

TROOP 849 NEWSLETTER



October 2012

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CURRENT CALENDAR

- Oct.2 – Troop Meeting
- Oct.4 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- Oct 5 – Hometown Fair Both set up
- Oct 6-7 – Hometown Fair booth
- Oct 9 – Hike prep - rock climbing
- Oct 12-14– Rock Climbing - Joshua Tree
- Oct. 16 - Troop meeting
- Oct 20 – Shot Gun Shooting
- Oct 21 - Pier fishing
- Oct 23– Troop meeting
- Oct 27– Strand Bike trip
- Oct. 30 – Greenbar and Troop meeting

SPL corner

Hello, Troop 849. This is **Bram Osterhout**, your SPL as of a few months ago, although this is the first newsletter since my election. With the summer over and activities starting back up again, we have a lot coming up. The majority of our annual activities and events will be going on over the next few months, beginning with rock climbing at the L.A. Rock Gym, and then later the Rock Climbing Hike at Joshua Tree. Most importantly, however, we have the Old Hometown Fair hamburger booth coming up, which Mr. Lambert is in charge of this year. The hamburger booth is our one major fundraiser for the year, so we need as many people working it as possible. Mr. Lambert will probably be making an announcement at the next meeting, and the sign-up sheet should be out. Again, this is very important for the troop, so we need everybody who can help to sign up. And be sure to check out the troop calendar for the rest of the exciting events coming up for fall and winter!



Rock Climbing Hike

We will make our fall trip to Indian Cove Campground in Joshua Tree National Park October 12-14. This is a great trip for all scouts. No climbing experience is necessary and you can work on the Climbing Merit Badge. Rappel the "Negative" or shimmy up "Short Wall." Learn how to Belay climbers and Rappellers as part of the merit badge. Come out to Joshua Tree on Friday night Oct. 12th, or very early Saturday. Prep for this trip will be at the October 9th scout meeting. See Dr. Rose, Brian Schnuckel or Brian Bieber for more information. – Mr. Brian Schnuckel

Neighbor to Neighbor

Thursday, October 4th, 2012 is our Neighbor to Neighbor service activity from 6:00 - 7:00 pm at the South Bay Church of the Brethren located at 2761 190th Street in Redondo Beach.

Neighbor to Neighbor gives you an opportunity to volunteer to help those who are less fortunate. Scout and registered adult participation counts for two community service hours.

All scouts must be in full Class A uniform. Any questions, please contact Vishnu Karukonda



NEW EAGLE SCOUTS

Congratulations to **Tanner Bernard and Brett Salazar** for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. An Eagle Court of Honor will be held for them at a future date.

Hometown Fair October 6-7

We will be selling hamburgers yet again at the Hometown Fair. Signups are at the scout house, sign up for a shift or more. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and we need your help! See Mr. Lambert for any questions.

Santa Cruz Kayaking Trip

Sept 1-3, 2012

Forty-four scouts and adults went on a three day Kayaking trip to Santa Cruz Island. The ocean was rough on the way to Santa Cruz Island with white cap waves; the captain had to frequently adjust the boat speed to keep the large waves from engulfing the deck. All passengers made it safely to the island and were happy to reach dry land. Ten rented two person kayaks were used to explore the numerous sea caves (see picture to the right) and view sea lions. Kayak safety training was taught by Mr. Reeley. Island foxes could be seen running through the camp in the evening and through the night. After the wind receded, the weather was pleasant although a little cool at night. We all helped make Mr. Reeley's famous Oreo crême, no bake pie Sunday night. Many scouts earned the kayaking merit badge taught by Mr. Reeley.

Mt Pinos Bike Hike Sept. 15, 2012

As most people were sweltering from the record heat in the South Bay, our small group of mountain bikers was enjoying mild temperatures at 8000 feet near Mt Pinos. We were on the trail by 9:30 AM after picking up subway sandwiches for lunch. Drew Boettner became very friendly with a large rock that bent his front wheel and gave him some road rash that he will be feeling for a while. Most scouts ventured onto the 6 mile third leg of the trail that is more challenging and much faster. All in all a great trip.



