



Troop Tidings

News and Information for
Troop 805 Families

September 2003

Troop Activities for September



- **Sea Kayaking & Monterey Aquarium (September 13/14)**

The Troop will plan to travel to Monterey on Saturday September 13 and immediately visit the Monterey Bay aquarium where we'll have a Patrol scavenger hunt. We'll camp overnight in near by Watsonville (Royal Oaks Country Park) and Sunday morning we will spend the morning kayaking in the Monterey Bay. Outing sponsors: the **Shark Patrol**.

- **Annual Planning Meeting (September 20)**

Planning the Troop Calendar for 2004. All scouts in a leadership position are required to attend others are welcome too. See your SPL for more details.



- **Scout Skills Campout on Mt. Diablo (September 27)**

The outing will focus on scout skills for Scout Rank through 1st Class. Permissions slips will be available shortly. See your SPL for more details.

**CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS ON
THE WEB SITE: TROOP805.ORG**

October Court Of Honor

There will be a Court of Honor on October 7th. A pizza party is planned for the October Court of Honor. Families are welcome so mark your calendar. More details will be sent out in September. Please let your patrol leaders know how many will be coming from your family. Patrol Leaders; be sure to relay the information to your SPL.

Parents & Participation

Parent committee meetings are usually held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. All parents are invited to attend and help support the troop activities. The meetings are also a place to discuss any ideas, issues or concerns you have about the troop. New ideas to keep the boys involved and active are always welcome. Voicing concerns or problems is also helpful since we can't correct problems that we don't know about.



Don't miss the parent meeting on **Tuesday, September 16**. The Troop can not function with out parental support – that means you!



Volunteer for one of the many committees that help our Scouts behind the scenes

One way to work closely with the boys and join their activities is to become an Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM). The position is open to both parents and other relatives are considered. The first step in the process is parent committee approval. Once the parent committee approves an application, some training is required before an ASM can assume their duties. ASMs are expected to support at least two (2) outings each year and attend Troop meetings to remain active. If you are interested in becoming an ASM, please contact Karen Moroz, Committee Chair.

Very few scouts advance to the highest ranks unless at least one parent shows they support the troop by joining the parent committee or being an ASM.

Congratulations

Please join the Troop in congratulating

Bobby Helmer

in achieving the Rank of Eagle Scout.

Look for the details of his Eagle Court of Honor in the upcoming months.



Trail to Eagle

Scouts, as you begin to work on earning the Eagle Scout rank, you may have questions about what is an Eagle Scout project and what is the process or time requirements for completing this achievement.

Parents, as your son reaches the rank of Life Scout and is ready to tackle earning the rank of Eagle Scout, you may have questions about what the next part of his journey will be like, what you can expect and what you can do to support your son on his journey.

Our troop has historically had adult leaders who advise and coach Scouts on this part of their journey. We will be continuing this practice and will also be starting a new one. As Scouts achieve the rank of Life Scout, they will be invited to participate in a meeting, with other Life Scouts and a troop Eagle advisor to review information about the next part of their journey. In addition, though this is a journey for the Scout, parents definitely provide support and encouragement during this most difficult part of the journey and so will also be invited to participate in this sharing of information.

We are in the process of identifying current Life Scouts in the troop and a date for the first such meeting, so Life Scouts keep an ear open for the announcement of the meeting and plan on attending with your parents.

Leadership and You

There are many ways a scout can show leadership in the Troop; they can sign-up for a position, they can be elected by his fellow scouts, or they can be asked to take on a leadership role.



Scouts in leadership positions are critical to the successful operation of the Troop as a whole. One of the key things expected of any leader is “**Representing the Group**”. They do so by getting to know their fellow patrol members and representing other scouts, and themselves at Troop leadership meetings (**PLCs**) and in planning outings.

Whether you are in a defined leadership role or not you can still be a leader and aid your fellow scouts. Always be on the look out for ways that you too can help the Troop or another scout. Remember to proudly live the scout oath and law whenever you can and look for ways to show your leadership skills and scout spirit.

All leadership position responsibilities are described on the Troop website.

If you need further information on leadership positions or ways you can help your Troop speak with your SPL.

Annual Planning Meeting – September 20

September 20 is the date of the Troop Annual Planning meeting. All scouts in a leadership role are expected to attend this day long event when the scouts develop the calendar for 2004. There will be discussions during the course of Troop meeting leading up to this event so make sure your views are known.

The schedule is as follow:

Location: **Saint Timothy’s Church – Education Wing**
(Rear Parking Lot)
1550 Diablo Road
Danville Ca. 94526

Time: **9 am – 3 pm (approx.)**

Dress Code: Class B



Cherry Valley Summer Camp

As our scout's head back to school, hopefully they will remember this year's Cherry Valley summer camp as one of their summer highlights. What a great experience for both Scouts and Scouters! I'd like to thank parents for your support, particularly at the airport. And a very special thank you to my co leaders Mr. Isaeff, and Mr. Davis.

I would like to cover two remaining items relating to summer camp. First of all, many scouts received "partially completed" merit badges. I have compiled a list of these partially completed merit badges by scout and will send those out in a separate email message. The list will include those particular items that need to be completed prior to earning the merit badge. As you complete the remaining requirements, please contact me and arrange at time at one of our regular meetings to complete the merit badge.

Also, I will need to contact a few families to obtain replacement checks paying for camp.

We were unable to deposit any check made payable to me rather than Troop 805 and those have been voided. I will phone or email those families impacted by this during the upcoming week.

Finally, believe it or not, Cherry Valley is completely booked up for the next two summers. We have placed our name on a reservation list for the year 2006, and will receive more information in November concerning available weeks.

Thanks again.

Alan Carstensen

Patrol Leaders Council

The Patrol Leaders Council, PLC, is held on the last Tuesday of the month. If you are a Patrol Leader it is one of your responsibilities to attend the PLC. If you are unable to attend for any reason you need to send another Patrol representative, normally your Assistant Patrol Leader.

Make sure your Patrol is represented at these important planning meetings.



eScrip Program



Barb Scanlon is our eScrip coordinator. Contact her with any questions at 736-2651. Those who do not participate in the eScrip program will be charged \$150.00 dues per fiscal year.

Register for eScrip at www.eScrip.com.

The Troop's membership number is 0137700316.

Meeting Time Reminder

The schedule for Troop meetings is as follows:

Start: 7:15 pm

End: 8:30 pm

Please try and be prompt to each meeting, and at the end of the meeting don't forget it is everyone's responsibility to clean up.



Scoutmaster's Quiz



Answers in writing to the Scoutmaster – winner will be drawn from all correct entries on the first meeting next month.

1. What is your responsibility in leading your Patrol?
2. At what event does the Troop Calendar get generated?
3. Who is responsible for planning Troop events and when and where does this occur?
4. When, where and how do you arrange a Scoutmaster Conference and what is your responsibility?