

# Troop 849 Newsletter

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## CURRENT CALENDAR

Dec. 6 - Hike Prep (Night Hike)  
Dec. 9-11- Night Hike  
Dec. 13 - Troop Meeting (Scoutmaster Fun Night)  
Dec. 20 - NO MEETING  
Dec. 27 - NO MEETING  
Jan. 3 - Troop Meeting  
Jan. 5 - Neighbor to Neighbor  
Jan. 10 - Hike Prep (Rocket Hike)  
Jan. 14-15- Rocket Hike  
Jan. 15 - Eagle Court (Trent Ketterer)  
Jan. 17 - Troop Meeting  
Jan. 21-22- Snow Trip Prep Hike  
Jan. 24 - Troop Meeting



## NEW EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to **Trent Ketterer** for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. For his Eagle Scout project, Trent chose to improve the Sierra Saddle Rest Area and part of the Sunset Ridge Trail in the Angeles National Forest. Project work included building two retaining walls, installing two benches, repairing part of the trail with stairs, and clearing brush. Trent's Eagle Court of Honor will take place on January 15<sup>th</sup>, details to follow.



## COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Troop 849 continues to be well represented at the L.A. Council and Pacifica District levels. **Mr. Michael Tauber** was the Council's point person for organizing and leading the very successful **Ten Commandment Hike**, which drew over 300 Scouts from the entire L.A. area into Manhattan Beach for a walking tour of our city's places of worship. Good job Mr. Tauber and the other Troop 849 scouts and adults who assisted with this event. **Mr. Rick Reeley** recently received the **Pacifica District's Award of Merit** for all his hard work on District causes, including his willingness to act as Scoutmaster for one of the District's National Jamboree Troops of 40 scouts. Mr. Reeley joins other Troop 849 Award of Merit recipients including Mr. Mike Vahey (1994), Mrs. Carol Hoesly (1995), Dr. Richard Rose (1996), and Mr. Rich Hoesly (2003). Please join me in congratulating Mr. Reeley for receiving this prestigious award.

Have a happy holiday season. —Don McLellan

## ROCKET HIKE

The Rocket Hike is a yearly tradition when Troop 849 invites the Senior Webelos to come along and participate with the troop in an overnight camping event. On Saturday, Troop 849 scouts will teach various scouting skills to the Webelos including orienteering, rock climbing, knot tying, backpacking, campfire building, and football. If you would like to lead an event, contact **Matt Shuler**. The highlight of the weekend will be the launching of model rockets on Sunday morning. We will depart from the Scout House at **7:00 AM** on 1/14/06. Hope to see you there!



## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

It may be the middle of winter, but it's time to start planning for summer! Troop 849 will only be going to one summer camp in 2006, **Camp Chawanakee**. The dates for camp are July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>. There will also be 3 **Long Term Hikes** of 7 to 9 days in mid to late August. January is the time to submit your application for Chawanakee and/or Long Term and pay the initial deposit to secure your spot. (\$100 for Chawanakee, \$50 for Long Term) Summer Camp and Long Term are both great scouting experiences that should not be missed.

## ANNUAL TROOP CD

Do you have great photos from all the fabulous hikes, camps, and events you have enjoyed in 2005 with Troop 849? Would you like to see the fantastic photos that others have taken of all the wonderful outings? Well, you can! **Mr. Slocum** is again putting together the Annual Troop 849 CD and needs all your photos to add to it to make it the best it can be. Please submit photos to Mr. Slocum on a CD with the name and date of the event for each picture ASAP. Thanks.

## QUEST BEYOND EAGLE

The **Los Angeles Area Council High Adventure Team** is offering a unique opportunity for older Scouts know as **Quest Beyond Eagle**. The program will run for 15 days, July 1-15, 2006, using Log Cabin Wilderness Camp as a base for numerous High Adventure activities. Its objectives are to improve and expand the Scout's leadership and outdoor skills, to develop confidence and self-reliance, and to have fun. For detailed information, log on to the LAAC website at [www.boyscoutsla.org](http://www.boyscoutsla.org) and click on H.A.T. or contact **Dr. Rose**.

## MERIT BADGES

**Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center** offers classes for many of the most popular Merit Badges. Check out their website at [www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org](http://www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org) for classes offered in January, February, and March of 2006. Register early as many classes fill up quickly.



**Mrs. Bickel** is now a Merit Badge Counselor for the following Merit Badges – **Dog Care, Pets, Journalism, Reading, and Scholarship**. Please contact her if you have an interest in earning one of these badges.

## SNOW TRIP PREP HIKE

The snow trip prep hike is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. This is your chance to get prepared for the February snowshoeing / winter camp which can be very strenuous. So, all scouts and adults who plan on going on that February trip will need this prep hike to strengthen their hiking muscles. Contact **Mr. Vahey** if you want to get out and practice.



## NOVEMBER RANK ADVANCEMENTS

**Eric Vandenberg** - Tenderfoot

**Ricky Hoft, Greg Schnuckel** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

**Ross Sherbak** - Life

## ADULT BACKPACK TRAINING

The **Los Angeles Area Council High Adventure Team** is offering Adult Backpack Training for leaders and interested adults on Feb. 24-26. This training provides a look at the backpack planning process, including equipment, food, trail safety, maps, compass, and terrain profiling. The second part of this training, which involves an overnight weekend (date TBD), allows participants to practice what they have learned. If you will be leading a troop backpacking trip this year and you haven't taken this class, sign up now! Anyone who will be participating in backpacking trips with Troop 849 is encouraged to take this class. Contact **Dr. Rose** for further information.

## LOOKING AHEAD

January –	Rocket Hike Snow Trip Prep Hike Summer Camp & Long Term Deposits Due
February –	Winter Camp Cross Country Skiing Santa Cruz Island Kayak Trip Adult Backpack Training
March -	Rock Hike Junior Leader Training Court of Honor