

Troop 849 Newsletter



July/August 2007

CURRENT CALENDAR

July 5- Neighbor to Neighbor -Church of the Brethren
July 6-8- Hike*- Iron Man
July 6-8- Hike- North & South Reds Meadow
July 6-8- Hike*- Jackstraw Springs
July 10- Outdoor Cooking- El Nido Park (No Meeting)
July 14-15- James Merrifield Eagle Project-
Wilderness Park
July 17- Troop Meeting
July 24- Greenbar Meeting
July 24- Troop Meeting
July 29- August 4- Summer Camp- Chawanakee
July 31- No Troop Meeting
August 2- Neighbor to Neighbor-Church of the Brethren
August 7- No Meeting, Enjoy!
August 14- No Meeting, Summer Break!
August 17-26- Long Term Hike- Florence Lake to
Kings Canyon
August 17-26- Long Term Hike- McGee Creek to
Mono Pass
August 19-27- Rae Lakes Loop
August 21- No Meeting, Enjoy!
August 28 – No Meeting, Have a Family Picnic instead!
August 30- Troop Committee Meeting
September 4- Meetings Resume

** indicates that the hike is a Long Term Prep Hike*

OUTDOOR COOKING

On **Tuesday, July 10**, there will be no regular troop meeting because there will be a special outdoor cooking session held at **El Nido Park** starting at **6PM**. This is a family event. Scouts will cook over open fires using the foil packet cooking method. All scouts who still need to complete their **2nd Class cooking requirements** should take advantage of this opportunity to fulfill them. Scouts must provide their own food, drinks, and cooking equipment. The troop will provide firewood and advise! Please bring your Totin' Chip (if you have), your 10 Essentials, and wear your Troop Activity Shirt. Hope to see you there!

COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

As we head into the summer, and all of the activities associated with this time of year (summer camp, training hikes, long term hikes, etc.), I hope everybody will take a moment to thank the adult leaders who use their own vacation time to provide our sons with the opportunity to participate in these great outdoor adventures. Without their willingness to not only participate but to provide their stellar guidance and mentorship, we would not have a Scouting program. Thanks to all the adults who make this possible! I hope everyone has a wonderful, safe summer.

-Don McLellan



SPL CORNER

Hello Scouts, this is John Gunderman. Today I would like to talk about Summer Camp. Many of you may have signed up for a merit badge that will require a prerequisite. This is especially true of Eagle Required Merit Badges. By this point in time you should be aware if the merit badges you are taking require prerequisites. Some prerequisites will require you to do something over a period of time. For example, the Reptile and Amphibian Study merit badge requires that you take care of a reptile or amphibian for one month. Some other merit badges have similar requirements. If you haven't yet begun work on your prerequisites, NOW is the time to start. If you have any questions about prerequisites, please contact **Mr. Rolandelli**.

John Muir Tail Hike

North & South Reds Meadow/Mammoth
7/6-7/8

Friday, July 6- Drive to Mammoth

Saturday, July 7- Lake Mary to Reds Meadow- day hike (17.8 miles)

Sunday, July 8- Agnew Meadows to Reds Meadow- day hike 12.3 miles) (Optional extension to Lake Ediza)

*This is an aggressive two days of hiking to “fill in” hard to get portions of the John Muir Trail (JMT north & south of Reds Meadow.) For those that are attending to complete the JMT in Aug. 2007, these hikes “fill in” the missing parts of the JMT.

Questions? Call Mr. Filarsky

James Merrifield’s Eagle Project

Where: Hopkins Wilderness Park, 1102 Camino Real, Redondo Beach 90277

When: Saturday, July 14 and Sunday, July 15
From 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Who: Volunteer to work in our community restoring some of the park’s grounds, clean a stream, and plant some young redwood trees in this beautiful small forest environment.

** Be sure to wear clothes that can get dirty, bring a hat, sunscreen, good work gloves and your yellow card. Meet in the parking lot at 8:30 am both days.*

** Lunch, drinks, and snacks provided*

2007 Long Terms

The upcoming Long Terms are:

August 17-26—Florence Lake to Kings Canyon

August 17-26—McGee Creek to Mono Pass

August 19-27—Rae Lakes Loop

This will be the only newsletter distributed over the summer since there are no regular troop meetings in August. Please check the Troop website at www.troop849.org. The first regular Troop Meeting in the fall is scheduled for **September 4th** and weekend activities begin right away on **September 8th**, with Troop Junior Leader Training. For those of you participating in Summer Camp and Long Terms, have a fun and safe time.

Jackstraw Springs Hike

We will be offering another training hike the weekend of July 6th to July 8th to Jackstraw Springs. This hike will be lead by **Mr. Thorpe** and **Dr. Rose**. If you are interested, you must attend hike prep on Tuesday, July 3rd.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Just a reminder that Neighbor to Neighbor will continue through the summer. Neighbor to Neighbor is a program where the Boy Scouts serve dinner to the homeless at the Church of the Brethren in Redondo Beach. It’s a great way to earn service hours and serve the community. The following dates are when Neighbor to Neighbor is going to be held:

Thursdays July 5th, August 2nd, and September 6th

Aviation Day

The first ever Troop 849 Aviation Day is planned for September 22nd. This is a rare opportunity for scouts to learn first hand about aviation and actually get a chance to go flying in a private plane. See the home page of the troop website for more information. Thanks to **Mr. Butts** for making this possible.

Santa Cruz Trip Report

On Saturday, May 26, the scouts and adults boarded the boat. Once we arrived, we set up the tents. Not long after, we were in the water kayaking. Some of the caves are very large which makes exploring them very enjoyable. Besides kayaking, some of the group went on the four mile round trip hike to Potato Harbor. Other adventurers went on the nine mile round trip to Smuggler’s Cove Hike. The island is beautiful, but it is now Monday: Time for us to leave. – *Sean Harger*

Looking Ahead

September

- *Surf Trip
- *Troop Junior Leader Training
- *Aviation Day
- *Court of Honor

October

- *Old Home Town Fair
- *Desert Hike

November

- *Bike Hike
- *Advanced Rock Climbing Trip