

Troop 849 Newsletter



June 2007

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CURRENT CALENDAR

- June 2-3- Laws Camp Hike*
- June 5- Medical Exam Night for Summer Camp and Long Term Hike participants (A-L 7:00 PM and M-Z 8:00 PM)
- June 7- Neighbor to Neighbor-Church of the Brethren
- June 9-10- Luc Suter Eagle Project – Richstone Family Center
- June 12- **Troop Meeting** (Uniform Inspection)
- June 19- Hike Preparation
- June 19- Long Term Preparation
- June 22-24- Limber Pine Camp Hike*
- June 23-24- Little Jimmy Hike
- June 26- **Troop Meeting**
- July 3- Hike Preparation
- July 6-8- Various Weekend Hikes
- July 10- Outdoor Cooking-El Nido Park
- July 14-15- James Merrifield Eagle Project-Wilderness Park

*-Indicates hike is Long Term Preparation



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Our Troop continues to amaze with the variety of activities it offers our boys: deep sea fishing; community service; hiking on an island; kayaking around an island; hiking in the mountains; ceremonies celebrating great achievements; climbing up rock walls; shooting off rockets; the list goes on. ALL of those activities need adult leaders to make them happen. If you haven't yet become involved as an adult leader in the Troop, please think about it. Your first steps in this area can be small (offering to be an assistant leader on an activity you really enjoy is the best way to get started), but the rewards can be enormous. New parents, who have just joined the Troop, please don't be shy in your offers to help. Please speak to any of the "old-timers" if you are willing to get involved, and the word will spread. Thank you! [All adult leaders with the Troop need to be registered with the District; those forms are available in the locker.]

-Don McLellan (Troop Committee Chairman)



SPL CORNER

Hello Troop! This is your SPL, **John Gunderman**. I would like to say a few words about the scout uniform. I have noticed that many scouts come to meetings without their uniform, or maybe just an untucked scout shirt. Many of you have been in such situations with an understandable excuse- a baseball game or something of the sort. However, we must realize that it is more than just another pair of clothes- it is a representation of the Scout Oath and Law. It tells everyone who sees it that the wearer is trustworthy, loyal, helpful... It shows that you are not only part of a very small percentage of men, but you are part of an organization dedicated to serving their community, and their country. Part of being a member of the Boy Scouts is the uniform. Sure, you could always follow Scouting values without ever putting on the uniform, but the uniform is the physical symbol that brings us together. Remember this the next time you put on your uniform.

SPL ELECTION RESULTS

SPL - **John Gunderman**

ASPLs - **Christopher Bickel**
Kirk Busby

CONGRATULATIONS!

ADVANCEMENTS

SCOUT: **Grant Acker, Jordan Bremer, Christopher Fong, Max Marder, Emerson Nichols, Pierce Salazar, Brendan Shinn, Matt Wenner**

TENDERFOOT: **Kyler Mozell**

STAR: **Connor Noda**

June 23-24 Easy Hike

There will be a **beginner's hike** to Little Jimmy the weekend of June 22 and 24. This is a very nice easy hike with an area to camp. We will meet at the scout house on Saturday morning and drive to the trailhead and return in the afternoon on Sunday.

Details will be available at a troop meeting soon.

June 22-24 Advanced Hike

This is a great Friday-Sunday **training hike** on June 22-24 to Limber Pine Bench Camp; with a 3,240' elevation gain over 6.7 miles and then a peak climb from camp at 9,200' to Mt. San Bernardino at 10,624'. Remember, this is a long term training hike and is a very fun and scenic climb. Finally, ***sunglasses are required*** because of the elevation. Contact **Mr. Williamson** or **Greg Schnuckel** for more information.

Luc Suter's Eagle Project

Make sure to attend Luc Suter's Eagle Project!

When- Sat. and Sun., June 9&10 from 8:30-4:30

Where- Richstone Family Center
13620 Cordary Ave.
Hawthorne, CA

What- Removing stumps and bushes from an undeveloped area. Once removed, additional sprinklers, new topsoil, and sod will be laid down in this area to form a park. Two new park benches will be installed, as well as a trellis for new vines to climb along the wall. Two Hopscotch courts and a Four Square court will be repainted.

Contact Luc at 310-379-1997 rsuter@aol.com

James Merrifield's Eagle Project

James Merrifield's Eagle Project will take place on **July 14th and 15th** at Hopkins Wilderness Park in Redondo Beach. It will involve restoration and clean-up of the park and the planting of some young redwood trees. More information on this project will be included on a flyer along with the project sign-up sheet at the upcoming scout meetings.

**For more information please contact James at
(310) 545-6052.**

Thanks for helping me with my project, James Merrifield

Ad Altare Dei

Congratulations to **Conor Dawson, Sean Harger, and Ryland Miller** for attaining the Ad Altare Dei Award, which is the Catholic Boy Scout Award. These scouts have been working hard for six months to achieve the award and would not have gotten it without the aid of **Mr. Gunderman**. Congratulations!

Order of the Arrow

Congratulations to **David Copeland, Conor Dawson, Ryland Miller, and Connor Noda** for completing the Order of the Arrow Ordeal. They were elected because they went camping for more than twenty nights and have been extremely active in the troop. Good for them! They spent a weekend eating scarce food, no talking, and a whole day of forest work. Again, congratulations!

Looking Ahead

July – Various Weekend Hikes
Outdoor Cooking Night
James Merrifield's Eagle Project
Chawanakee Summer Camp

August – Summer Break – No Troop Meetings
Long Term Hikes

September – Resume Troop Meetings 9/4/07
Troop Junior Leader Training
Surf Hike
Court of Honor