

# Troop 849 Newsletter



September 2006

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## CURRENT CALENDAR

Sept 5 –	Troop Meeting
Sept 7 –	Neighbor to Neighbor
Sept 9 –	Troop Junior Leading Training
Sept 12 –	Troop Meeting
Sept 16-17 –	Surf Hike
Sept 19 –	Troop Meeting
Sept 19 –	New Parent Meeting
Sept 26 –	Court of Honor
Oct 3 –	Troop Meeting
Oct 5 –	Neighbor to Neighbor
Oct 6-8 –	Old Hometown Fair
Oct 10 –	Hike Prep (Joshua Tree)
Oct 13-15 –	Rock Hike (Joshua Tree)
Oct 28-29 –	Matt Shuler's Eagle Project



## SPL CORNER

Hi guys, Tim Breen here. I just want to welcome you all back from what I hope was a safe and fun summer. I myself had lots of fun, both on the Silver Moccasin Long term and my own family's vacation to Central California. I'd really like to encourage all of you to go on Long term and live out the Scouting experience to the fullest. I would also like to let all of you scouts who are First Class and at least 12 or 13 know about another great Scouting experience: Brownsea, or Junior Leadership Training. This small, weeklong summer camp is a great opportunity to go and learn great leadership skills in an awesome outdoor setting while also building Scouting character and fellowship. I'd really encourage all of you that are looking forward to the Scouting leadership experience to consider this great opportunity. See Mr. Rick Reeley or myself for more details. One final note: please keep your attendance up at troop meetings, as we don't want you guys to miss anything important. Thanks!



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

September is a crazy month, with school and soccer starting up and Troop 849 back in high gear. Along with our big Court of Honor, September also features the Troop's first ever surf camp! Look for the signups at Troop meetings. On Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM before the regular Troop Meeting, the committee will host a follow-up information session for parents of scouts who joined within the past 6 months.

September is also the time we reconfigure our patrols. **We MUST have some parents step up to become Patrol Coordinators.** If you were wondering how to get more involved with the Troop, this is your chance. Our adult Patrol Coordinators serve to guide and mentor the patrols during Troop meetings and on outings/events. You can be a Coordinator for your son's patrol or for a patrol your son is not in, depending on your preference. If you are interested in learning more about this critical position, please talk to our Scoutmaster, Mr. Rolandelli.

--Don McLellan

## SUMMER EVENTS RECAP

The summer of 2006 was a busy one for Troop 849. In July, we headed over to Santa Cruz Island for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kayak Trip. The conditions were excellent for kayaking and all had a fun time. The Scouts were creative with their menu; one group packed a special cooler with dry ice in order to have ice cream sundaes for dessert!

Over 30 Scouts attended Camp Chawanakee at Shaver Lake. The Scouts earned an average of 4 Merit Badges each and made much progress on rank advancement. In fact, the Leaders were able to get through 5 Scoutmaster conferences and Board of Reviews!

The Troop also offered 3 Long Term Hikes. There were 8 participants on the trip along the Silver Moccasin Trail where the group climbed 5 peaks. The Trans Sierra trip included 7 participants and climbed 3 peaks. The last group headed out to complete a portion of the John Muir Trail with 9 participants.

## TROOP JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING

Junior Leader Training will take place at the Scout House starting at 9:00AM on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>. Training is available to Scouts who are First Class and above and who hold a leadership position within the Troop. Please contact **Mr. Reeley** for more information.

## SURF HIKE

Have you tried surfing? If not, and you're interested in learning, sign up for the Surf Hike at San Onofre Beach, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>. This trip is intended for beginners, and the only prerequisite is that you have to be ready for a good time and be able to swim. The emphasis is on having fun and being safe in the water. If you have experience surfing and would like to help out or if you have surf boards that you are willing to lend, please contact **Mr. Monahan** or **Mr. Powell** for more information.

## WHITEWATER RAFTING

Unfortunately, the whitewater-rafting trip that was scheduled for Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – Oct 1<sup>st</sup> has been cancelled. To make a trip like this happen you need water and the Federal Government has announced that the release of water into the American River will be reduced as of Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Due to the lack of adequate water flow the trip cannot happen on the scheduled weekend. If there is sufficient interest in a trip of this type, it will be put on the Troop Calendar next year earlier in the season. Please let **Mr. Thomasson** know if you have interest.

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

An important part of Scouting is providing service to others. Troop 849 expects all Scouts to participate in 12 hours of service projects each year. A fun and rewarding way to do this is to attend the Neighbor to Neighbor event each month.

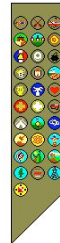
Scouts perform tasks such as serving dinner, clearing tables, and putting away tables and chairs. This service is provided on an ongoing basis, the first Thursday of each month, at the Church of the Brethren in Redondo Beach. Contact **Mr. Tauber** for more information.

## COURT OF HONOR

The fall Court of Honor will be held at the O'Donnell Center, American Martyrs Church, on Tuesday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. Rank advancements, Merit Badges, and other honors will be awarded so all Scouts and their families should plan on attending. Remember, your Class A Uniform is mandatory.

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

## MERIT BADGES



**Mr. Slocum** will be teaching a Climbing Merit Badge Class in October in preparation for the Rock Climbing trip to Joshua Tree. Dates are:

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM at the Scout House

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM at LA Rock Gym

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - All day at Joshua Tree

*You must attend all three sessions* to earn the Merit Badge. Cost will be approximately \$20 for the belay class at the LA Rock Gym. Contact **Mr. Slocum** for more information.

Scouts may also take advantage of Merit Badge classes offered at **Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Center** in San Pedro. Log on to their web site at [www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org](http://www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org) to see which classes are offered this fall.

## OLD HOMETOWN FAIR

The Manhattan Beach Old Hometown Fair is coming up the first weekend in October. The Troop needs adults and older Scouts to help with the booth set-up on Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and booth take down on Sunday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at the end of the fair. Scouts and adults will be needed to fill the shifts throughout the weekend to sell hamburgers. **This is Troop 849's only fundraising event and all Scouts and adults are expected to work a shift.** A sign-up sheet will be available at Troop Meetings.

## LOOKING AHEAD

**October** – Old Home Town Fair  
Rock Climbing – Joshua Tree  
Matt Shuler's Eagle Project

**November** – Bike Hike  
Advanced Rock Climbing  
Veteran's Day Ceremony