

Troop 849 Newsletter



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Upcoming Eagle Scout Project Mark your Calendar!

Contact: Matt Wenner

Date: September 7th and 8th

Time: 8am to completion

Location: Intersection of Manhattan Beach Blvd.
and Valley/Ardmore
(Gateway to Manhattan Beach)

Here is a chance to get in some good service hours and participate in another exciting Eagle Scout Project. Matt Wenner will be leading a team of builders and gardeners as we construct two gardens filled with native drought tolerate flowering plants and not one, but two state of the art subsurface drip irrigation systems.

The project is part of the Veterans Parkway Development Plan for Manhattan Beach. Would it not be nice to see your work each time you drive through the 'gateway' to Manhattan Beach? Come join in the fun. More information forthcoming.

Leadership Opportunity – Troop 849 Monthly Newsletters

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Are you looking for another leadership opportunity? Look no further. I am rotating off the monthly newsletter starting October 1st thus need another scout to take this over. It is a very good way to keep yourself informed of the events. Please contact me if you are interested. Final selection of the Troop Scribe will be done by our Scoutmaster. Thanks for reading!

Silver Lake Long-term Hikers

Contributor: Mr. Tuck-Sherman

This was a 6 days/5 nights long-term hike, including more than 25 backpacking hours in the high lakes, east of the Minarets range near Mammoth. The group also "bagged" Carson Peak at 10,909 feet.

Attached is a picture of the Silver Lake Long-Term hikers. Included from left to right are: Mr. Rolandelli, Brent Siegel, Cullen Barber, Alex Tuck-Sherman, Spencer Siegel, Jared Nachman, Ms. Weinberg, Nick Barber, and Mr. Siegel.



Advancement

Contributor: Ms. Karnes

Congratulations to the following scouts, advancing this past July:

- Rohil Dave : Tenderfoot
- Jared Nachman: Tenderfoot
- Nick Strizzi: Tenderfoot
- Cullen Barber: Second Class
- Taylor Estes: Star
- Connor Mateo: Star

Court of Honor (CoH)

Contributor: Ms. Karnes

Date: September 24, 2013

Location: American Martyr's Church - O'Donnell Hall

Purpose

The purpose of the CoH is to award each Scout for his accomplishments made since the previous CoH. Rank advancement, merit badge completion, hikes completed, special camp awards and special scouting awards are presented at this meeting. Earned advancement pins, service pins, merit badges, hiking patches and special awards are provided to each Scout. Rank advancement pins are given to the mother of the Scout to wear and merit badges are subsequently sewn onto the Scout's sash (part of his uniform).

The Scout will also receive rank advancement and merit badge cards at the CoH. These cards are needed for the Eagle Scout notebook. Consider storing all of the blue cards, merit badge cards, rank cards and service cards in a binder with baseball card holders. Check to make sure the dates on the cards received at the CoH match those in the Scout's handbook and on the blue cards.

CoH is held twice a year – once in the spring and once in the fall. Dates are set at the beginning of each calendar year and are listed in the Troop calendar on the troop website (<http://www.troop849.org/>).

Where is Mr. Slocum?

Contributors: Mr. Thorpe/Mr. Slocum's Blog

Date: August 30, 2013

Wow! 2,250 miles out and day 123

Location: Mr. Slocum was in the Mount Hood area

Mr. Slocum has just crossed into Washington state and has surpassed the 2,200 mile mark. In the first 100 days of hiking, he averaged 18 miles/day and has climbed well in excess of 250,000'. That is 47 miles straight up! He is consistently averaging eleven back hours (BPHs) each day. On good days he does more like 15 BPH. His toughest day so far was one where he went 40 miles and climbed 3,600', or over 23 BPH. To put that in perspective, our toughest weekend hikes doesn't 6 BPH. *He is amazing!*

Philmont 12 day Backpacking Trek

Contributor: Mr. Reeley

Another successful and fun trip. We hiked 78.4 backpack miles and 48.2 BPH – plus a lot of program activities: archery, blackpower rifle, 30-06 rifle shooting. We hiked three peaks – Tooth of Time, Mt. Phillips (A) & Trail Peak (A).

Attached is a picture of the hikers. Participants were Jack, Russ & Sherrie Brand; Andrew Karnes, Steven Lambert, Luke Pastore, Michael Schnuckel, Tanner Yamada, and Mr. Rick Reeley.



September 2013 Calendar

Date/	Event/	Coordinator
Sep 3	Troop Meeting	
Sep 5	Neighbor to Neighbor - Church of the Brethren	Mr. Tauber
Sep 7, 8	Eagle Scout Project - MB Gateway Garden MB Blvd. & Valley/Ardmore	Matt Wenner
Sep 8	Mountain Biking - Mt. Pinos	Mr. Schnuckel
Sep 10	New Parent Feedback Session	Mr. Bernard/ Mr. Thorpe
Sep 10	Troop Meeting	
Sep 14	Surf Hike - Doheny Beach	Mr. Faustgen
Sep 17	Greenbar Meeting	
Sep 17	Troop Meeting	
Sep 24	Court of Honor - O'Donnell Hall	Mr. Ward
Sep 30	Troop Committee Meeting	

Calendar Change

Contributor: Mr. Andreas
Event: Shotgun Shooting
Location: Santa Clarita
Date: August 24, 2013
Action: **Postponed**

For the safety of the scouts, this event has been postponed until the weather is cooler. Future date not yet determined.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Contact: Mr. Tauber
Date: September 5, 2013
Location: South Bay Community
Church of the Brethren
Time: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

School will be back in full swing; please come and help out your community. This is a great opportunity to volunteer to help those who are less fortunate. We really want to see anyone and everyone there.