

Troop 849 Newsletter



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Upcoming Hikes

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Hello Troop 849,

Hiking season has begun. If you are planning on going on any of this year's long term hikes you must go on at least three of the following hikes. The troop have already gone on two of these hikes.

May 6-7 Chinquapin **Medium**

May 20-21 Spruce Grove **Easy**

June 10-11 Little Jimmy **Easy/Medium**

July 1-2 Tammarack

Mt. Baldy Day Hike

Contributor: Kyle Fukumoto

The Mt. Baldy day hike was very enjoyable for the people who went on it. A total of ten hikers went on the Mt. Baldy day hike, of those ten people, three people went to the summit of Mt. Baldy, and seven went up to the ski hut. Going up to the summit of Mt. Baldy was very fun and I really liked when we used micro-spikes to go up in the snow, instead of doing the switchbacks. At the summit the view was great and you could see very far off in many directions. Another cool feature of the hike was the waterfall we saw near the beginning of the hike. Overall, it was a great experience and I hope I can do it next year.

Catalina Adventures

Contributors: Nick Strizzi

The group arrived at the boat dock at 7:00am on a cold Saturday morning (April 8th). There were 9 of us. Nick Strizzi, Rohil Dave, Kian Ward, Steven Lambert, Ryan White, Lukas Renton, Jon Strizzi, Shubi Dave, and Rick Reeley. We distributed the food and troop gear. Next, we took our packs over and waited for the boat. We enjoyed the boat ride over to Catalina. First, the boat stopped at Avalon, and then it took us to Two Harbors. We got off the boat, filled up on water, sunscreen, and made sure we were ready to head out. The road was mostly flat, though there were some hills. We stopped for a trailside lunch of sack lunches we had brought. The views and scenery were amazing. We hiked about 6 miles to our first campsite Little Harbor. When we got there, we got out the food for dinner, chicken and cheese fajita wraps, and we set up our tents. Lukas and Ryan went swimming and Mr. Reeley went to stick his feet in the water which had some tar in it. Later that evening, we had dinner, and then went to see the sunset by the ocean. Then we all started to go to bed.

We woke up at 7:00am. We ate a pop tart and nutrigrain bar breakfast, and then packed up. We started hiking at around 8:00am. There were a couple of hills at first, and then shady spots on the dirt road, but there were also flatter portions. That day, I think we had to hike about 10 miles. Maybe 6 or 7 to the Airport in the Sky, where we had an awesome buffalo burger lunch. We also saw the cool Catalina fox around the airport area. Then, we hiked 3 or 4 miles to our second campsite, Blackjack. After we arrived at our campsite, again, we set up our tents and got out the food for dinner, ramen with chicken. Next, we went on the tire swing next to our campsite. After that, we ate dinner and the scouts went on a short hike to the top of the hill where the water tank is. We came back down and started to get ready for and went to bed.

We woke up at 8:00am. We had another pop tart and nutrigrain bar breakfast, and packed up our tents and everything else. I think we started hiking at 9:00am. We had about 10 miles to Avalon, where the boat was picking us up. Steven, Kian, Ryan, and Rohil headed out first, and Nick and Lukas stayed behind to help the adults if they needed it because the first part of the trail is really steep. When were close to Cardiac Hill, on 1 or 2 hills next to it, there was a big herd of Bison. When Nick and Lukas got to the base of

Cardiac Hill, the herd of bison from before crossed onto Cardiac Hill. That's when the adults arrived at the base of the hill. We waited for the all of the bison to get out of the way of the trail. The alpha male stayed behind and waited for the stragglers to catch up. He sort of sneaked up behind the adult group and scared them a bit! After the bison moved, Nick and Lukas started up hill while Steven, Kian, and Rohil came back down the hill and carried the adults' packs up the hill. When we all reached the top, we had a packs off to eat and drink. Nick, Steven, Rohil, and Ryan started hiking again first, then Lukas and Kian, and then the adults started. We took another packs off at the playground rest stop. The whole group ate a snack, drank water, and then we went on the playground for a little bit. After that, Rohil, Nick, Steven, and Ryan head out first again, then Lukas and Kian, and then the adults. When the first group got to the gate that leads into the road to Avalon, we took a quick packs off and waited for Kian and Lukas. After that, the first group started to head down into Avalon; then Kian and Lukas, and then the adults. After we arrived in Avalon, we put our packs in a pack line next to the shuttle waiting area, and the Mexican cafe. Next, Kian and Lukas arrived, then the adults arrived. We all ate wonderful pizza at this pizzeria close by and we also ate Mexican at the cafe. After that, we took our packs over to the boat boarding line and we waited for our boat. It was a great boat ride after an amazing island adventure! We got back to the mainland and went home. And we all agreed that the hiking felt easier this trip because we had packed light!



May 2016

Date	Event	Leader
2	Troop Meeting	SPL
4	Neighbor to Neighbor	Tauber
6-7	Training Hike - Chinquapin	Reeley
13	Swimming/First Aid Merit Badge	Reeley
16	Troop Meeting	SPL
20-21	Spruce Grove	Franz
23	Troop Meeting	

June 2016

Date	Event	Leader
1	Neighbor to Neighbor	Tauber
3	National Trails Day	
6	Troop Meeting	SPL
10-11	Little Jimmy	Franz/Reeley
13	Troop Meeting	SPL
20	Troop Meeting	SPL
27	Troop Meeting	SPL

Submissions Are Welcome

If you went on a great troop trip or event feel free to submit an article to me that is 200 words or less by the 29th of the month. I will gladly put it into the next months newsletter.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Contact: Mr. Tauber

Date: May 4, 2016

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 2come in through the back gate.

Just the time of the month for our troop's monthly service event!

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributor: Erik Lilligren

We would love to have you your contributions to next month's newsletter. If you would like to have your contribution considered please contact me at tim@lilligrencpa.com or upcoming troop meetings. I want to finalize the June Newsletter by June 2nd so please have all contributions to me by May 29th. Also, pictures that are submitted need to be as a JPEG attachment, not embedded, and not from third party programs.