

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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## CURRENT CALENDAR

- Oct 2- Troop Meeting
- Oct 4- Neighbor to Neighbor-  
Church of the Brethern
- Oct 4- Troop Committee Meeting
- Oct 5- Hamburger Booth Set Up
- Oct 6-7- **Old Hometown Fair**
- Oct 9- Troop Meeting
- Oct 12-14- **Desert Hikes- Joshua Tree**
- Oct 16- Troop Meeting/SPL Elections
- Oct 20- **Aviation Day- Compton Airport**
- Oct 23- Troop Meeting
- Oct 25- Troop Committee Meeting  
(Preliminary 2008 Calendar)
- Oct 27- Bike Inspection
- Oct 30- Troop Meeting/Greenbar



## SPL CORNER

Hello Scouts, John Gunderman here. Today I would like to talk about what it means to be a Scout. Being a Scout puts you a step above everyone else. This is because of your service to others and the example you lead by. When people see you wearing your Scout uniform they hold you to a higher standard, and for good reason. You should be living by a higher standard. I am sure many of you have reached or aspire to reach this level. Although this may seem like a difficult thing to do, it really is not so. All it means is to follow some basic guidelines. You must remember to always be friendly to every one you meet, even if you do not like the person. You must not pass up a person in need without offering assistance. Finally, you must always make sure to avoid derogatory remarks and profanity. If you can manage these three things, and follow the scout oath and law faithfully, then you are truly an exemplary scout! Remember, nobody is perfect, but we can always try our best.



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Just a reminder that our hamburger booth at the Manhattan Beach Old Hometown Fair this weekend is the Troop's only fundraising event for the year. **All parents and Scouts are expected to work one two-hour shift on either Saturday or Sunday.** You can also help out by encouraging your family and friends to buy a burger while at the Fair. **Mr. Bernard** has taken over this year from Mr. Harrington as the Boss of the Burgers (thank you Bret) and he assures me that our burgers will be outstanding and a "must eat". See you all at the Fair!

-Don McLellan

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Joshua Tree Desert Hikes Oct 12-14*

This year we are planning **TWO** desert hikes:

The **first** is an easy 4 miles each way to a real desert Oasis. We camp away from the actual water and away from the trail in a place of our choosing. This is desert camping at it's best.

The **second** trip is an intermediate trip of 8 miles on Saturday and 7 miles on Sunday. There is about 1000' of elevation gain. You'll carry ALL your water for the weekend. On the way out Sunday everyone will do a 1-hour service project. This trip will earn the Desert Backpacking award.

Look for sign ups at troop meetings. Contact **Mr. Slocum** or **Mr. Phillips** for additional details.

### *Aviation Day Oct 20*

The Troop will be having its first Aviation Day on October 20 at noon at Compton Airport. This is a chance to learn about aviation and to actually go flying in a private plane. There is no cost. (This event is for Scouts but a few adults may get to participate too.)

You can also earn [Aviation Merit Badge](#). Study and work on requirements 1, 3 and 5 on your own. Requirements 2 and 4 will be satisfied on Aviation Day. Work with **Mr. Butts** as he is our Aviation Merit Badge Counselor.

This day is sponsored especially for us by the [EAA Young Eagles](#) program.

When: Saturday, October 20th at Noon  
Where: Compton Airport Admin Building  
901 W. Alondra Blvd., Compton  
Between Central and Wilmington

### *Looking Ahead*

Nov 3-4- Mountain Biking  
Nov. 9-11- Advanced Rock Climbing- Joshua Tree  
Nov. 11- Veteran's Day Ceremony  
Dec. 7-9- Night Hike-Henninger Flats

## PAST EVENTS

### *Surf Trip Report*

On September 15, five adults and fourteen scouts drove up to the San Mateo Campground, which is part of the San Onofre State Park. From there, the group set up camp and immediately drove to "Old Mans" beach where everyone surfed for about four hours under great weather. There were two groups: the experienced and the beginners. The experienced went to the main break and the beginners went to the white wash where **Mr. Harger** and **Mr. Phillips** helped teach them. The surf and beach were perfect for everyone. Everyone gave it a try. Later back at camp, we hiked for about two miles to Trestles, a World Class surf spot and watched as the **Surfing World Tour** was there and we saw **Kelly Slater** win the event, a record 34 events. The trophy was a model of "Tressles". Later that night, back at camp, everyone all cooked hot dogs over an open fire and also ate salad, chips, and cookies. Then next morning, the group hiked down San Onofre trails #3 where everyone surfed for about two hours. It was good for the scouts that could surf the big break, the beginners had a hard time on the shore rocks and conditions were worse than Saturday. From there, everyone headed back to camp to pack up and leave. Not only did everyone really enjoy himself, but also about half the scouts earned their **Surfing Award**. Also, the beginners learned how to surf and stood up on a wave. The trip was so fun and a great experience.

