

Troop 849 Newsletter



September 2007

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CURRENT CALENDAR

- Sept 4- Troop Meetings Resume
- Sept 6- Neighbor to Neighbor- Church of the Brethren
- Sept 8- **Troop Junior Leadership Training**
- Sept 11- Troop Meeting
- Sept 15-16- **Surf Hike- San Onofre**
- Sept 13-15- **Duck Pass Hike**
- Sept 18- Greenbar Meeting
- Sept 18- New Parent Feedback Session
- Sept 18- Troop Meeting
- Sept 25- **Court of Honor- O'Donnell Hall**
- Oct 2- Troop Meeting
- Oct 4- Neighbor to Neighbor- Church of the Brethren
- Oct 5- Hometown Fair Booth Set Up
- Oct 6-7- **Old Hometown Fair**

Troop Junior Leader Training

On Saturday, September 8th, from 9-12, there will be Troop Junior Leader Training held at the Scouthouse. All First Class Scouts and above who have not yet completed this training and currently have or are interested in getting a leadership position in the troop are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please contact **Mr. Reeley**.

San Onofre Surf Hike Sept. 15-16

On September 15, we will drive down to San Mateo Campground, which is part of San Onofre State Park. There will be a big group site. From there, we will drive to the State Beach Trail 6 where hiking will take place going down to the beach and staying there for the evening. Then we will drive back to camp and then most of the people will want to hike back down the trail back to Trestles. There will be dinner cooked over an open fire and the next morning we will have a quick breakfast. From then on, you can surf or swim until about noon and be home by 2 or 3 PM. This is such a fun trip and is great for both beginner and experienced surfers. So, please sign up. The cost is \$30. If you have any questions, please contact **Mr. Slocum** or **Conor Dawson** at (310) 545-7053 or cjdaw@earthlink.net

Duck Pass Hike

We will have a hike during the 4 day MBUSD weekend that begins September 13th. The two day hike is from Lake Mary in Mammoth, over Duck Pass to the JMT and north to Red's Meadow. We will drive to Mammoth on Thursday the 13th, hike on the 14th and 15th, and return home on the 15th. This is a challenging hike for experienced hikers as it involves about 18 miles for the two days and involves a 1,800' gain over Duck Pass.

Please notify **Mr. Noda** if you are interested in participating on this hike.



SPL CORNER

Hello Scouts! As our new school year begins we are presented with the many activities that crowd our time. Before we get too caught up in the frantic mess that is school, let us first look back and see what we have accomplished over the summer. The highlights of this summer were most certainly Chawanakee and the two longterms that went out. Chawanakee went very well and I am very impressed by the number of merit badges you guys were able to earn. Both the longterms took place mostly in Kings Canyon National Park, and both were a huge success. I would like to especially congratulate the members of the Florence Lake to Roads End longterm, who have now hiked the entire John Muir Trail. Now that school has started and Scout meetings have once again become routine let us not fall into monotony. Instead let us look at the mistakes we make each day and try and fix them for tomorrow. I'll see you all on Tuesday.

--**John Gunderman**

The fall **COURT OF HONOR** will replace our regular troop meeting on Tuesday, September 25th. It will be held at O'Donnell Hall at 7:30PM. Scouts are required to be in full Class A Uniforms. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

Report of Summer Events

Recap of Camp Chawanakee

On Sunday, July 29, about 44 scouts and six adults left the Scouthouse for a week at Camp Chawanakee. When we arrived, a camp counselor named Nattie led us to get a group picture and oriented us around the camp. Next we had our swim and medical checks before heading to our campsite to get settled in. Then, later that night, we had our first dinner in the dining hall. After breakfast on Monday morning, the scouts attended their merit badge class, followed by more badges throughout the day. Almost everyone in our troop signed up for four to five merit badges, each to be attended daily. Also, as far as meals went, the camp provided breakfast and dinner, but each patrol would have to make their own lunch. In addition to completing merit badge classes, everyone had to earn their Chawanakee service hours. Each scout was responsible for completing one service hour for every year that they had attended Chawanakee. Chawanakee also had campfires throughout the week, during two of which each troop presented a skit. On Friday, the last day, also known as Chawanadayz, each patrol worked together doing different activities to compete against other troops. Troop 849 ended up winning about ten awards for various camp-wide activities. By the end of the week, most everyone completed his badges, and all in all, we all had a great time.

-Ryan Hadley, SPL for Camp

Recap of the Florence Lake to Kings Canyon Longterm

We had five scouts and three adults take the 83 mile, 8 day and 7 night (plus one at Florence Lake) hike. For four scouts and two adults, our arrival at the Woods Creek trail junction marked their completion of the entire JMT. One scout has a short portion to complete in September to join them. The hike experienced remarkable weather with completely cloudless skies, many very friendly people and a donation to the troop due to our "doing a good turn". All participants agreed that of the sections of the JMT, this was the toughest since there were three 12,000 foot passes to ascend from a 7,300' trailhead and a dip to 8,100 feet between two of the passes. In all a very good, tough hike, and a real accomplishment to complete the whole of the JMT at 15 and 16 years of age. Congratulations to **Gavin Filarsky, John Gunderman, Connor Noda, Matt Shuler and Andrew Vandenberg.**

100th Anniversary of Scouting

Many of you may not be aware but August 1, 2007 marked the 100th Anniversary of the World Scouting movement, which was founded by Lord Baden Powell. Scouts all across the world celebrated this event with a "sunrise" ceremony at 8:00 AM.

Troop 849's **Mr. Mike Tauber** was instrumental in planning and executing the Los Angeles Area Council's event, which was held at Universal Studios in Hollywood. Eagle Scout **Matt Reeley** emceed the event and **Tanner Bernard** carried the American Flag. Go to the LAAC website at www.boyscoutsla.org to view a slide show of the event.

Scouts and scouters who were unable to attend the Council event celebrated locally at the Manhattan Beach Pier. This "grass roots" event was lead by **Mr. Matt Barrows** representing both Pack 749 and Troop 849. **Ricky Hoft** opened the celebration with a trumpet call and Eagle Scout **Alex Bergjans** presented some scouting history, as did local Girl Scout Sarah Keasler. This event was featured on the front page of the Beach Reporter on August 2nd!

Brownsea 22

Los Angeles Area Council held its annual **National Youth Leadership Training** conference at the Forest Lawn Scout Reservation at Lake Arrowhead in August. Brownsea 22 is an intense six-day outdoor experience for Boy Scout Troop youth leaders. **Mr. Rick Reeley** was the course director and on staff were **Tim Breen** and Eagle Scout **Matt Reeley**. **Chris Bickel** attended as a participant and completed the training.

LOOKING AHEAD

Oct. 6-7- Old Hometown Fair
Oct. 12-14- Desert Hike
Oct. 20- Aviation Day
Nov 3-4- Mountain Biking
Nov 9-11- Advanced Rock Climb
Nov 11-Veterans Day Ceremony