

# Troop 849 Newsletter



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**October 2015**

## Santa Cruz Kayaking

**Contributer:** James Istock

The kayaking trip was very fun in many ways. You could go off kayaking or stay by the beach and snorkel. We took the 9:00 ferry to the island. We then unpacked the boat and took all are gear to the campsite. After we set up our camps and had lunch we went to the waterfront and began to swim, snorkel, and kayak. We later then went back to the campsite and had dinner. On Sunday morning we had breakfast and then shortly left for the water front went snorkeling and kayaking. On the island the Scouts who didn't have kayaking merit badge worked on it while other Scouts who had already earned it could do snorkeling BSA. Then on Monday morning we had breakfast and the packed up camp and took all out stuff to the area where we would board the boat. When we left I think everyone had a good time on Santa Cruz.

## SPL Report

**Contributor:** Stephen Shoemaker

Troop 849,

I hope everyone is starting of well in the new school year.

Last month we went to the Santa Cruz Island. We started off on Saturday morning by boarding a boat. After we reached the island we off loaded our gear and headed in to the campsites. After settling in to camp many Scouts went either kayaking or snorkeling. The next day many young Scouts worked on the Kayaking merit badge or swam in the waters. It was a fun trip where everyone could find something to do. We went on the boat Sunday morning and went home.

Next month we have a rock climbing hike. It will be an exciting trip full of adventure. We will also be spending a meeting at the Manhattan Beach Pier. There are also many fun presentations going on and it will be important to make it to all the meetings.

## New Troop Chairman

**Contributor:** Erik Lilligren

At this Past Court of Honor the past Troop chairman stepped down. Mr. Tauber had been the committee chairman since October 2007. Mr. Firth has stepped up and is now the current chairman. Congratulations to both.

## Joshua Tree October 2015

**Contributer:** Viraj Arora

Troop 849 is going to Joshua Tree National Park from October 23 to October 25. At Joshua Tree, the Scouts will have an opportunity to earn the Rock Climbing Merit Badge and some other fun activities such as bouldering, skits, capture the flag, etcetera. To earn the merit badge, Scouts will have to climb 3 different climbs and repel on 3 different areas. Bouldering is when you get to explore the rocks freely, without a harness or anything with some friends. Overall, Joshua Tree is a great experience and is a highly recommended trip to go on.

### November 2015

Date	Event	Leader
3	Troop Meeting	SPL
5	Neighbor to Neighbor	Tauber
10	Troop Meeting	SPL
11	Veterans Day Memorial	
14	Shotgun Merit Badge	Andreas
17	Troop Meeting	SPL
24	No Meeting	

### 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  
November 5, 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 November Newsletter by October 31 so please have all contributions to me by October 29. Also, pictures that are submitted need to be as a JPEG attachment, not embedded, and not from third party programs.