# **Troop 849 Newsletter**



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## **Backpacking Season Has Started**

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Troop 849 prides itself on being a high adventure troop. This includes backpacking. Find a weekend and come on a hike. This is what scouts is about. Adults encouraged. The troop has gear and packs available at no charge for use. Here are the hikes but see the following pages for the descriptions.

Easy Hikes				
Date	Name	Peaks	Miles	Leader
May 9 - 10	3 Stream Crossing	Mini Peak	5	Mr. Reeley
May 16 – 17	Spruce Grove		7	Mr. Reeley
June 13 – 14	Little Jimmy	Mini Peak	4.4	Mr. Reeley

Long – Term Training Hikes				
Date	Name	Peaks	Backpack Miles	Leader
May 9 – 10	3 Stream Crossing/ Kelly's Camp	Ontario Peak - Mini	16.3	Mr. Siegel
May 22 – 24	Halfway	San Gorgonio – "B"	10	Mr. Tuck- Sherman
May 30 – 31	Trail Forks Springs	E San Bernardino - "B"	14.2	Mr. Tuck Sherman
June 18 PM – 21	PCT – Kennedy Meadows	Olancha Peak - "B"	30	Mr. Reeley
June 27 – 28	Devils Slide	Folley "C"	13.8	Mr. Tuck Sherman

Long Term Hikes				
Date	Name	Peaks	Backpack Miles	Leader
July 10 – July 19	Mineral King – Mt. Whitney	Florence - "D" Hitchcock - "D"	53.2	Mr. Reeley
	,	Whitney - "D"		
August 5 – 9	Cottonwood Loop	Cirque Peak "D"	25	Mr. Tuck-
		Langley Peak "D"		Sherman

May 9-10 – Third Stream Crossing and Kelley's Camp: Two hikes together Easy OR Hard. (long term prep hike) We hike with packs along middle fork trail, Lytle Creek, to 3<sup>rd</sup> Stream Crossing (about 3 flat miles). See beautiful waterfalls (if flowing). The easy hiking group drops packs here, and those that want to go to the saddle will switch to day packs. All continuing hikers go another 5 miles on a steep uphill to Icehouse Saddle. The LT training group continues 1 mile to Kelly's Camp. Those who want can climb a number of peaks around the saddle. The easy group goes back downhill to their camp. The training hike group will climb Ontario Peak, which has an abandoned silver mine in route. (Adult: Lance Siegel, Scout: Spencer Siegel hard hike, Brent Siegel: Easy hike)

May 22-24 - Vivian Springs/Halfway: Moderate hike to the tallest peak in Southern California, San Gorgonio. (long term prep hike) Group leaves Friday and climbs from Vivian Creek Trail Head to Vivian Creek. Early rise to Halfway Camp. Leave packs and set up camp. Then hike to San Gorgonio peak. Return home early Sunday. Hike currently full, wait list available (Adult: Tuck Sherman/Siegel, Scout: Erik Lilligren)

May 30-31 - Trail Fork Springs: Moderate hike. (long term prep hike). This is a great hike to improve backpacking skills and climb some peaks for the peak bagger award. (Adult: Reeley, Scout: Brent Siegel)

June 13-14 - Little Jimmy: An easy hike that is an excellent training hike for first time or new hikers. Campsite is wooded forest on the back side of Mt. Baden Powell. Opportunity to complete most, if not all, the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Scouts should see their patrol leader or leadership, to plan what they wish to accomplish. (Adult: Reeley)

June 18-21 - Kennedy Meadows/Olancha Peak: Awesome hike for the adventurous. (long term prep hike) Very Hard hike to do the elusive F peak for the peak bagger award. (Adult: Rolandelli)

June 26-28 - Devil's slide/San Jacinto: Didn't get to do San Gorgonio???, then come do San Jacinto- the impressive peak overlooking Palm Springs. (long term prep hike) A hard but rewarding 3 day hike, leaving Friday, camping in Tamarack Meadow and scaling the peak. (Adult: Cedric Tuck-Sherman, Scout: Alex Tuck-Sherman)

LONG TERMS: All participants must do three of the above long term prep hikes, or two long term prep hikes and prior long term.

- 1) July 11-19: Trans Sierra hike. Mineral King to Whitney Portal, Hard Long term. Start in Sequoia, climb 3 D peaks including Mt. Whitney, the tallest peak in continental USA. Hike almost full, wait list available
- 2) August 5-9: Moderate Long term Cirque and Langley peaks. Cottonwood Pass , 2 D peaks. Wait list available

# Troop 849 **Eagle Court of Honor**



Troop 849 cordially invites you, Scouts, and their families, to attend an Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony for

> Connor John Tree Travis Moore Grady Andrew Ryan Karnes

Sunday, June 7, 2015 2:00-4:30 p.m.

American Martyrs O'Donnell Hall 624 15<sup>th</sup> Street Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

RSVPs are appreciated call (310) 370-4041 or Kindly contact Rita Pastore email: rrspastore@yahoo.com if you have any questions/issues



### Joshua Tree Rock Climbing and Bouldering

May 1 - 3, 2015

Contributer: Nick Strissi

At Joshua Tree, we climbed, repelled, but mostly bouldered. For Saturday breakfast we had Oatmeal and dinner was hot dogs, the adults had burgers, and Sunday breakfast was pancakes and bacon. Only 9 scouts came, but we all had a good time. It was really fun, hot and a bit windy.

	MAY 2015	
Date	Event	Leader
1 – 3	Rock Climbing	Mr. Schnuckel
5	Troop Meeting	SPL
7	Neighbor to Neighbor	Mr. Tuaber
9 - 10	Training Hike	Mr. Reeley
12	Troop Meeting	SPL
16 -17	Easy Hike - Spruce Grove	Mr. Reeley
19	Troop Meeting	SPL
22 - 24	Training Hike	Mr. Siegel
26	Troop Meeting	SPL
30 - 31	Training Hike	Mr. Tuck Sherman

	JUNE 2015	
Date	Event	Leader
2	Troop Meeting	SPL
4	Neighbor to Neighbor	Mr. Tauber
6	National Trail Day	
9	Troop Meeting	SPL
13-14	Easy Hike - Little Jimmy	Mr. Reeley
18-21	Training Hike	Mr. Reeley
26-28	Training Hike	Mr. Tuck- Sherman
30	Troop Meeting	SPL

#### **Neighbor to Neighbor**

Contact: Mr. Tauber Date: May 7, 2015

June 4, 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!

#### **FUTURE NEWSLETTERS CONTRIBUTIONS**

Contributor: Erik Lilligren

We would love to have you your contributions to next month's newsletter. If you would like to have your contribution considered please contact me at <a href="mailto:tim@lilligrencpa.com">tim@lilligrencpa.com</a> or upcoming troop meetings. I want to finalize the June Newsletter by May 31 so please have all contributions to me by February 28,. Also, pictures that are submitted need to be as a JPEG attachment, not embedded, and not from third party programs such as Snapchat.