

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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## Cottonwood Pass Long Term #2

Contributor: Alex Tuck-Sherman

This was an 5 day backpacking trip in the Golden Trout & Sequoia National Parks that included 5 Scouts and 2 adults. During the week the group climbed 3 peaks and hiked 49.5 miles with a total elevation gain of over 10 thousand feet. The peaks were Cirque Peak, Mount Guyot, and Mount Langley. During the "layover" day we hiked from Rock Creek Lake at 10,480 feet to the top of Mount Guyot at 12,300 feet. The following day we hiked from Rock Creek Lake again to the top of Mount Langley at 14,026 feet. Every trail night we camped near beautiful mountain lakes. Overall the trip was great and the boys did extremely well all having been on multiple previous long-term hikes.

Day #0-Tuesday (Aug 4th)

We left Manhattan Beach at 12:30pm and arrived at the Lone Pine visitor's center shortly after 4pm to pick-up our trail permit. The air was smoky from a forest fire in in the Eastern Sierras but we were far enough away. We met a lady who owes a bug museum in town. She invited us to visit which we did. Afterwards we visited the Lone Pine Film Museum before having dinner at the Pizza Factory. It is amazing how many films were shot in the Alabama Hills near Lone Pine.

Day #1-Wednesday

We woke up at around 7:00 am and started a campfire. We ate bacon and eggs on fresh baguette and packed up. We headed out for the trail at around 9:00. We hiked for about 3.5 hours and got to camp. We had a good lunch and rested for about an hour. After that we got our peak bags ready and headed out to climb Cirque. We went up a bit early and traversed to the summit. We all made it to the top at about 5:00pm. After our hot chocolate celebration on the summit, we hiked back to camp and made some dinner, cleaned up and went to bed.

Day #2-Thursday

We woke up and enjoyed a lazy morning with apple cinnamon pancakes and maple syrup. We left camp at 10am to start our hike to Rock Creek Pond. We ate lunch at the New Army Pass trail Junction. Then we hiked to Soldier Lake where we spent an hour resting and fishing. We then continued down to Rock Creek Lake where Cullen and Alex caught three fish. We had spam and mashed potatoes and gravy for dinner. Later we had chocolate-banana pudding for dessert. Then we cleaned and went to bed.

Day #3-Friday

We woke up at 5:00am to climb Mt. Guyot. We started hiking at 6:45 and went about 6.5 miles to the saddle which was at 10,900 ft. Then we hiked 1,400 ft. up to the top of Guyot. We first reached the eastern summit and then traversed the true summit on the southwestern side. We had our hot chocolate and celebrated Tanner and Nick's birthdays with a surprise chocolate cake with candles and musical birthday cards. We then headed down the mountain to the saddle where we continued on to Rock Creek where we had lunch. After lunch we hiked back to camp. At camp Cullen, Albert, Mr. Tuck-Sherman and Alex jumped into the lake. We later had white gas tasting ramen because a white gas canister had been packed in a bear can and contaminated some ramen, tortillas and lasagna. Dinner also consisted of beef stroganoff and angel food cake with chocolate frosting to again celebrate Tanner and Nick's birthdays.

#### Day #4 - Saturday

We woke up once again at 5:00am and had the oatmeal originally planned for Sunday in order to ensure a hearty breakfast since the tortillas for Saturday had been contaminated with white gas. We got on the trail by 6:50 and made good time to New Army Pass Trail Junction. There we filled up on water, enjoyed watching several marmots play and continued to New Army Pass. About two-thirds of the way up we found the Langley trail. We dropped packs, rested, set up our day packs, and were off. We also saw many more marmots on our way up. About a quarter of the way up we saw the second Troop 849 long-term group behind us coming up New Army Pass. We waved at them and Steven said, "I miss you Tanner," which we were laughing about later. We got to the top, celebrated with hot chocolate and Oreos. We stayed on the summit for about 40 minutes then headed down the trail. We saw the second group on our way down and enjoyed 10 minutes together chatting and having fun. We got down to where we had left our packs and had lunch. There we found that Mr. Franz from the other Troop 849 group had left a salami in both Tanner's and Nick's bear cans as a birthday present. After lunch we put our packs on and started up the last 500 feet of elevation gain of New Army Pass. We got to the top, had a short break then headed down. We made record time hiking down past Long Lake, Cottonwood Lakes #2 and #3, and then hiked to our camp right next to a beautiful Muir Lake, made dinner, cleaned up and then went to bed. Mr. Franz's salami came in handy since some of our lasagna was contaminated leaving us with half-portions. For dessert we had raspberry crumble.

