

Troop 849 Newsletter



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Santa Cruz Kayaking

Contributer: Lance Siegel

Scouts and families, payment is due for the September kayaking trip. Make checks to "troop 849", \$125 per person. This includes food, kayak rentals, permits, and ferry transportation. We are leaving Saturday, Sept 5th and must be at Oxnard/Ventura by 730 am, we will be returning Monday, Sept. 7th around noon. The boat reservations are full but there is a waiting list. Exact details, times and campsites will be coming around the first week in August. Yours in scouting, Lance Siegel.



Congratulations to Troop 849 newest Eagle Scouts
Travis Grady, Will Rowe, Connor Tree, Andrew Karnes.

Whitney Long Term Hike

Contributer: Erik Lilligren

Starting on the 10 of July Mr. Rollendelli, Mr. Reeley, Mr. Siegel, Mr. Lilligren, Nick, Cullen, Albert, Erik, Spencer, Tanner, Steven, Luke and Brent drove to Mineral King to begin our climb. The trip lasted 9 days and we hiked from Mineral King to Whitney Portal for a total of about 53 miles.

On Saturday morning we quickly packed away our tents and had a quick meal. While my dad bent down to put the tent away his pants split down the middle of the backside. Spencer also ended up with broken glasses but thanks to Mr. Rolandelli's handy work they were able to be fixed with duct tape. We left camp at 8:30 am and headed to Franklin Lake. While we were crossing a river I stepped in a marsh and got both my boots and my socks soaked. We went on and had a lunch of roast beef sandwiches. At camp Albert ended up catching 8 fish and Steven caught 2. During the day we hiked 5.2 miles and gained 2,891 feet.

On Sunday we got up early at 6:30 and left camp at 7:45. Along the trail we dropped our packs and climbed Florence Peak (D peak) which took about 3 hours. On the 12,049 foot peak it was very hard to breath at times. We arrived at Forester Junction and camped there. I went swimming in the river and when it got time to cook dinner my job was to wash dishes. After that I went to bed at 8:00. During the day we gained 1,379 feet with backpacks and hiked 5.2 miles with an additional 2 miles hike and gaining 722 feet climbing Florence Peak.

On Monday morning we woke up at 6:00 and ate scrambled eggs and tortillas that most people did not like. We then left at 7:00 and started out for our next camp. Along the trail I saw a bear on the other side of the river and a snake about 1 foot away from the trail. We hiked down to the Kern River and had lunch. When we got to our camp site we had to hike another 2 miles because there was no water. When we finally got to the Kern Hot Springs it was very refreshing and nice. On Monday we hiked 12.3 miles and rose 420 feet.

On Tuesday we got up at 6:00 and ate breakfast. After that we only hiked 7 miles because of the extra miles the day before. We got to Meadow Junction camp at around 12:00 which meant we had roughly 6 hours to do what we wanted. I swam in the river while others fished. After that we had dinner and then went to bed at 8. During that day we hiked 5.7 miles and climbed 1,080 feet.

On Wednesday we got up at 6:00 and started to hike at 7:30. It was a very hard hike up to the John Muir Trail Junction that was in the hot sun and uphill. After that it was a relatively easy hike to Crabtree Meadow. I filtered water and then we ate dinner. While at Crabtree Mr. Rolandelli met a person he knew from college. I also was able to use the outdoor pit toilet before we entered the Whitney Zone, hoping I would not need to use a wag bag in the Whitney Zone. During that day we hiked 8.3 miles and gained 2,700 feet.

On Thursday we left camp at about 9:30 and hiked in a small group. It was a relatively easy hike to Guitar Lake but it was very hard once we got near it because we were in a dry and hot area. Four people went into the freezing cold lake including Mr. Rolandelli. During that day we hiked 3.9 miles and rose 1,190 feet.

