

Troop 849 Newsletter



June 2009

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CURRENT CALENDAR

- June 2 – Troop Meeting (Hike Preparation)
- June 4 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Church of the Brethren
- June 6-7 – Hike – Spruce Grove
- June 9 – Medial Exam Night
- June 13 – Conor Dawson Eagle Project
- June 14 – Advancement Day & Swimming Merit Badge
- June 14 – Eagle Court of Honor
- June 16 – Troop Meeting
- June 19-21 – Hike – Round Valley
- June 20-22 – Hike – White Mountain
- June 23 – Troop Meeting (Hike Preparation)
- June 26-28 – Hike – Dry Lake
- June 26 -28 – Hike – Round Valley or
Ice House Canyon
- June 30 – Troop Meeting
- July 2 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Church of the Brethren



SPL CORNER

Hello everybody. I'm **Kyle Salzman**, the new Senior Patrol Leader for the troop. For those of you that I don't know personally, I am a Life Scout, and this is my fifth year in the scouting program. Scouting has been a major part of my life since Elementary school, and I'm glad that I have a chance to give back to the program. The next few weeks will be a busy time as the Troop prepares for summer camp and the older scouts prepare for Longterm. I am glad to be assuming leadership at this hectic time of the year, and I feel lucky to have been given the chance to test my leadership skills. I look forward to working closely with all of you as we move into the most exciting part of the year. Summer is a fun time of year at this troop, so I hope you all enjoy it. If you have any problems or questions then you can call me on my cell at 1 (310) 283-2451, or e-mail me at ksalz21@gmail.com.



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Medical exam night (Tuesday June 9) is a long-time Troop 849 tradition, aimed at helping families by keeping costs down. Led by Dr. Hoft and staffed with numerous volunteers, it's a relatively quick way for the summer camp and long term participants to become "medically certified" to attend Camp Chawanakee and participate in our backpacking program.

The success of our scouting program rests on the continued support of our adult volunteers and willingness of all of our scout families to pitch in and do their part. Please take a moment on June 9 to thank all the medical personnel who volunteer their time to make this evening a success.

--Don McLellan

MEDICAL EXAM NIGHT

Medical exam night is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th. If your last name begins with A – L please come at 7:00 PM. If your last name begins with M – Z please come at 8:00 PM. All scouts and adults who are attending Chawanakee or the Whitney Portal Longterm can have their required medical exam done at this time. Philmont participants must see their own personal physicians.

If you did not pick up the BSA Medical form at Chawanakee Info Night you can download it from <http://troop849.org/pdfs/MedicalForm.pdf>. Please come with the parent section completely filled out and bring a copy of your immunization record.

Returning scouts, if you did not update your medical form at Chawanakee Info Night, please stop by to do so at medical exam night.

Contact **Sally Bickel** or **Dr. Richard Hoft** with questions.

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

Scouts and their families are cordially invited to attend and Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony for **John Gunderman, Ryan Hadley, and Andrew Vandenberg.**

Sunday, June 14, 2009
3:00 PM
American Martyrs Church
O'Donnell Hall

RSVP's are not necessary. Kindly contact **Cynthia Copeland** at 310-376-6881 if you have any questions.

EAGLE PROJECT

Conor Dawson's Eagle Project will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009. The project is at the Hoover Elementary School near downtown Los Angeles. The work will consist of landscaping improvement & beautification work. Please put this event on your calendar.

When: We will meet at the Scout House at 7:00 am.
What to Bring: Please come prepared with your 10 essentials, hat, sun screen, work gloves, water bottle and a yellow card.

Water and lunch will be provided.

Your help is needed and ALL are welcome. Come on down to Conor's Eagle Project for some work and community service hours. To sign up, contact Conor in person or by phone.

Thanks!

SUMMER CAMP MERIT BADGES

Please remember to turn in your Chawanakee Merit Badge form as soon as possible. Some badges have class size limits and will fill up. Registration for classes are on a first come first served basis. If you are having trouble choosing which badges to work on, please ask **Mr. Reeley, Mr. Rolandelli, Mrs. Bickel, or SPL Kyle Salzman** for advise.

Merit badges sign up forms can be downloaded from <http://troop849.org/pdfs/SummerCampBadgeSignups.pdf>

Contact **Sally Bickel** with questions.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Did you know that Troop 849 has a Scholarship Fund for scouts who are graduating high school and will be continuing their education by attending a college or university? Candidates who have demonstrated outstanding service and/or leadership should contact **Asst. Scoutmaster Mr. Vahey** for more information about how to apply.

JUNE HIKES

There are many opportunities for backpacking this month with six different hikes going to five different mountain locations.

Each hike is unique and offers the opportunity to experience different scenery, terrain, peak bagging, and vistas. Skill levels required vary from hike to hike.

Please contact the hike leaders for detailed information and to sign up.

Spruce Grove – Mr. Reeley
Round Valley – Mr. Gunderman
White Mountain – Mr. Slocum
Dry Lake – Mr. Thomasson
Round Valley/Ice House Canyon – Mr. Noda

LOOKING AHEAD

JULY: Riley Thomasson's Eagle Project
Long Term Hike – Whitney Portal
Outdoor Cooking
Various Hikes

AUGUST: Camp Chawanakee
Philmont Treks
Peak Climb – Mt. Rixford
No Regular Troop Meetings

SEPTEMBER: Meetings Resume
Santa Cruz Island Kayaking
Surf Trip
David Copeland's Eagle Project
Fall Court of Honor