

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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## CURRENT CALENDAR

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 16-17 – Pacific Coast Trail Hike  
Oct 17-18- Desert Hike in Joshua Tree  
Oct 20 – Troop Meeting  
Oct 26 – Troop Committee Meeting  
Oct 27 – Troop Meeting  
Nov 3 – Troop Meeting  
Nov 5 – Neighbor to Neighbor  
Nov 10 – Troop Meeting  
Nov 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony  
Nov 16 – Troop Committee Meeting  
Nov 17 – Troop Meeting  
Nov 24 – No Meeting – Happy Thanksgiving

## HOMETOWN FAIR

October 3-4

Thank you to all that have signed up to work a shift at our hamburger booth this year. There are still some critical shifts that need workers so if you have neglected to sign up, please contact **Mr. Hugo Furth** or **Mr. Bret Bernard** right away. **We need everyone's help!!!**

If you do not remember what time/day you committed to working, please check with Mr. Furth or Mr. Bernard before the start of the fair.

Thank you.

## PIER FISHING

Come on out and enjoy a day in the sun! Troop 849 is offering a day of pier fishing on **October 10<sup>th</sup>** for all those who want to have some fun and hopefully catch some fish. **Assistant Scoutmaster Mr. Tauber** will provide instruction for newcomers to the sport and Troop 849 has some brand new poles to use for those who do not have their own equipment. There will also be the opportunity to work on the Fishing Merit Badge.

Sign up soon at a Troop Meeting or contact **Mr. Tauber** for more information.

## 2010 ROSE PARADE FLOAT

Did you know that the Tournament of Roses Parade has been chosen as the official kick-off to the BSA's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration? Did you know that Troop 849's very own **Mr. Tauber** is the Chair and that **Mr. Reeley** is the Vice Chair for the Rose Parade Float 2010 Committee? Check out the LAAC website at [www.boyscoutsla.org](http://www.boyscoutsla.org) and click on the picture of Rose Parade Float for more information.



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

We are approaching the annual Troop 849 re-registration period for Scouts, parents, and adult leaders. In response to a fee increase from National, we will be raising our annual registration fees \$5, to \$65 for Scouts and \$15 for adults. I hope you'll agree with me that this is still a tremendous bargain for you and your son. At the recent Fall Court of Honor, listening to and reading about all the activities our Troop put on during the past six months reminded me that we provide a great "bang for the buck". You will soon be asked to write your re-registration check, and for the sake of those tasked with collecting this fee, I thank you in advance for doing it promptly. As always, if this cost creates a hardship for your family, please don't hesitate to contact me or Mr. Noda and we'll work something out so that your son can continue to participate as a member of Troop 849.

--Don McLellan

## PACIFIC COAST TRAIL HIKE

Hello to all backpackers.

On **October 16-18** there will be an advanced backpack hike on the Pacific Coast Trail. We'll go from Bouquet Canyon (terminus of the 2009 PCT hike) to Elizabeth Lake Canyon Road. This trip is a very flat, about 1000 ft gain total. Water, as usual will be scarce and we'll have to carry several quarts. Friday we'll drive out and shuffle the cars, then night hike a few miles. Saturday will be 15 miles. Sunday we'll do a few miles to get back to the car. Lunch will be at In-N-Out. We should be back in Manhattan Beach just after lunch.

Contact **Assistant Scoutmaster Allan Slocum** 310/384-7522 if you are interested.

## BACKPACK LEADER TRAINING

Each year the **Los Angeles Area Council High Adventure Team** (LAAC-HAT) provides backpack leader training for adult scouters. Troop 849 has a very active backpack program and encourages all adults who intend to participate in troop backpacking to get this training.

There are good reasons to do so...

- 1) The training insures that we can provide a safe backpacking experience for scouts.
- 2) Many of our current trained leaders no longer have scouts in the troop and we need new parents to step up and get involved so the program can continue!
- 3) IT'S FUN!

Training for 2010 will take place the weekend of February 19-21. After the initial training session, a weekend backpack trip will be planned in spring to put all your new knowledge to practical use. Please contact **Dr. Rose**, **Mr. Thorpe**, or **Mr. Hoesly** for more information or to sign up.

## DESERT HIKE - JOSHUA TREE

The annual Troop 849 Desert Hike in Joshua Tree will be held on Oct 17-18. This is an intermediate hike because packs can be heavy since hikers will be required to carry all water needed for the trip. (This is in the desert remember) The scenery is beautiful and weather great. Most attendees choose to forgo their tents and sleep under the starry night sky. Trip highlights include a trek to a real desert oasis complete with palm trees. Contact **Mr. Thomasson** to sign up.

## MERIT BADGE CLASSES

Looking for a way to earn merit badges now that summer camp is over? Did you know that **Cabrillo Youth Center** offers merit badge classes for many of the eagle required badges and also many popular elective badges? Visit their website at <http://www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org/> and click on Boy Scout Classes. Classes fill up quickly so don't delay!

## VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony in Manhattan Beach will take place on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM on the greenbelt across from the Joslyn Center. As in previous years, the City has requested that Troop 849 participate in the ceremony. A scout from Troop 849 will be responsible for leading the Pledge of Allegiance and another will be asked to deliver a short (5 minute) speech about what Veterans Day means to him. Scouts interested in participating in this way should contact **Sally Bickel** at [momunit@verizon.net](mailto:momunit@verizon.net).