

Troop 849 Newsletter



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CURRENT CALENDAR

- Oct 31 – No Meeting – Happy Halloween
- Nov 2 – Neighbor to Neighbor
- Nov 7 – Troop Meeting
- Nov 11 – **Veteran's Day Ceremony**
- Nov 14 – Troop Meeting
- Nov 21 – Troop Meeting
Pack Holiday Gift Bags
- Nov 28 – Troop Meeting
- Dec 5 – Hike Prep (Night Hike)
- Dec 7 – Neighbor to Neighbor
Distribute Holiday Gift Bags
- Dec 8-10 – **Night Hike**
- Dec 12 – Troop Meeting
- Dec 19 – No Meeting – Happy Holidays
- Dec 26 – No Meeting – Happy Holidays



SPL CORNER

Hi guys, Tim Breen here. I would just like to say a few words about respect. This is an idea that is fundamental to organizations like Scouting. It is important for all of us to respect others and pay attention. I bring this up because we've had some problems. As the leaders of our community, I urge you to set an example for all people our age, not just the people in Scouting. Respect is an essential virtue to trust and cooperation in any setting. I hope that all of you can really embrace these values that can help in any area of life and any leadership responsibility that you might have, now or in the future. So, I would ask all of you to come to the meetings with a good, respectful attitude. Remember, respect is a two-way street: if you don't respect others, they won't respect you.

"The spirit is there in every boy; it has to be discovered and brought to light." -- Robert Baden-Powell



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Thanks to all of you who worked our hamburger booth at the Hometown Fair this year. The combination of great weather and a great location resulted in a record net profit to the Troop of about \$3,200. Leading this effort again was Dave Harrington. Dave has been Troop 849's point man for the hamburger booth for many years and is going out with a \$3,200 bang. Sadly, Dave has decided that this is his final year of booth management. Please join me in thanking Dave for his tremendous work in support of our Troop over the years. Fortunately, and in true 849 fashion, Dave identified, recruited and trained his replacement, Bret Bernard, who has agreed to step up to the grill next year. Thank you Bret for taking over.

Also, please remember that your support is needed in our efforts to ensure the Troop's facilities needs are met in the future. If you haven't already, please fill out the online survey the City of MB has developed for citizens' input into the planning process. We want to make sure the civic decision makers consider Scouting and our youth a high priority in assessing requirements for new facilities. Also try to attend as many public meetings on this subject as you can. The city's website should have a schedule of these meetings and continuous updates on the planning process. If you have any questions about this process, please contact me, or **Leigh Noda**, or **Bret Bernard**. Thanks!

--Don McLellan



VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Each year Troop 849 participates in the Manhattan Beach Veteran's Day Ceremony. This year, more than ever, it is important for Scouts to show a presence in our community by being involved in activities such as this. We will open the event by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Full Class A Uniforms are a must. Meet at the Scout House at 10:30AM, Saturday, Nov. 11th to honor those who have served our country. Contact **Mrs. Bickel** for more information.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR GIFT BAGS

The holidays are around the corner and Troop 849 is going into its fourth year of participating in the **Neighbor 2 Neighbor** program. Our scouts, parents and siblings make this event a success in our community, by helping and providing meals to those in need. This is an ongoing yearly program, meeting the first Thursday of the month.

This year, our gift bag program will begin by collecting toiletries at our upcoming scout meetings **until November 21st**. At that time the scouts will package the bags for the gift giving at community service dinner on **Thursday December 7th**. We will need to collect the small sample bottles of shampoo, tooth paste & brushes, lip balm, soap, gym socks, small combs and shaving razors; these will all be placed in a baggie. Thanks for your participation and showing the meaning of scout spirit. If you have any questions please call **John Gunderman** or **Asst. Scout Master Michael Tauber**.

BIKE HIKE AND ADVANCED ROCK HIKE

Unfortunately, due to a lack of interest, both the Bike Hike and the Advanced Rock Hike have been cancelled.



ADVANCEMENTS

1st Class – **Ryland Miller**

Tenderfoot – **Michael Hadley**

TROOP SCRIBE

Troop 849 now has a Troop Scribe, **Riley Thomasson**. As Scribe, Riley will be responsible for the Troop Newsletter each month. If you have suggestions for information you would like to be included in the newsletter, please contact Riley. If you are an adult hike leader, please get the information regarding your upcoming trips to Riley prior to the Greenbar meetings, which are the last Tuesday of each month.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

The University of Scouting is a council-wide extravaganza designed for adult and youth leaders. Create your schedule from a variety of course offerings. Take one class or take six; the choice is yours. This is an excellent way to enhance your knowledge of the Boy Scout Program and learn new skills.

The University of Scouting takes place at Loyola Marymount University on Saturday, December 2nd. You may register on-line by going to the Los Angeles Area Council web site at www.boyscoutsla.org and opening the University of Scouting link. The registration fee is only \$17 if you sign up by November 17th.

For questions, contact the **Scouting Office** at **213-413-4400** and ask for the training department.



NIGHT HIKE

Is this the first backpack trip of the season or the last? That all depends on how you view the calendar! In any case, it is definitely one of the most fun weekends of the year. We will head out on **Friday, December 8th** and hike down to Valley Forge campground by the light of the moon and stars. The weekend promises to be full of activities such as patrol competitions, outdoor cooking, and advancement opportunities. We will return on Sunday, December 10th in the early afternoon. Contact **Mr. Rolandelli** for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD

December – Night Hike
Happy Holidays

January – Rocket Hike

February - Winter Camp