On Friday we woke up at 3:00am ate breakfast and then left for Mt Whitney. We hiked in the dark up all the switch backs. We dropped packs at the junction and then climbed to the Summit of Mt. Whitney at 14,496 feet. When we were at the top I was able to get reception on my phone. We then hiked down got our packs on, and hiked down the 98 switchbacks. We ate lunch after we got to the bottom of the switch backs then got to camp at 2:00. On Friday day we backpacked 7.3 miles and climbed 2,130 feet with backpacks. The round trip from the junction to Mt Whitney summit was an additional 4 miles and a gain of 1,011 feet.

The last day we got up at 6:20am and had a very quick breakfast and left at 7:45. We got to Whitney Portal after some very easy hiking at 10:30am. At the portal we had soda, ice cream and very large burgers and a huge pancake. We then went to the Lone Pine Pizza Factory for our feast. On the way back we had to wait in traffic because of flash floods. During that day we hiked 4 miles all downhill.



Camp Chawanakee

Contributer: Rohil Dave

Camp Chawanakee 2015 started out quite well as we almost had 100 percent troop participation. The tables turned quite rapidly as our bus broke down 8 miles from camp. We arrived more than 8 hours after departure. Though, the opening campfire made us feel at home. Merit badge classes started off on Monday with the popular classes being Small-boat Sailing and Welding. It was good to see Troop 849 scouts working on eagle required badges like Communications and Citizenship in the World. Our troop had our own campfire at night and Mr. Reeley made his famous peach cobbler. Tuesday, the troop participated in the Polar Bear Swim at 6am and 32 seconds. We also made Smores (thanks to Mr. Reeley). Come Wednesday, 849 had the best skits at the Commissioner's campwide campfire. The skits included Echo and Pickpocket performed by CJ, Michael, Steven, and Stevie Shoemaker. Thursday morning, our scoutmaster Mr. Rolandelli, Cian Ward, Cullen Barber, and Stevie Shoemaker participated in the mile swim. We also lost power for five hours on Thursday as a tree fell down and took down power lines and demolished a few cars. The Tribe of Chawanakee ceremony took place Thursday night and we had scouts ranging from hunters, first years, to sachems, fifth years. Friday morning, many scouts and leaders participated in the Chieftain Run. The closing campfire of Friday night capped off our week of fun.

September 2015

Date	Event	Leader
1	Troop Meeting	SPL
3	Neighbor to Neighbor	Tauber
5-7	Kayaking Trip	Siegel
8	Troop Meeting	SPL
15	Troop Meeting	SPL
22	Troop Meeting	SPL
29	Court of Honor	

August 2015

Date	Event	Leader
4	No meeting	
4-9	Longterm	Tuck-Sherman
5-9	Longterm	Reeley
6	Neighbor to Neighbor	Tauber
11	Troop Meeting	SPL
18	Troop Meeting	SPL
25	Troop Meeting	SPL

Neighbor to Neighbor

Contact: Mr. Tauber

Date: September 3, 2015
August 6, 2015

Location: South Bay Community Church of the Brethren
Time: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

It is true that volunteering has a positive and meaningful impact on our community but you already know that it has many personal benefits for us too. Recently, many of you had participated in the event, thank you. It is what I am looking for, so let's keep the good service work up. I encourage you to continue with your service, it is of a great help. For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to participate in this service event, this is your time to, and I would like to see your attendance.

I repeat, this is a great opportunity to give some of your time and effort, and enjoy a unique chance to learn and grow stronger.

On the practical side, all Scouts in full Class A uniform, and registered adults who participate will **earn two community service hours.**

Upon arrival, please park behind the church (one street north of 190th on Armour Lane) in the back parking lot and come in through the back gate.

Just the time of the month for our troop's monthly service event!

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributor: Erik Lilligren

We would love to have you your contributions to next month's newsletter. If you would like to have your contribution considered please contact me at tim@lilligrencpa.com or upcoming troop meetings. I want to finalize the September Newsletter by August 30 so please have all contributions to me by August 27. Also, pictures that are submitted need to be as a JPEG attachment, not embedded, and not from third party programs such as Snapchat.