

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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## CURRENT CALENDAR

- July 2 – Neighbor to Neighbor  
Church of the Brethren
- July 7 – Troop Meeting
- July 10-12 – Limber Pine Bench Hike  
Round Valley Hike  
Jackstraw Springs
- July 14 – Outdoor Cooking – El Nido Park
- July 18-19 – Riley Thomasson Eagle Project
- July 21 – Troop Meeting
- July 24-31 – Kings Canyon to Whitney Portal  
Long Term Hike
- July 25-26 – Riley Thomasson Eagle Project
- July 28 – Troop Meeting
- Aug 2-8 – Camp Chawanakee
- Aug 4 – Summer Break – No Troop Meeting
- Aug 6 – Neighbor to Neighbor  
Church of the Brethren
- Aug 11-22 – Philmont Treks

## OUTDOOR COOKING

The troop's annual outdoor cooking event will take place on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> in place of the regular troop meeting. This is a great fun family event for scouts of all ages. Scouts will plan their own menu and cook dinner over an open fire making use of many cooking styles. This is a great way to fulfill the 2<sup>nd</sup> Class cooking requirement.

The event takes place at **El Nido Park** located near the South Bay Galleria at 18301 Kingsdale Ave, Redondo Beach, CA. Come on out and have some summer fun!

## LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Troop Newsletter has been distributed monthly since September of 2005. The newsletter, along with the troop website and attending troop meetings, is a crucial communication tool for the troop.

Over the past 4 years we have had several scouts take on the leadership position of **Troop Scribe** in order to manage the newsletter. Our current Troop Scribe, Conor Dawson, has completed his tenure and we are now looking for a replacement.

The Troop Scribe is responsible for gathering the articles about the various troop events and activities and putting together a rough draft of the newsletter each month. The Scribe will work with **Mrs. Bickel** to edit the final copy and distribute the newsletter via the Troop email announcement system.

Interested candidates should contact **Conor Dawson** for more information and to apply for the position.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

This August Troop 849 is sending three “crews” to Philmont in New Mexico. Philmont is the national Scout ranch in the mountains of northern New Mexico (outside of historic Cimmaron NM). Long considered the best facility of its kind, Philmont provides older Scouts an exciting opportunity to backpack and participate in unique events over a two-week trip. Scout troops from all over the country converge on Philmont during the summer months to trek around the trails and participate in such events as mule racing, black powder shooting, pole climbing, blacksmithing, branding, steer roping, etc. Troop 849 tries to go to Philmont about once every four years (it’s very difficult to get slotted in each year as the demand far exceeds available spots). We wish all those Troop 849 Scouts and adults going in August a safe and exciting trip, and we’re looking forward to hearing all the great stories from each crew upon their return.

--Don McLellan

## HOMETOWN FAIR

Adult Volunteers Needed – Burgermeister, et al!

Our Scout run Troop is always in need of adult leaders and volunteers. A current critical need is our “**Burgermeister**” (leader) for the Troop’s Hamburger Booth at the October Hometown Fair! This Booth is THE only annual fundraiser for our Troop’s equipment and other needs. Without this leader and successful fundraiser many of our programs and activities will not occur. At your earliest convenience please contact Bret Bernard, our retiring Burgermeister, at an upcoming Troop meeting, [B3Bernard@att.net](mailto:B3Bernard@att.net) or 949.500.7571 to learn more about this position and to really help our Scouts by assuming this position.

There are other areas as well that our Troop requires volunteer adult involvement: backpacking, rock climbing, and many of the other activities that our Scouts most enjoy are in dire need of trained adults. For more information about these volunteer positions that our Troop desperately needs adult support please contact Committee Chair Don McLellan or Asst Committee Chair Leigh Noda.

The Burgermeister and other volunteer positions are great opportunity to help our Scouts ... *New Scouts Parents* in particular; this is an opportunity for you to become more involved in the Troop and to support your son in Scouting!

## JULY HIKES

There are still opportunities to go backpacking this summer with three hikes scheduled the weekend of July 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>.

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.

Limber Pine Bench – Mr. Noda  
Round Valley – Mr. Reeley  
Jackstraw Springs – Mr. Thomasson

## EAGLE PROJECT

Riley Thomasson’s Eagle Project is coming up in July.

The project involves constructing a series of uniform racks for the Mira Costa Marching Band. The project will be held at Riley’s house at 2004 Wendy Way, Manhattan Beach. The work will consist of organizing materials, assembling, sanding, and painting.

The dates are as follows:

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** – 9am to 5pm - Prep day

**Saturday & Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** – 9am to 5pm

**Saturday & Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>** – 9am to 5pm

Please put this event on your calendar.

What to Bring: Please come prepared with your hat, sun screen, work gloves, water bottle and a yellow card.

Water, snacks, and lunch will be provided.

Your help is needed and ALL are welcome. Please come to Riley’s Eagle Project for some work and community service hours. **To sign up, contact Riley at [rileythom@verizon.net](mailto:rileythom@verizon.net), at 310-648-9200 or in person.** A sign up sheet will be at the next few meetings.

Thanks!

## LOOKING AHEAD

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

OCTOBER: Home Town Fair  
Pier Fishing  
Conor Noda's Eagle Project  
Desert Hike