

Troop 849 Newsletter



Summer 2010

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CURRENT CALENDAR

Aug 8-12 – Long Term Hike
Aug 10 – Summer Break – No Meeting
Aug 17 – Summer Break – No Meeting
Aug 24 – Summer Break – No Meeting
Aug 31 – **Troop Meeting**
Aug 31 – Hike Prep – Santa Cruz Kayak Trip
Sept 2 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Sept 4-6 – Santa Cruz Kayak Trip
Sept 7 – **Troop Meeting**
Sept 11 – Surf Day – Doheny Beach
Sept 14 – New Parent Feedback Session
Sept 14 – **Troop Meeting**
Sept 18 – Mountain Biking
Sept 21 – **Troop Meeting**
Sept 24-26 – University Peak Climb
Sept 28 – **Fall Troop Court of Honor**

SUMMER CAMP RECAP

This year, Troop 849 scouts attended both Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island and Camp Chawanakee at Shaver Lake. Both camps offer a wide variety of programs for scouts to participate in including merit badges, water activities, hiking, scout crafts, nature study, and shooting sports.

17 scouts and 4 adults attended Emerald Bay and 35 scouts and 4 adults attended Chawanakee. Please encourage your scouts to think about their experiences and determine what they thought was good and maybe even not so good about summer camp. Think about transportation, merit badge programs, food, campsites, leadership, free time, weather, etc.

After the scouts have sorted it all out, I would love to hear their opinions. We are always trying to improve the programs we offer and need scout (and parent) feedback to do so.

~Sally Bickel, Summer Camp Committee Member

SPL CORNER

Well, we are well into our summer vacation, which means that we have lots of Scouting activities on-hand.

Already a third of our Scouts went to Summer Camp (#1) at Emerald Bay on Santa Catalina Island and had a great time. In addition, quite a few Scouts have already ‘knocked-down’ some hikes and bagged some peaks; and, myself included, we whitewater rafted down the Kern River over the 4th of July ... altogether too much fun! All that just several weeks into vacation ...

Before us, we have more prep and long-term hikes; and, Summer Camp (#2) at Chawanakee – where more than half of our Troop will be camping together. And then, just after we return from our summer Troop meeting hiatus we’ll be ferrying over to Santa Cruz Island for our annual Kayak Trip over the Labor Day weekend.

Remember there’s also the Cabrillo BSA ‘Day Camp’ in nearby San Pedro ... a great opportunity for everyone to work on their Eagle required and other Merit Badges. Throw in a couple other activities, Eagle projects, etc. and it’s a chock-full Scouting summer!

I hope that each and every one of our Scouts will be engaged in at least one of these varied Troop activities; and, hopefully more than a couple! Remember, in everything you do ... “be prepared,” be safe, and (especially) ... have fun!

Older Scouts, the summer is an opportunity for you to not only expand your own horizons but also contribute to the growth of our younger Scouts. Help them on the hikes, in camp and along the way ... remember not that long ago an older, more experienced Troop member was looking out for you as well!

Have a great and fun filled summer; and, we’ll see you back at our next regular Troop meeting on Tuesday, August 31st, which will include the “hike prep” meeting for the Kayak Trip. Happy trails everyone ...

~Tanner Bernard

PEAK CLIMB *New Date*

Mountaineers:

The date for the University Peak Climb has changed due to several conflicts. The new date is September 24th – 26th.

This is a VERY rare chance to climb an “F” peak in a weekend. Typically we climb A, B, or C in a weekend. This peak is 12,300’ located next to Kearsarge Pass, just north of Mt. Whitney. We’ll drive up on Friday and night hike for an hour or so. On Saturday, we’ll hike another hour and make camp then eat breakfast. Next we’ll climb the peak, it should take about 4-5 hours. We’ll be back in camp after another 2 hours at a nice lake and have a great dinner. Sunday we’ll hike out and drive home. The backpack is quite easy but the peak is STRENUOUS. Only experienced peak climbers should sign up for this one. Call me with any questions.

Thanks.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Santa Cruz Kayak Trip
Greg Schunckel Eagle Project
Ricky Hoft Eagle Project
Sean Harger Eagle Project
Surf Trip
Mountain Biking
University Peak Climb
Court of Honor
Home Town Fair Burger Booth
Pier Fishing

TROOP NEWSLETTER

Are you looking for a way to get involved in the troop as an adult volunteer? I am looking for an adult to take over the monthly newsletter operations. It is easy and fun and also a great way to make sure you know what is happening with the troop!

Call me with any questions, Sally Bickel 310-372-7842.

After every event offered by Troop 849 it is required that either an adult or a scout leader submit a trip report describing the event. These reports are included in the Court of Honor programs but can also serve to encourage more active participation in troop events on a regular basis. It is for this reason I hope to regularly include trip reports in the monthly newsletter.

~Sally Bickel, editor

PCT HIKE RECAP

The group met at the scouthouse at 6am on Saturday morning and drove to the end of the trail to drop off a car. We then proceeded to the trailhead in Big Bear. We were on the trail by 10:30am. We hiked fifteen miles and camped on an outcrop of the trail. That night we ate tortellini soup and mountain house Lasagna for dinner. For dessert, we had Trader Joes cookies. The morning we packed up camp and headed back onto the trail. We had multiple stream crossings but only one wet one. We stopped for lunch at the bridge over Deep Creek. We met three thru hikers who were going the same way (north). We pushed on and had a ramen and chicken noodle soup for dinner; we enjoyed mountain house raspberry crumble for dessert. We hiked on and camped at the Deep Creek Hot Spring. The next morning we hiked the remaining miles to our car and ate a hearty breakfast at the airport Mile High cafe. We had hike in total 39 miles that weekend.

~Submitted by Nick Barber