#### Day #5-Sunday

We woke up at 5:30am and had eggs, without tortillas because of the white gas incident. We were on the trail by about 7:15. The trail out of Muir Lake was a bit tricky to follow but we quickly found our way to the main trail and got back to the cars by 9:45 am. We were hiking very fast, about a 4 mile per hour pace, downhill and 3 mile per hour pace on the flats. After jump-starting Mr. Tuck-Sherman's car we drove to an RV Park outside of Mojave where we took showers and dressed in our class A uniforms. We then went to Sizzlers in Lancaster where we enjoyed the salad bar and ate a ton of food. We then went to Baskin Robins and had our fill of ice cream before heading home. We arrived in Manhattan Beach shortly after 5pm





### **Cottonwood Pass Long Term #1**

**Contributor:** Rohil Dave

The trip lasted five days and four nights. We drove up to the Eastern Sierras on Wednesday, August 5th and returned on Sunday, August 9th. The trip was about 30 miles. We peaked two D level peaks, Cirque and Langley. We tackled Cirque on Friday and Langley on Saturday. The views atop the peaks were amazing and we could see Mt. Whitney. Also, we saw a lot of wildlife, ranging from Steller's jays to deer. There were countless marmots on the trail on Saturday. Mr. Franz caught a golden trout on the fly. We camped at three different lakes, and made a side trip to see the beautiful and secluded Muir Lake. We had the best burgers and onion rings in Lone Pine. The end of the trip was superb as we saw Jay Leno driving his orange McLaren on the 405. The trip was a really fun experience and I think everybody had a blast.

Note: It was the first troop long term for Rohil Dave, Ben & Alan Franz & Nick & Jon Strizzi.

## September 2015

Date	Event	Leader
1	Troop Meeting	SPL
3	Neighbor to Neighbor	Tauber
5-7	Kayaking Trip	Siegel
8	Troop Meeting	SPL
15	Troop Meeting	SPL
22	Troop Meeting	SPL
29	Court of Honor	

## October 2015

Date	Event	Leader
1	Neighbor to Neighbor	Mr. Tauber
3-4	Home Town Fair Booth	Mr. Siegel
6	Troop Meeting	SPL
13	Troop Meeting	SPL
20	Troop Meeting	SPL
23-25	Rock Climb	Mr. Schnuckel
27	Troop Meeting	SPL

## Neighbor to Neighbor

**Contact:** Mr. Tauber

**Date:** October 1, 2015

**Location:** South Bay Community Church of the Brethren

**Time:** 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

It is true that volunteering has a positive and meaningful impact on our community but you already know that it has many personal benefits for us too. Recently, many of you had participated in the event, thank you. It is what I am looking for, so let's keep the good service work up.

I encourage you to continue with your service, it is of a great help. For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to participate in this service event, this is your time to, and I would like to see your attendance.

I repeat, this is a great opportunity to give some of your time and effort, and enjoy a unique chance to learn and grow stronger.

On the practical side, all Scouts in full Class A uniform, and registered adults who participate will **earn two community service hours.**

Upon arrival, please park behind the church (one street north of 190th on Armour Lane) in the back parking lot and come in through the back gate.

**Just the time of the month for our troop's monthly service event!**

## FUTURE NEWSLETTERS CONTRIBUTIONS

**Contributor:** Erik Lilligren

We would love to have you your contributions to next month's newsletter. If you would like to have your contribution considered please contact me at [tim@lilligrencpa.com](mailto:tim@lilligrencpa.com) or upcoming troop meetings. I want to finalize the October Newsletter by September 30 so please have all contributions to me by September 29. Also, pictures that are submitted need to be as a JPEG attachment, not embedded, and not from third party programs.

## Shooting Sports & Car Camping

**Contributor:** Mr. Rick Reeley

Car Camping Friday night - or just come on Saturday. Sign-ups at Scout House have been real light.

Please let me know if you will be going as I need to give Firestone participant numbers on Friday September 11th.

Events - leave MB at 7:15pm on Friday Sept. 18th - car camping Friday night at campsite. Saturday morning - cook breakfast then be at Rifle Range at 9am - Lunch break Noon-1:30pm - group will cook lunch. After lunch - group will pack up campsite and then go do Archery, Slingshots and Tomahawks.

I need to know who is camping over Friday night and who will be coming up just for the events on Saturday.

Cost is \$26.00 per participant - Parents (Adults) can participate. Youth - Scouts only (there is a shooting sports permission slip needed for all youth participants). Wristband will be handed out to those participants only. Those that come up for the day - cost = \$20.00 and you must provide your own breakfast & lunch.

We will not be working on merit badges for Rifle or Archery this is a fun shoot day. We will be doing Shotgun Shooting fun shoot on November 14th