Santa Cruz sea cave

RECENT RANK ADVANCEMENTS



SCOUT and TENDERFOOT

Travis Grady

SECOND CLASS

Matthew Look

FIRST CLASS

Steve Shoemaker Ethan Stokes

STAR

Drew Boettner Sawyer Hines

Steven Lambert, Jr. Evan Suarez

Merrick Wong

LIFE

Sean Griffin, Tim Guiteras, Will Rowe

EAGLE

Tanner Bernard Brett Salazar

EAGLE BRONZE PALM

Tanner Bernard

Eagle Projects

This past spring 4 Eagle projects took place:

Brett Salazar April 14-15 Henninger Flats bear boxes (see 1st hand description below)

AJ Shomaker April 21-22 Manhattan Beach Historical Society replanting.

Michael Hadley May 26-27 AYSO soccer sheds

Tanner Bernard May 5-6 Pacific School EDP construction project.

Helping on Eagle projects is a great way to learn new skills and do a service for our communities. The scouts leading the projects also greatly appreciate your help! Listen for announcements to help on the next Eagle project at an upcoming troop meeting.

LOOKING AHEAD

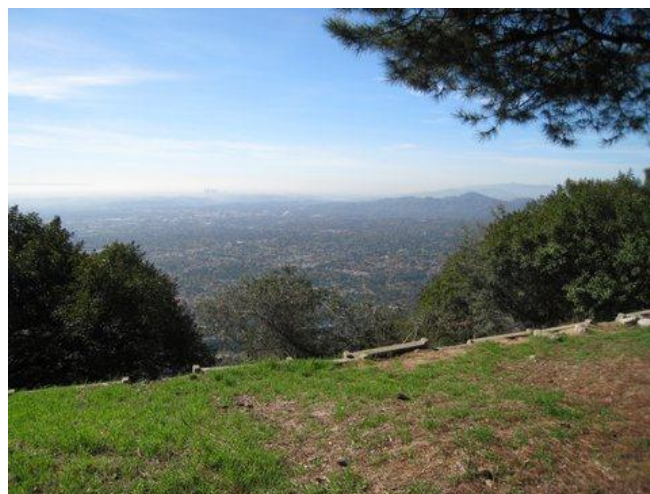
November– Neighbor to Neighbor
Climbing merit badge
SPL elections
Veterans Day Ceremony
Scouting for Food collection
Patrol activity

December – Neighbor to Neighbor
Night Hike – Henninger Flats
Scout Master's Fun night
Rifle shooting

Brett Salazar's Eagle project from a scout's perspective

On May 5, 2012, I (Luke Pastore) was part of a group of adults and scouts to complete Brett Salazar's eagle project. On Sat. morning we hiked up to Henninger Flats in the Angeles Forest. The whole Salazar family was there to help too. We arrived at about noon and started to work immediately. The Forest Ranger brought up the bear boxes and supplies in her truck. First, we dug holes for about 2 hours for the boxes to stand in and painted some spots on the boxes. Second, the bear boxes were moved into the holes. Lunch was provided by the Salazar family of croissant sandwiches and Doritos. After lunch, we poured in cement and leveled out the boxes plus added more finishing touches with paint. The latches were screwed on the boxes. We had to be careful that we didn't miss any spots while painting and checked so none of it got on the metal pieces of the boxes. I was liaison between the upper and lower campground. I must have made over 20 trips back and forth! At night, everyone enjoyed giant steak sandwiches. We were in bed by 10pm because it was cold and dark. Sunday morning there were some finishing touches to do. It only took us one hour to hike down the fire road to the cars.

-Luke Pastore



The view from Henninger Flats looking at Los Angeles