

Troop 849 Newsletter



September 2009

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CURRENT CALENDAR

Sept 3 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Sept 8 – Troop Meeting
Sept 12 or 13 – Surf Day
Sept 15 – Troop Meeting
Sept 15 – New Parent Feedback Session
Sept 19 – Troop Leadership Training
Sept 22 – Court of Honor (O'Donnell Hall)
Sept 26-27 – David Copeland's Eagle Project
Sept 29 – Troop Meeting
Oct 1 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Oct 2 – Hometown Fair Booth Set Up
Oct 3-4 – Hometown Fair Hamburger Booth
Oct 6 – Troop Meeting
Oct 10 – Pier Fishing
Oct 13 – Troop Meeting
Oct 16-18 – Rock Climbing (Joshua Tree)
Oct 17-18 – Connor Noda's Eagle Project
Oct 20 – Troop Meeting



SPL CORNER

September is almost here, which means the beginning of both school and our weekly troop meetings. I hope to see you all there, but it's important to find a balance between school and scouts. Scouts shouldn't interfere with your schoolwork, but going to meetings is important as well. I know you'll all strike a balance that works for you and I hope to see you as soon as possible.

--Kyle Salzman

SURF DAY

Mr. Bernard would like to offer a Surf Day on Sept 12 or Sept 13 to either San Onofre or Doheny Beach in southern Orange County. In order to make this happen, he needs adults and scouts who are able to assist teaching surfing and provide extra boards. In addition, adults are needed to supervise at the waterfront. It would be most helpful if they are trained in lifesaving or have passed BSA Safe Swim Defense training.

Please contact **Mr. Bernard** if you are able to help.



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Troop 849 continues to thrive and provide our young men with opportunities to get out of Manhattan Beach and experience life beyond the MB "bubble". Whether it's taking a bus up Route 99 in the Central Valley to summer camp, or the train to New Mexico for Philmont Scout Ranch, or the long car rides up Route 395 for backpacking trips in the Sierras, our active Scouts grow and mature and learn a little bit more about the world with each trip they take. Encourage your Scout to get busy and stay active with the Troop's outings.

And don't forget that in order for the Troop to thrive, we need operating funds, and the main source of those funds is our Hometown Fair booth each year. We need adults to step up and volunteer for some important booth positions, and we are running out of time to fill those positions. Please help us out by talking to **Assistant Scoutmaster Bret Bernard** to find out how **YOU** can help with this year's booth. Thank you in advance.

--Don McLellan

TROOP LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Troop Leadership Training will take place from 8:30AM-11:30AM on Saturday, September 19th at the Scouthouse. All Scouts 1st Class and above who have not previously attended Troop Leadership Training should plan to be participate in order to prepare for their troop leadership role.

Please sign up with **Asst. Scoutmaster Rick Reeley** at a Troop Meeting.

COURT OF HONOR

The fall Court of Honor will be on Tuesday, September 22nd at 7:30PM in O'Donnell Hall, American Martyr's Church. Families and friends are encouraged to attend in order to honor the many achievements of our scouts and to hear about the exciting adventures that took place over the summer months. Scouts must be in full Class-A Uniform.

SUMMER ACHIEVEMENTS

Wow! An impressive 155 merit badges were earned by 44 of our scouts up at Camp Chawanakee this summer. In addition to this, many scouts participated in the C.O.P.E. course, Mile Swim, Trails of Chawanakee, and waterfront sports and activities.

Congratulations to everyone for their accomplishments.



NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to **Robert Reeley**, Troop 849's newest Eagle Scout! Robert completed his District Character Board on July 23, 2009. He is Troop 849's 95th Eagle Scout. The countdown to 100 Eagles continues...

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECTS

David Copeland's Eagle Project is coming up in September!

On **September 26 and 27** we will be replacing two fire rings, fixing and painting two picnic tables, building two steps, and constructing a containment wall in the Manzanita Loop in Chilao located in the Angeles Crest National Forest. Please put this event on your calendar. All are welcome. This is a great way to get community service hours.

Any questions or comments please contact **David Copeland** at: dcopeland333@gmail.com or (310) 376-6881 – home or (310) 749-8021 – cell.

Connor Noda's Eagle Project is scheduled for **October 17-18** at the Mt. Lowe Trail Camp. Scouts and parents are encouraged to sign up to help out with his project. Connor will be providing details at upcoming troop meetings.