

Troop 849 Newsletter



June 2008

CURRENT CALENDAR

- Jun 3- Medical Exam Night – 7:00 A-L
8:00 M-Z
- Jun 5- Neighbor to Neighbor-Church of the Brethren
- Jun 7-8- Advanced Rock Climb-
Tahquitz/Suicide Rock
- Jun 10- Troop Meeting – SPL Elections
- Jun 14- Advancement Day- Scouthouse
- Jun 17- Hike Preparation
- Jun 17- \$125 Long Term Payment Due
- Jun 17- Long term Planning Meeting
- Jun 20-22- Hike** Dry Lake
Hike** Round Valley
Hike** Little Round Valley
- Jun 24- Greenbar Meeting
- Jun 24- Troop Meeting
- Jun 26- Troop Committee Meeting
- Jun 28-29- Hike Little Jimmy
- Jun 29- Eagle Court of Honor-Pacific School

**Harder hike, counts towards Long Term requirements



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

We are in the midst of our busiest hiking season in years, which means our Troop Quartermaster, Mr. Greg Young, is a very busy fellow. When you go to the Scout locker to check out a tent or a stove or a bear canister, or all three of these, it all seems so easy, doesn't it? And what is the magic miracle that makes it so simple? It's a ton of dedication and hard work by Mr. Young and the Scout(s) assigned to help him take care of the Troop's equipment. Mr. Young has been toiling away in the equipment locker for over a decade, using just the right amount of his engineering and organizational skills and personal tenacity to keep all the equipment straight and in excellent shape.

Up until now this has been a "thankless" task, but all Troop 849 hikers and campers should take a moment on their next trip to the equipment locker to thank our Quartermaster for the great job he continues to do for us. Our hiking and outdoor programs would not be possible without him!

--Don McLellan



SPL CORNER

If anyone is interested in becoming the next SPL (Senior Patrol Leader) or an ASPL (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader), make sure to attend the meeting on June 10, where SPL elections will be held. Scouts must be at least First Class or above to be eligible. Everyone interested in Troop Leadership is strongly encouraged to run. Hope to see you there!

--Ryan Hadley

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Everyone is invited to attend an Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, June 29th at 3:30PM at Pacific Elementary School multi-purpose room. Troop 849 is proud to be recognizing the accomplishments of 5 scouts who have recently attained the rank of Eagle including Matt Shuler, James Merrifield, Gavin Filarsky, Luc Suter, and James Roth. Scouts should come in full class A uniform.

ADVANCED ROCK CLIMBING

Attention advanced rock climbers!

This trip is to Tahquitz rock near Idyllwild. Tahquitz was one of the first major climbing locations in the Los Angeles area, starting in 1935. Car camping is nearby. We will be in the mountains, with pine trees, granite rock (smoother than Joshua Tree), and 5.7+ climbs. Bring your own personal climbing gear and camping gear and we'll climb some new crags. We will drive out Friday, June 6th and return on Sunday, June 8th. The cost is \$20 for everything except lunch on the way home. (We'll probably eat lunch in Idyllwild so bring some extra cash)

Sign up with **Mr. Alan Slocum** or at the troop meetings!

Thanks, Allan Slocum
310.384.7522

GREAT STUFF FOR NEW SCOUTS!!



ADVANCEMENT DAY #2

This is a great opportunity for new scouts to complete the Tenderfoot physical fitness requirements as well as work on some other scout skills. Come in comfortable clothes (troop t-shirt, not class A uniform) Saturday, June 14th from 9am-10:45am at the Scouthouse. Contact **Mr. Reeley** to sign up.

SWIMMING MERIT BADGE

We will be conducting Swimming Merit Badge Class starting on June 10th - doing CPR and other written requirements with the new scouts during the troop meeting, and followed up by Pool requirements on Saturday, June 14th from 11am-1pm. This opportunity is available for all new scouts and any other scout that has not completed the Swimming Merit Badge. Contact **Mr. Reeley** to sign up!

LITTLE JIMMY HIKE

This will be a good introduction to peak climbing for those that haven't climbed any peaks. We'll depart Saturday morning, June 28th, and drive up highway 2 past Mt. Wilson. From the trailhead at Islip Saddle, there is 2 1/2 miles of hiking to get to camp. We should be there by lunch. After lunch we'll climb one or two easy mini-peaks, depending on the group's desire. There are trails all of the way to the peaks. We'll hike out Sunday morning and arrive back in town about lunchtime.

Difficulty: Introductory - No prior backpacking experience is required.

Profile: Total of 5.2 miles with backpack and 770' of elevation gain.

Peaks: Mt. Islip 8,250' and/or Mt. Hawkins 8,850'
Questions see **Mr. Thorpe!**

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Neighbor to Neighbor is a monthly service opportunity where the Troop 849 Boy Scouts serve dinner to the homeless at the Church of the Brethren in Redondo Beach. It's a great way to perform service and serve the community. The following dates are when Neighbor to Neighbor is going to be held:

Thursday, 6/5, Thursday, 7/3, Thursday, 8/7

FUN THINGS FOR OLDER SCOUTS!!



DRY LAKE HIKE

This is a moderate to strenuous hike where prior backpacking experience is required. The trip will leave Friday evening, June 20th and return Sunday afternoon, June 22nd. The hike covers over 11 miles round trip with approximately 2200' elevation gain. Possible peaks to climb are Grinnell Mountain or Lake Peak.

Check the sign up sheets to verify your participation or contact the hike leader, **Scoutmaster Rolandelli** with any questions.

ROUND VALLEY HIKE

This is a strenuous hike so prior backpacking experience is required. The trip is expected to leave Friday night, June 20th and return mid-afternoon, Sunday, June 22nd. The hike covers over 16 miles and has an elevation gain of 3820'.

Contact hike leader, **Mr. Noda** with questions and to confirm your participation.

LITTLE ROUND VALLEY HIKE

Prior backpacking experience is required for this strenuous hike. Although the trip covers only 9.8 miles, there is an elevation gain of over 3280' which makes this a steep climb. This hike has an opportunity for two peaks, San Jacinto or Folley, both which are rated "C". This trip leaves Friday, June 20th and returns Sunday, June 22nd.

Mr. Bernard is the hike leader.

CHECK THE TROOP CALENDAR



LOOKING AHEAD

July: Various weekend hikes
Mt. Whitney Long Term
Outdoor Cooking

August: Camp Chawanakee
McGee Creek Long Term
Agnew Meadow Long Term