

Troop 849 Newsletter



May 2010

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CURRENT CALENDAR

May 4 – Troop Meeting
May 6 – Emerald Bay Information Night
May 6 – Neighbor to Neighbor
May 8 – Advancement Day
May 8 – Backpack Equipment Orientation
May 8-9 – Training Hike – Law’s Camp
May 11 – Troop Meeting
May 15-16 – Training Hike – Law’s Camp
May 15-16 – Beginner’s Hike
May 18 – Troop Meeting
May 21-23 – Cen-Ten-O-Ree
May 22-23 – Ryland Miller Eagle Project
May 25 – Troop Meeting
May 27 – Chawanakee Information Night

SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION NIGHTS

There will be two separate summer camp information meetings, the first for Emerald Bay and the second for Chawanakee. Attendance is required for the scout and at least one parent as many important topics will be discussed and parent signatures are required on camp permission forms. If the scout is attending both camps he and his parent must attend both meetings.

Emerald Bay Meeting

Thursday, May 6th
7:00PM
O’Donnell Hall
American Martyr’s Church

Chawanakee Meeting

Thursday, May 27th
7:00PM
Blessed Kateri Room
American Martyr’s Church

Please come prepared to make any payments still due, bring any missing medical documents, and completed merit badge forms. Scouts do not need to be in uniform.



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Our troop is growing and improving and is always a challenge for our leaders and our scouts. Some parents have questions and concerns, which are good because it keeps us all focused on the goal, which is the Boy Scout. First and foremost we need to remember that our troop is a scout led troop and our goal is to provide the scouts with the tools needed to lead and accomplish their tasks. Scouts that are ready to fill a particular position or a leadership role will and if a scout needs assistance, a scout mentor will be assigned to him. Everything an adult does for the troop a scout should be able to learn and achieve competently. Under the leadership of our Scoutmaster Mr. Rolandelli and with the full cooperation and support of the troop committee, we are training our scouts to follow the Boy Scout Oath and Law and teaching them how to become independent leaders, thinkers and model citizens.

The troop committee is currently revising and looking into the structure of the troop and we are implementing some great new programs led by volunteer sub committee leaders. With their assistance we can make our troop cohesive giving it the ability to run smoother.

Our sub committee volunteers and positions are;

- 1) Finance - Treasurers Report – Mr. Ketterer
- 2) Advancement/Awards – Ms. Karnes
- 3) Adventure/Outdoor Program – Mr. Slocum
- 4) Summer Camps – Ms. Bickel
- 5) Membership/Troop Records/Historian – Ms. Karnes
- 6) Service/Community Relations – Mr. Tauber
- 7) Adult Training – Mr. Bernard
- 8) Youth Training – Mr. Reeley
- 9) Troop Program – Mr. Gunderman
- 10) Events/Fund Raising – Mr. Tauber
- 11) Communications – Ms. Bickel
- 12) Web Master & Information – Mr. Thorpe
- 13) Ad Hoc – Mr. Tauber

These programs should strengthen what we already have in place; we are not recreating the wheel, just tightening a few bolts. If you would like to participate in any of these committees please let me know.

Yours in Scouting,
Michael Tauber
chairman@troop849.org

ADVANCEMENT DAY

Saturday, May 8th
9:00AM – 11:00AM
Scout house

Calling all new scouts!!! We will be having an advancement day for all those scouts working on Tenderfoot Requirements. Do not wear your uniform but come dressed to do physical fitness activities. Bring your own filled water bottle and scout handbook and pen.

Please contact Asst. Scoutmaster Mr. Reeley (reeley@troop849.org) if you any questions about participation.

SWIMMING/LIFESAVING MERIT BADGE CLASSES

There is an opportunity for scouts to earn their Swimming and/or Lifesaving Merit Badges prior to attending summer camp.

Both Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges are required by Camp Emerald Bay if you intend to participate in many of the waterfront activities offered at camp and Chawanakee highly recommends completing Swimming MB prior to camp.

Asst. Scoutmasters Mr. Bernard and Mr. Reeley will be teaching Lifesaving MB on Saturday, June 5th and Swimming MB on Sunday, June 6th, both classes will be held at the Manhattan Beach Badminton Club.

Please contact either Mr. Bernard or Mr. Reeley to sign up.

THANK YOU!

Last month Troop 849 held Medical Exam Night for our scouts and troop adults. A whopping 64 exams were completed. This could not have happened without our team of volunteers including Dr. Richard Hoft, who not only did exams but organized the whole event. Other physicians who did exams were Dr. Allan Pachtman, Dr. Lourdes Escalona, Dr Meika Fang, and Dr. Diane Tjornhom. Checking blood pressure and pulse were Dr. Carmen Castillo and Mrs. Rolandelli. Mrs. Brand did vision screening and Mr. Andreas handled height and weight. Checking and rechecking forms were Mrs. Karnes and Mrs. Borghi. As you can see, it was a very labor-intensive team effort!! Thank you everyone!!! Troop members – please be sure to thank all these generous volunteers next time you see them.

BACKPACK EQUIPMENT ORIENTATION

Saturday, May 8th
9:00AM
Scout house

Calling all scout parents!!! We will be having backpack equipment orientation at the scout house at the same time as the scouts are participating in advancement day. This orientation is intended primarily for parents of new scouts (although all scout parents are welcome) so you can learn about the equipment you and your scout will be using on weekend backpacking trips with Troop 849.

Please contact Asst Scoutmaster Mr. Thorpe (webhelp@troop849.org) for more information.

EAGLE PROJECT

Hi everyone,

I'm still looking for volunteers for my Eagle Project, which is coming up on May 22nd and 23rd. We'll be working at Abalone Cove in Rancho Palos Verdes, building a bridge, a wall, repairing stairs, and moving a lot of dirt, all Saturday and Sunday.

I still have plenty of room both days for people of all skills and abilities, from simply moving dirt to constructing with wood and stone.

This is a great way to get service hours for you older scouts or anyone with school service requirements.

Look for an informational flier with details such as directions, meeting times, and what to bring, and a sign-up sheet at upcoming troop meetings.

You can also e-mail me with questions (or sign up) at rmiller0320@gmail.com

Thanks for the help,
-Ryland

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Don't forget Troop 849's monthly service opportunity, the Neighbor to Neighbor program at the Church of the Brethren in Redondo Beach. Please come out and help on Thursday, May 6th. Contact Mr. Tauber with questions.