

Troop 849 Newsletter



June 2010

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CURRENT CALENDAR

June 3 – Neighbor to Neighbor
June 5-6 – Swimming/Lifesaving Merit Badge Classes
June 8 – Troop Meeting
June 15 – Troop Meeting
June 18-20 – NYLT – Course 1
June 19 – Advancement Day
June 22 – Troop Meeting
June 25-27 – NYLT – Course 1
June 26-27 – David Copeland's Eagle Project
June 29 – Troop Meeting
July 1 – Neighbor to Neighbor
July 6 – Troop Meeting

SPL CORNER



"A Scout is ... *helpful* ... *courteous* ... *obedient* ..."
We all should keep each of these points of our Boy Scout Law in mind when we gather together; especially when we meet at the Scout House for our regular Troop meetings.

Yes, it is confined and has poor acoustics. Yes, we usually have many, many activities going on during our meetings ... some of which involve everyone and some that involve smaller groups of our Troop.

But, we should all remember how *helpful* it is when someone is talking – be it our Scoutmaster, Scout leaders, or anyone else, and whether or not they are speaking to the collective (entire) Troop gathered or to a smaller group – for everyone else to be quiet! .

Just as in school, church, on a sports team or other group gathering ... when someone else is speaking, it is *courteous* to remain both quiet and attentive until they have finished! And, even when they are done, this does not mean that it is time for a myriad of free conversations or other activities. Together and individually, we have much to accomplish at each Scout meeting, so please make out time together more productive and a lot more fun by both being attentive and respectful.

And being considerate of and paying attention to others, especially when you have been asked to please be quiet – by the Scout sign being raised or verbally by one of our leaders – is being *obedient* as well.

So, please help us help you by remaining quiet and attentive during our time together. The leaders will be grateful; and, you too will be amazed and appreciative how much more we can accomplish together if we can all follow these points of the Scout Law. We repeat these at the beginning of every meeting, so let us all try to remember and apply them throughout our time together. Thank you.

~Tanner Bernard



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

At Troop 849 we have many talented and giving volunteers. One such leader is **Mr. Rick Reeley**, our Assistant Scout Leader known for his involvement and teaching skills such as youth leadership training, life saving, CPR, swimming, hike leader, District Commissioner, and so much more. Mr. Reeley would like to impart a few thoughts about the upcoming events.

The end of the school year is upon us, and that means time for Backpacking trips, Summer Camps, and Merit Badge Classes, as well as many opportunities for training, advancement and leadership as we continue to celebrate the Scouting Centennial year. Recruit a friend, teach another scout a scout skill, and make new friends in the troop. For those going to Emerald Bay the end of June, you will get to enjoy a special 8 person canoe trip with your patrol members, experience the Catalina Island sights, great snorkeling and Stargazing. We have many backpacking trips coming up the next few months - sign up for one or more of these great outdoor experiences. Enjoy Scouting.

Mr. Rick Reeley

Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Tauber

NYLT

(National Youth Leadership Training)

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is a focused, high-energy, participatory leadership course for Boy Scouts. During the summer of 2010 the Los Angeles Area Council will be offering this national Scout leadership course at two (2) different times and locations, and in both a two (2) extended weekend and a weeklong format.

NYLT is for Scouts interested in becoming better and more effective leaders both in Scouting and in life. The program is available to scouts who by June 1, 2010, are First Class or above in rank; at least 13 years old; and, have completed their Troop-run TLT (Troop Leadership Training).

For more information please contact **Asst Scoutmaster Mr. Brett Bernard**.

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp registration is closed and all payments should have been made, medical forms submitted, consent forms signed, and merit badge classes requested at this time. Unfortunately, there are a number of scouts who have not yet fulfilled those requirements. PLEASE, PLEASE be sure to complete all the necessary forms for camp. If you are unsure if you are missing any of the requirements for camp contact Mrs. Sally Bickel at momunit@verizon.net. Thank you.

MERIT BADGES

Whether you are attending summer camp, stuck in summer school, or going on a family vacation; summer is a great time to work on merit badges. Check out the list of merit badge counselors in the equipment locker at the scouthouse and pick a badge to work on. Can't decide what is right for you? Talk to an older scout and ask his advise!

EAGLE PROJECT

David Copeland's Eagle Project will be held on June 26 and 27 at 18904 Roselle Ave. in Torrance, 90504. We will be building 30 bookstands for the Camp Miller literacy program. The project involves a lot of power tool usage as well as panting and assembling the bookstands, so I need older as well as younger scouts. You can contact me at dcopeland333@gmail.com or (310) 749-8021 to sign up or for additional information.

PREP HIKE OPPORTUNITY

If there is sufficient interest a long term prep hike will be planned for the weekend of June 11-13 to Round Valley by **Mr. Jim Gunderman**. Departure would be from Manhattan Beach around 1pm on Friday, returning around 3pm on Sunday. Friday night we hike from Humber Park in Idyllwild, up the Devil's Slide trail, into the Saddle Junction area where we will make camp. On Saturday, we continue on to Round Valley. From there we can hike to the San Jacinto summit or the ever popular "Mt. Tram" (Palm Springs Arial Tramway).

This hike is being offered as there is a chance the previously scheduled June 18-20 Round Valley hike may not occur.

Please contact Mr. Gunderman if you are interested in participating in this trip.

LOOKING AHEAD

Summer Camps
Outdoor Cooking
Weekend Hikes
Long Term Hikes
Santa Cruz Kayak Trip
Greg Schunckel Eagle Project
Surf Trip