

Troop 849 Newsletter



September 2005

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SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 13 – Troop Meeting
Sept. 17 – Mystery Trip
Sept. 20 – Troop Meeting
Sept. 24 – Eagle Project
Sept. 27 – Court of Honor
Oct. 1-2 – Hometown Fair
Oct. 4 – Troop Meeting
Oct. 6 – Neighbor to Neighbor

SPL CORNER

Wow. Summer's already over. But with the end of summer comes the unofficial beginning of the Boy Scouting year. As such, it's more important than ever to finally re-organize the troop into new, strong patrols. That's why during this upcoming month of September—designated "Patrol Month" by the Greenbar Leadership—Scout attendance is essential. The patrols have already been formed, and now we just need Scouts to show up and participate in elections and other patrol-oriented events. The theme for this month is cooking, and hopefully we will lead up to a troop cookout in the beginning of October. — **Sam Mullin**

COURT OF HONOR

The fall Court of Honor will be held at O'Donnell Center, American Martyrs Church, on Sept. 27th at 7:30 PM. Scouts and their families are encouraged to attend. Rank advancement, Merit Badges, and other honors will be awarded. Class A Uniform is mandatory.

(The Court of Honor replaces the regularly scheduled Tuesday Troop Meeting.)

MYSTERY TRIP

Are you looking for some intrigue? Do you like excitement? The annual Mystery Trip is for you. Ask **Mr. Rolandelli** or **Alex Williamson** for details, but they won't tell because it's a mystery! Sign up at a Troop Meeting and then be at Polliwog Park with your 10 essentials at 9:00 AM sharp on Sept. 17th.

EAGLE PROJECT

Robert Lesniowski will be having his Eagle Project on Saturday, Sept. 24th and Sunday, Sept. 25th. He will be painting at Rosecrans Elementary School in Compton. Sign up at a Troop Meeting and contact Robert for more information.

HOMETOWN FAIR

The first weekend in October is the Hometown Fair. This is Troop 849's main fundraiser and all Scouts are encouraged to participate. The Troop will be selling only hamburgers this year. Sign ups are now available at Troop Meetings. Please contact **Mr. Harrington** for more information.

NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to **Andrew McLellan**, one of Troop 849's newest Eagle Scouts. Andrew built several retaining walls and stairs, installed new fire rings and trail signs and cleared brush in the Chilao area of Angeles National Forest for his Eagle project. This was one of the largest projects ever completed by the troop. Details for Andrew's Eagle Court of Honor will follow at a later date.

COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

After 18 years as Treasurer of Troop 849, **Mr. Roger Card** has decided to retire his green eye shades. Roger did an incredible job during his tenure, keeping track of our finances down to the penny every month. Roger's son Tom earned his Eagle rank well over ten years ago, yet Roger continued to serve the Troop in this critical position over all those years. Please join me in thanking Roger for his many years of excellent service to Troop 849.

We are lucky to have **Mr. Curt Ketterer** agree to replace Roger as the Troop's Treasurer. Curt has two boys in the Troop (Trent and Grant) and included in his working background is time spent with a major accounting firm. The transition is currently underway and moving quickly. If you have Troop 849 money-related issues, please discuss them with Curt, and please join me in wishing Curt well in his new role.

— **Don McLellan**

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

21 Scouts took advantage of summer camp at Chawanakee, 24 attended Emerald Bay, and 8 Scouts traveled to Virginia for the National Jamboree.

Troop 849 will be attending only Camp Chawanakee in Summer 2006. Mark your calendars for July 30th to Aug. 5th. Deposits will be taken starting in January 2006.

Long-term hikes will be going out in the latter part of August 2006.

LOOKING AHEAD

There are many trips planned for Fall.

October: **Rock Hike & 10 Commandment Hike**

November: **Bike Hike & Desert Hike**

Look for sign ups in Sept. and Oct. Troop Meetings.

NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to **Jino Del Monte** in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Jino made trail and campsite improvements, including planting 24 trees, digging trails, and replacing old wood chips along trails in Wilderness Park, Redondo Beach, for his Eagle project. Details for Jino's Eagle Court of Honor will follow at a later date.

MERIT BADGES

CLIMBING MERIT BADGE CLASS

Mr. Slocum will be teaching the Climbing Merit Badge Class in October.

Oct. 8	9 - 11:30AM	Scout House
Oct. 14	6 - 8PM	Rock Gym
Oct. 22-23	All day	Joshua Tree

You must attend all three sessions to earn the merit badge. Look for sign-ups at September Troop Meetings. Contact **Mr. Slocum** for more information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations to all those Scouts who earned Merit Badges at Camp Chawanakee, Camp Emerald Bay and the National Jamboree. Did you know there are many opportunities to earn Merit Badges here at home as well?

Troop 849 maintains a list of Merit Badge Counselors in our area that are ready and willing to help. Contact **Sally Bickel** via email at momunit@verizon.net for more information, or if you would like to become a Merit Badge Counselor.

CLASSES

Scouts may take advantage of Merit Badge classes offered at **Cabrillo Youth Waterfront Center** in San Pedro. Log on to their web site at www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org to see which classes are offered this fall.

Also, Pacifica District will again be hosting Merit Badge Days in Wilson Park, Torrance on Oct.1st and Oct.22nd. Contact **Bob Harada** via email at hami01@rcn.com for more information.