

# Troop 849 Newsletter



November 2010

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## CURRENT CALENDAR

Nov 2 – Troop Meeting (Rock Climbing Prep)  
Nov 4 – Neighbor to Neighbor  
Nov 5-7 – **Rock Climbing** – Joshua Tree  
Nov 9 – Troop Meeting  
Nov 9 – Neighbor to Neighbor Gift Bag Stuffing  
Nov 11 – **Veterans Day Ceremony**  
Nov 13-14 – **Eagle Project** – Ricky Hoft  
Nov 16 – Troop Meeting  
Nov 23 – NO MEETING – Happy Thanksgiving  
Nov 30 – Troop Meeting  
Dec 2 – Neighbor to Neighbor  
Dec 7 – Troop Meeting (Night Hike Prep)  
Dec 10-12 – **Night Hike** – Henninger Flats  
Dec 14 – Troop Meeting – FUN NIGHT  
Dec 21 – NO MEETING – Happy Holidays  
Dec 28 – NO MEETING – Happy Holidays  
Jan 4 – Troop Meeting



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Many of our volunteer parents and scouts have given of their time and effort to make Troop 849 successful by raising extra funds. One of our most successful events is the Home Town Fair. Without this program we would all have to sell popcorn door to door to raise monies needed, or raise dues. We have always stated that we want to keep our scout program and outings as cost effective as possible and as a matter of fact we have many non-cost and supplemental outings. This is all due to the generosity of our committee leaders, volunteer parents and scouts. I would like to thank and congratulate Mr. Hugo Furth for his leadership and the successful conclusion of the hamburger booth. He has with the help of our scouts made fundraising painless for us again this year. I am personally glad that I do not have to sell magazines to raise money. I encourage all of us to thank Hugo for a job well done.

Yours in Scouting,

**Mr. Michael Tauber**



## SPL CORNER

Hello Troop 849. This is your SPL, Michael Hadley. I am looking forward to this month's activities and I hope you all are, too. I encourage everyone to attend the Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11th. Troop 849 will be leading the Pledge of Allegiance and this is a great opportunity to gain community service hours and honor our nation's veterans.

Another thing I would like to discuss is showing respect for scouts and adults doing presentations at meetings. I have noticed that some people are interrupting, playing around, and not paying attention. These presenters are working hard to share their valuable knowledge and time with the scouts. Hopefully this bad behavior will stop. Other than that, the meetings have been going very well.

Again, I look forward to the coming events this November. Remember to sign up for lots of trips and activities! Thanks!

~Michael

## ROCK CLIMBING

Troop 849's annual Rock Climbing Trip to Joshua Tree National Park is scheduled for Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. This is one of the most popular trips of the year combining the high adventure activity of rock climbing and the casual atmosphere and good food of car camping.

The weather looks great for this weekend and it's going to be a lot of fun! If you haven't signed up there is plenty of room and the Rock Climbing merit badge will be offered. Sign up at Tuesday's scout meeting. The troop has some rock climbing gear for you to share so come on out and try a new activity! If you do buy your own gear be sure to buy it NEW, not used, as the safety and quality of the equipment is of utmost importance.

Contact **Mr. Brian Schnuckel** with any questions at (310) 374-3151.

## VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Manhattan Beach's Parks and Recreation Department extends an invitation each year for Troop 849 to participate in the City's **Veterans Day Ceremony**. It is always important for Scouts to show a presence in our community by being involved in activities such as this.

Selected scouts will lead the Pledge of Allegiance as well as deliver a short speech. Full Class A Uniforms are required for this event.

Meet at the Scout House at 10:30AM, Thursday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. We will go as a group to the ceremony. Contact **Mrs. Sally Bickel** at [momunit@verizon.net](mailto:momunit@verizon.net) for more information.

## EAGLE PROJECT

For my project we will be working at the **South Bay Children's Health Center** in Redondo Beach. This clinic provides low-cost dental care and counseling services to anyone under the age of 21.

We will be working in the back area of the clinic to remove a large amount of overgrown plants that now block a path that used to lead to the parking lot. We will be putting in a staircase, as there is a hill along the path, and a gravel pathway to cover the remaining distance between the hill and the parking lot. My project will be on **November 13-14** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day.

Please contact me via email or my cell phone (310-291-2566) if you have any more questions.

~**Ricky Hoft**

## MERIT BADGES

Summer camp isn't the only time a scout can earn merit badges. There are many other options to work on badges!

Cabrillo Youth Camp [www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org](http://www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org) offers regular opportunities to take merit badge classes and the Pacifica District [www.pacificabsa.org](http://www.pacificabsa.org) holds merit badge days in the spring and the fall. Check out their websites for more information.

Another way is for the scout to contact a merit badge counselor directly and work on a badge that interests him on his own. (Don't forget the buddy system. Never meet with a counselor alone, you must bring a friend, fellow scout, or parent with you) Ask a Scoutmaster for the contact list for merit badge counselors in our area. Have fun!

## NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS

Troop 849 would like to congratulate its newest Eagle Scouts –

**Riley Thomasson** – August 26<sup>th</sup>

**Brian Davis** – September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**DJ Stanfill** – September 30<sup>th</sup>

**David Copeland** – September 30<sup>th</sup>

**Ryland Miller** – October 27<sup>th</sup>

Eagle count stands at 102!! How high can we go?

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Neighbor-to-Neighbor is an ongoing community service project where scouts serve meals to people in need on the first Thursday of each month. At holiday time, we expand our service to include distributing **gift bags** to the people we serve. Included in these bags are necessary items such as toiletries and socks. We will be preparing these gift bags at the Troop Meeting on **November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please make a special effort to attend this meeting and help out with this important event. Contact **Mr. Tauber** for more information.

## UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING

University of Scouting is one of the most important functions offered by the Los Angeles Area Council. It is a single-day training event designed to supplement any Scouter or Youth's training. It will be held on **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at the Ribet Academy in Los Angeles. Leaders, Volunteers, & Youth from every facet of Scouting are encouraged to attend. There is something for everyone! From the Scouter in the first year of leadership to the Scouter with many years of experience, University of Scouting is designed for YOU! Contact **Mr. Reeley** for more information.

## RE-REGISTRATION

It is time for annual troop re-registration. Scouts will be asked to pay the BSA registration fee, troop dues, and Boy's Life subscription (if wanted) and adults will be asked to pay the registration fee. Both scouts and adults must complete a new BSA Health Form (Part A & C) at this time. Part B may be completed now or at our annual Medical Exam Night in the spring. New this year, all adults who wish to register must complete Youth Protection Training. Contact **Mr. Rick Reeley** for details. Further information regarding re-registration will be sent via the troop announce email system.