little more about Chawanakee, feel free to visit their website at http://www.seqbsa.org/camp_chawanakee.htm. You may also contact **Mrs. Sally Bickel** at 310-372-7842 or talk to **Asst Scoutmaster Rick Reeley** at a troop meeting.