

Troop 849 Newsletter



December 2007/January 2008

CURRENT CALENDAR

- Dec. 16- **Eagle Court of Honor**-Pacific School
- Dec. 18- Troop Meeting
- Dec. 20- Troop Committee Meeting
- Dec. 25- No Meeting – Merry Christmas
- Jan. 1- No Meeting – Happy New Year!
- Jan. 3- **Neighbor to Neighbor**-
Church of the Brethren
- Jan. 8- Troop Meeting
- Jan. 15- Hike Preparation- Attendees Only
- Jan. 19-20- **Rocket Hike**
- Jan. 22- Troop Meeting
- Jan. 24- Troop Committee Meeting
- Jan. 29- Greenbar Meeting
- Jan. 29- Troop Meeting



COMMITTEE CHAIR CORNER

Thanks to all Troop 849 Scouts and adult leaders who re-registered for 2008. A special thanks to **Mr. Ketterer** for handling the re-registration process so smoothly and effectively. He tells me we have 68 boys who have re-registered, along with over 70 adults; and I've been told by various Cub Scout leaders that the "graduating class" of senior Webelos who will bridge over to our Troop in the spring of '08 is quite large. Troop 849 continues on as one of the biggest and best Troops in Southern California. Thanks to everybody who made 2007 such a great year, and I'm sure 2008 will be even better!

On a personal note, Sunday 12/16 will be the last chance to witness a McLellan Eagle Court of Honor as I have run out of sons. Please try to attend the Eagle Court for **Teddy Andreas**, **Michael Rolandelli**, and **Bud McLellan** at 3:00pm at Pacific Elementary School. The ceremony can be a motivating experience for all Scouts, and the new Eagles will appreciate the support.



EAGLE COURT OF HONOR

There will be an Eagle Court of Honor held for **Teddy Andreas**, **Bud McLellan**, and **Michael Rolandelli** on:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2007
PACIFIC SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
1200 PACIFIC AVE.
3:00-4:30 PM

Please come show your support for these scouts and their accomplishments. Class A Uniform required.

ROCKET HIKE

The Rocket Hike will be held on Saturday, January 19 to Sunday, January 20 at Saddleback Butte State Park near Lancaster. This is always a well-attended event and a great deal of fun. The Rocket Hike is our joint Boy Scout / Webelos Campout and event. The SPL for the event, **Tanner Bernard**, and ASPLs for the event, **Ryland Miller** and **Kyle Salzman** will be asking senior boy scouts (1st class and above) to assist with leading some of the Scout skill events. Please check with them if you'd like to volunteer. In addition, rockets can be purchased at Hobby People at 16725 Hawthorne Blvd. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions regarding this event, please see **Mr. Gunderman**.

ADVANCEMENTS

STAR: Ricky Hoft 11/6/07

1ST CLASS: Cameron Bardeau 11/13/07
Kyler Mozell 11/13/07

2ND CLASS: Sean Griffin 11/13/07

TENDERFOOT: Emerson Nichols 11/6/07
Joseph Ziade 12/4/07

SUMMER 2008

Sign up forms are now available at Troop Meetings for summer camp at Camp Chawanakee and for the 3 long term hikes being offered in the summer.

Total cost for Camp Chawanakee is expected to be \$350. The initial deposit of \$100 is due January 8th in order to insure your space at camp. The 2nd installment of \$125 is due February 26th and the final payment of \$125 is due May 29th.

There is no payment required at this time for long term hikes but scouts should sign up now to express their interest in the trip. The troop is offering 3 different long terms scheduled at 3 different times over the summer. There should be a hike that meets every scout's schedule this year. Keep in mind that in order to qualify for long term you must be at least 2nd class and have participated in the required prep hikes during the spring/summer hike season.

BACKPACK SEASON COMING SOON

Troop 849's outstanding backpack program will be in full swing before you know it. Now is the time for all scouts and adults to check the troop calendar (found on our website at troop849.org) to see what weekends to set aside for backpacking. The leaders have scheduled a variety of weekend backpacks to meet every scout's needs from the novice hiker to the most advanced outdoorsman.

Keep in mind that both adults and scouts who plan to participate in a long term hike next summer must complete 3 qualified weekend training hikes. Mark your calendars now!! Happy hiking!!

LOOKING AHEAD

February – Snow Trip
Adult Backpack Training

March – Rock Climbing Trip
Court of Honor
OA Elections

April – Backpack Season Starts!!
Shotgun Shooting
Spring Camporee