

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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## Philmont Longterm

We all met at Union Station with our backpacks, ready to get our trip under way. We boarded the train at 6:00 p.m. and left the station shortly afterwards. The scouts did many things on the ride including playing cards. After a delicious dinner, we went to bed in our 2 person sleeper cars. In the morning, we had a good breakfast and waited for our stop to get off. Following the train ride up to Ratton, New Mexico, we all had lunch, then boarded a bus that would eventually take us to Base Camp. The first night there we had snacks, took showers, then went to bed. On day two, we took pictures as a group with our rangers as well as getting our medical checks. We then hung back at base camp until it was time to go to the opening campfire which was supposed to teach us about Philmont's history. After the campfire, we went to bed early in anticipation for the day ahead of us.

The next day, we woke up at 6 a.m. in order to get to the mediocre breakfast on time. Then at 8:15 we went to check in with our ranger. We put our packs in a pack line and prepared to board the bus that would take us to the trail head. When we arrived at the trailhead we split into the two groups that we would be hiking with for the rest of the trip. We learned about many things that would be useful on the trail. At about 9:30, we finally started our 75 mile trek. We hiked a pretty easy 4 miles to our first campsite, Vaca with our lunch on the trail. When we got there, the ranger taught us how to set up bear bags as well as how to sump properly. We then set up tents and went to bed. On the second day of hiking, we hiked 15 minutes to our first staff camp where we got to shoot 12 gauge shotguns. Afterwards, we had to hike 2 miles up a very steep fire road to get to our 2<sup>nd</sup> campsite. This was where our ranger parted with us to go back to base camp. On day three, we were woken up by Steven Lambert, the leader of W1 along with Alex, the leader of W2 at 5:30 sharp. On day 3, we hiked 4 miles to our first food pickup where we received fresh fruit and milk. We then hiked 2 more miles to Camp 3.

The next day, we got up at 5:30, had breakfast and then hiked 1 mile to take showers and shoot 30-06 rifles. After that we hiked another 4.5 miles to camp 4 where we dropped our packs and hiked two miles down to Cypress Mines where we did blacksmithing and took a tour of the mines. We then ate dinner and hiked 2 miles up the camp where we soon slept. The next day we hiked 1.5 miles up to Comanche Peak and another mile to Mt. Phillips where we encountered a great view of the entire Scout Ranch. The pleasure however, definitely stopped there because we had to walk down a mile and a thousand feet of elevation loss. Here we stopped to do tomahawk throwing and eat lunch. Lastly, we headed on down to Crooked Creek where we did evening chores, including milking a cow and rounding up the burros. After a long day, we finally got to rest.

On Day 6 of hiking, we had an easy hike to Apache Springs where we experienced a Native American sweat lodge and the inside of a teepee. Then we hiked an even easier .5 miles to camp 6 where we ate dinner and went to bed. On day 7, we got up and hiked back to Apache where we participated in 3d archery. After this, we hiked an easy 4 miles to our next camp with a food stop along the way. Here we played horse shoes and attended a campfire hosted by the staff at the camp. On day 8, we rested for a day and took a horseback ride across the huge vicinity of the camp. Then we hiked up to Black Mountain where we got to shoot black powder rifles. After we hiked back down, we had chuck wagon dinner, which is a meal prepared by the staff. We then went to a second camp fire and went to bed.

On day 9, we had a hard hike up to Trail Peak where we saw the remains of a B-29 bomber that had crashed. We had another long hike down a steep hill to our next campsite where the group did a conservation project. The next morning, both groups participated in spar pole climbing and then set out on the trail. We had a 5 mile hike to Schaefer's Peak camp. Before we arrived, we had dinner on the trail. We were pretty late so we set up camp and went to bed quickly. Finally, on the last day we woke up and quickly set off on the trail. We had breakfast on the trail and hiked 2.5 miles to the Tooth of Time. After this, we quickly set off for the last stretch, 3 miles of downhill in the sun. As soon as we got back it started to rain. We stopped to get soda and quickly moved to our tents to wait out the rain. Some of the group went to town to eat burgers at \_\_. The next morning, we took a bus to the airport, ate lunch and flew back to Los Angeles.



## Deep Sea Fishing Trip

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Troop 849 is going deep sea fishing on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Now's your chance to catch your 400 lb tuna. We will leave for San Diego on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and stay at a hotel overnight. The early the next morning we will go to the fishing area were we will begin fishing. After we are done we will divide up the fish and head on home. This will be a very fun and exciting trip for everyone. Hope to see you there.



July 30<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>. Albert Barber, Cullen Barber, Steven Lambert, Mr. Reeley & Mr. Rolandelli backpacked into Kings Canyon and peakbaggered Mt. Rixford (E Peak) and University Peak (F Peak), as well as staying at different high mountain lakes (swimming & fishing). Cullen Barber completed his 25 peak bagger award.



## September 2016

Date	Event	Leader
1	Neighbor to Neighbor	Tuaber
6	Troop Meeting	SPL
13	Troop Meeting	SPL
17	Shooting Sports - Firestone	Reeley
20	GreenBar/Troop Meeting	SPL
23-25	Deep Sea Fishing	Siegel
27	Court of Honor	
30	Booth Setup	

## August 2016

Date	Event	Leader
2	No Meeting	
4	Neighbor to Neighbor	
9	Troop Meeting	SPL
16	Troop Meeting	SPL
23	Troop Meeting	SPL
30	Troop Meeting	SPL
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### Submissions Are welcome

If you went on a great troop trip or event feel free to submit an article to me that is 200 words or less by the 29<sup>th</sup> of the month. I will gladly put it into the next months newsletter.

### Neighbor to Neighbor

**Contact:** Mr. Tauber

**Date:** August 4, 2016

**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 2come in through the back gate.

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

### FUTURE NEWSLETTERS CONTRIBUTIONS

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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](mailto:tim@lilligrencpa.com) or upcoming troop meetings. I want to finalize the September Newsletter by September 2 so please have all contributions to me by August 29. Also, pictures that are submitted need to be as a JPEG attachment, not embedded, and not from third party programs.