

Troop 849 Newsletter



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Bridge to Nowhere

Contributor: Ethan Stokes

The bridge to Nowhere Hike was quite a high adventure experience. However, the new scouts that went on the hike were not deterred by the challenges we faced on the trail, such as stream crossings, steep trails, and an absence of good sitting rocks. This was also a very fun trip because of the rivers and large pools that can be refreshing to walk in after a long day's hike. We hiked the 4.7 miles to the bridge, then half a mile to the campsite. We also had an elevation gain of about 750 feet. The hike went very well, and it was a successful journey.



Veteran's Day Ceremony

Contributor: Jack Brand

Date: November 11th, 2013

Location: Veteran's Park, Across Valley Ave.

On the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month", Troop 849 will once again honor our Nation's Veterans by participating in Manhattan Beach's Veterans Day Ceremony.

We are looking for one scout to volunteer to be a featured speaker and give a short 5 minute speech on why Veterans Day is important to him.

We also need another scout to volunteer to lead the troop in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

This is an excellent chance for scouts working on their Communications Merit Badge to fulfill one of the major requirements of that badge. I gave the speech last year and it was a very rewarding experience. Please contact me, Jack Brand, if you are interested in volunteering for the speech or in leading the troop with the pledge. Also, please look for the signup sheet at the weekly troop meeting on Tuesday night. We need as many scouts as possible to come to the event to show our support for our Nation's Veterans.

Thanks for your support.



Joshua Tree

Contributor: Mr. Schnuckel
Date: November 1-3, 2013
Location: Joshua Tree National Park

Rock Climbers head to Joshua Tree November 1-3! New and older scouts please join us at Indian Cove Campground for an exciting filled adventure. We will be setting up beginning and advanced climbs. See if you can shimmy up "short wall" or tackle the awesome negative Rappel.

Saturday night after dinner activities include a classic game of desert "Capture the flag". This is a car camping trip so no hiking. Look for the signup sheet at scout meetings. See Dr. Rose, Brian Schnuckel or Brian Bieber for more information.

Bike Trip

Contact: Mr. Tuck-Sherman
Date: November 9-10, 2013
Location: Scout House

This is a full adventure weekend for those who are up to a 25 mile bicycle ride with camping at the end. We will ride along the strand, circumnavigate Palos Verdes on the West and South sides, visit the Pt. Vicente and possibly the Pt. Fermin Lighthouses, and then drop down into the Cabrillo Beach Youth camp for an overnight campout. After setting up tents, we plan to visit one of the war ships in the harbor before returning to camp for an evening of Dutch oven cooking. Sunday we will reverse the route and return to the Scout house by early afternoon.

Holiday Gift Giveaway Bags

Contributor: River Benyair
Hello troop 849.

This is a quick announcement to remind everyone that in the month of November during our Tuesday troop meeting we will continue collecting toiletry items for the Holiday gift give away.

Please give what you can. We will be accepting any items listed. We will continue to collect the items for the donation in the next several weeks on each and every Tuesday all the way to THANKSGIVING holiday, which is right around the corner. With your generosity we will be able to create little "gift toiletry bags" for the hands in needs, now scheduled for Tuesday December 3rd.

Here is the expanded list of items... be creative and let's keep it going, and let's spread the word to our neighbors, cousins, aunts, uncles, how I was able to contribute.

Thank you for all of your donations. More to come.

IDEAS:

toothpaste,
toothbrushes,
shampoo,
conditioner,
bar soap,
bath gel,
combs,
brushes,
bath sponges,
loft sponges,
lotions,
deodorants,
razors,
shaving gel,
mouthwash,
Q-tips.

Calendar

date	Event	Coordinator
1-3	Rock Climbing	Mr. Schnuckel
5	Troop Meeting	
7	Neighbor to Neighbor	Mr. Tauber
9-10	Bike Trip	Mr. Tuck-Sherman
11	Veteran's Day Ceremony	Mr. Brand
12	Troop Meeting	
16	Scouting for Food Collection	Mr. Furth/Mr. Thorpe
19	Troop Meeting/Greenbar	
25	Troop Committee Meeting	

Registration reminder

Contributor: Mrs. Karnes

Hello Troop 849,

It's time to register for 2014. This year BSA has raised their fees, so we must raise ours by the same amount. All scouts planning to participate in 2014 must register.

2014 Scout fees (per scout): \$75.00
2014 Adult fees (per adult): \$25.00

Please pay by November 30, 2013. Please make checks payable to "Troop 849". Scouts/Adults registering after November 30, 2013 will need to fill out the registration paperwork and re-apply to BSA. No exceptions.

Adults - you must provide proof of Youth Protection Training (YPT) if you are a newly registering adult or your certification has expired. If you do not take the training, I cannot register you - BSA rules. Please contact me if you need help locating the training website.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Contact: River Benyair
Date: November 7, 2013
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!