

Troop 849 Newsletter



October 2010

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CURRENT CALENDAR

Oct 1-3 – Home Town Fair Burger Booth
Oct 5 – Troop Meeting
Oct 7 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Oct 8-10 – Sean Harger Eagle Project
Oct 9-10 – Hike – John's Meadow
Oct 12 – New Parent Feedback Session
Oct 12 – Troop Meeting
Oct 16-17 – Desert Hike – Joshua Tree
Oct 19 – Troop Meeting
Oct 23 – Pier Fishing
Oct 26 – Troop Meeting
Oct 27 – Rock Wall – LA Rock Gym
Nov 2 – Troop Meeting (Rock Climbing Prep)
Nov 4 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Nov 5-7 – Rock Climbing – Joshua Tree
Nov 9 – Troop Meeting
Nov 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Scouts, leaders and parents,

Hope you all had a great summer. Our troop certainly did, many of our scouts went to camps, hikes and merit badge workshops and completed a wide variety of merit badges and that's terrific. Soon we will have our Court of Honor to celebrate all these accomplishments.

We should thank all the leaders for their time making this possible.

All scouts should be working towards advancement. To achieve this, the scouts should be bringing their books to the meetings and be prepared to speak to their leaders about signing off on their accomplishments. The rank of, scout, tenderfoot and second class in particular should be working towards advancing. I want you to know that I will do my best to help you reach your goal, so please seek me out as well as the other leaders, we are here to help. I am asking all leaders to actively inquire as to the progress of our scouts and if there are any issues or obstacles I would like to know about it. Please make an effort to speak to me so we can correct any challenges a scout may have.

This month I would like to inform scouts that they can earn their religious award. This is a prestigious honor and the only non-scout award that can be worn on their uniform. There will be a banquet honoring the recipients of the religious award sponsored by the L. A. BSA Council in March 2011, an amazing event with representation of all religions and the participation of all scouts in the L A area. For more information check in with our troop councilors they are Mr. Gunderman, Mr. Reeley and Mr. Tauber.

Yours in Scouting, Mr. Tauber



SPL CORNER

Hello Troop 849. This is your new SPL Michael Hadley. I have been a member of this troop for 5 years and I am a Life Scout. I am thrilled to be the new SPL of this troop and look forward to working with you all and having fun, too. Troop 849 offers a wide variety of activities and I encourage everyone, scouts and adults, to try them. One important upcoming event is Hometown Fair Burger Booth. I advise you all to sign up as soon as you can. It is a fun way to help Troop 849 and our community. There are also many camping trips, outdoor activities, and service opportunities coming up. I am very excited for everything that is to come, and I hope you are, too!

~Michael

EAGLE PROJECT

Hi everyone,

I'm still looking for volunteers for my Eagle Project, which is coming up on the weekend of October 8 - 10. We'll be working at Sand Tots Nursery School in Redondo Beach (Vail & Artesia). Specifically, we will be removing an old fence and installing a new fence, building an above-ground tunnel, and swapping out some existing sand with new sand, and painting the constructed items. On Friday evening from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., we will be moving the existing sand out of the sand box so that we can lessen Saturday's workload. We will be working on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Because the project is very construction based, I am going to need a lot of adult and older scout volunteers. This is a great way to get service hours for you older scouts or anyone with school service requirements. Look for my frequent updates regarding the project by subscribing the Troop email list.

You can sign up at the regular troop meetings or by e-mailing seanharger@me.com

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at the previous address.

Thanks for the help,
Sean

JOHN'S MEADOW HIKE

A fantastic beginner's hike is coming up Oct 9 -10. This is a perfect hike for younger scouts as the mileage and elevation gain are minimal but there is maximum payoff with great scenery, opportunities for plant and animal identification, and other advancement activities. Contact Asst Scoutmaster Mike Vahev.

LOOKING AHEAD

Now is the time when the Troop Committee determines the calendar for the following year. If you have any suggestions, desires, or ideas for activities you wish the troop to consider, please let us know. If you are available and willing to lead an activity we would be especially happy to hear from you!

HOME TOWN FAIR

It's time! The annual Manhattan Beach Home Town Fair is coming up on October 2nd and 3rd. Troop 849 will once again be serving up fabulous grilled burgers to all the hungry fair goers. Don't miss out on your chance to have fun and help the troop earn some money so we can keep all of our great scouting activities happening. This is the only fundraiser the troop does so it is necessary for all scouts and adults to work a shift at the burger booth. Contact Mr. Hugo Furth with any questions.

PIER FISHING

Saturday October 23, 2010
8: 00 AM – 12: 00 PM
Manhattan Beach Pier

Come on down to the Manhattan Beach and do some fishing with Troop 849!

Sign up for pier fishing and earn your fishing merit badge. You do not need a license because we will be fishing on a municipal pier. We have some troop rods so reserve yours now. October 23, 2010 at Manhattan Beach pier 8:00am- 12:00pm. We will provide bait, hooks and light sinkers. If you have your own equipment please bring it. We will learn how to tie fishing knots and other useful fishing information.

Questions? Ask Asst Scoutmaster Mr. Rick Reeley or Troop Committee Chair Mr. Michael Tauber.

VETERENS DAY CEREMONY

Each year Troop 849 participates in the Manhattan Beach Veterans Day Ceremony held across the street from Joslyn Center on the green belt. Typically, a scout from Troop 849 is one of the speakers at the ceremony. Past speakers have included Chris Bickel, Brian Davis, and Tanner Bernard. If you are interested in giving a short speech at the Veterans Day Ceremony, please contact Mrs. Sally Bickel. momunit@verizon.net