

TROOP 849 NEWSLETTER



December 2012

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CURRENT CALENDAR

Dec 6: Neighbor to Neighbor
Dec 7-9 Night Hike-Henninger Flats
Dec 11: Troop meeting-Scoutmaster Fun night
Dec 15: Rifle shooting
Dec 18: no meeting-Happy Holidays
Dec 25: no meeting-Happy Holidays
Jan. 1: no meeting Happy Holidays
Jan. 8: Troop meeting/New parent orientation
Jan. 15: Troop meeting
Jan. 22: Hike Prep
Jan. 26-27: Rocket Hike-Saddleback Butte
Jan. 29: Troop meeting – Webelos visit

Scoutmaster Fun Night

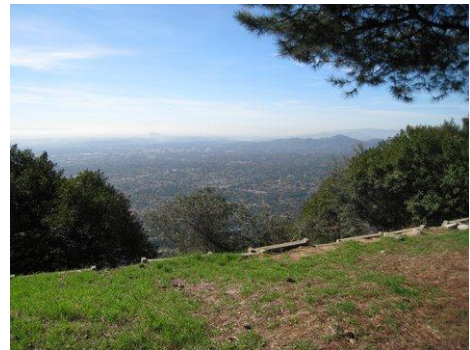
December 11th is a special meeting. This is the night that the Scoutmaster puts on a fun night for us. There is usually a movie, treats and games. For Scouts with a rank of Star and above there are some special games. It is an evening not to be missed!



Night Hike-Henninger Flats

The troop is going on its annual Patrol competition hike at Henninger Flats. We will be leaving Friday night at 6pm from the Scout House for a 3 mile night hike up the mountain fire road. Saturday morning will be filled with Patrol competitions as well as being a host to local Webelos Dens. In the afternoon. Patrols will get to exhibit their skills using the Patrol Method in camping and cooking. Sunday morning we will do a service project with the Forestry Service

Mr. Rolandelli



Rifle Shooting

If you enjoyed the shot gun shooting event in October, you will probably enjoy the rifle shooting event. This is taking place December 15th. If you have any questions, see Mr. Andreas as he is leading this.



Recent Rank Advancements

River Benyair – Tenderfoot
Omeed Hashemi-Hejad – Scout
Vishnu Karukonda – Star
Cian Ward – 1st Class

Congratulations to all these scouts! Keep working hard on your rank advancement. If you need help, ask an older scout. We would be glad to teach you knots, 1st aid, lashings or anything else!

Per Ms. Karnes, a couple of reminders for advancement: “1. Once a scout has completed his bluesheet, please provide the completed bluesheet to Ms Karnes and she will arrange a senior scout review, scoutmaster conference and board of review for you. Please do not arrange your own reviews.

2. If you would like a copy of your current rank and merit badge progress, please notify Ms Karnes and she will provide you with a copy.

3. If you need help advancing to the next rank or obtaining a merit badge, please notify one of the scoutmasters or Ms Karnes and we will assist you.”

Rocket Hike Jan. 26-27

Model Rocket Hike – Annual Event with Sr. Webelos - January 26th-27th 2013

Scout Skills, short hike to Saddleback Butte Peak, Campfire – Saturday

Model Rocket Launching – Sunday morning

Fun event for all ages.

Sign-ups at the Scout House

-Mr. Reeley

Veteran's Day 2012



On the “eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month”, Troop 849 once again participated in Manhattan Beach’s Veteran’s Day Ceremony. Four scouts, Matt Wenner, Jack Brand, Cian Ward, Sean Ward; and three adults, Eric Wenner, Lourdes Escalona (who took the photos), and Russell Brand attended. Sean Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance with the support of the troop and Jack Brand delivered a thoughtful speech describing why Veteran’s Day is important to him and honoring all Veterans. The troop’s participation was well received and we were personally thanked by the Mayor, the City Manager and several veterans. The ceremony was well attended and featured several distinguished speakers including Mayor Wayne Powell, California State Assembly Member Betsy Butler and Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Madonna Newburg.

- Jack Brand

Special Opportunity for Troop 849 Scouts and Parents

Amateur radio is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allowing licensed individuals to operate radio transmitters for domestic and international communications. Handheld amateur radios have longer range capability than CB or FRS radios and by using radio repeaters, reliable communication can be achieved throughout the southland and even wider areas. This makes HAM radio a preferred communication method for emergency response teams and a back up when cell phones and land lines fail after disasters.

Mr. Vahey has offered to teach a radio class, that would lead to you becoming a licensed Amateur (HAM) radio operator and Radio Merit Badge. See an email from October 31 Announce for more details. If you have interest in participating, let Mr. Rolandelli or Mr. Vahey know. We hope to use licensed hand held radios for the long bike trip next Spring.

- Mr. Vahey

LOOKING AHEAD

December – Neighbor to Neighbor
Night Hike – Henninger Flats
Scout Master's Fun night
Rifle shooting
January – Rocket Hike - 26-27th Saddleback Butte.
-scout presentations
- Webelo den visits

Past Event: Bike Hike – Cabrillo Beach Youth Camp November 10-11, 2012

An exciting 50 mile bike ride around Palos Verdes with a tour of the Pt Vicente lighthouse, a personal tour of Los Angeles Fire Department Fireboat 2, participation in the Veteran's day celebration at the USS Iowa, overnight camping at Cabrillo Beach Youth Camp, Dutch oven stew, biscuits, cobbler, and all-in one breakfast. Beyond the stated adventures we had 3 flat tires and one substantially bent wheel plus wonderful views of the Pacific Ocean right after a rainy cold front passed through the area leaving snow capped mountains. It was a picture perfect trip with scout skills, adventure, exercise, patrol method, and learning opportunities.

