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Troop Tidings

Popcorn Fundraiser a Success!

By Eileen Chew

Troop 805 had fifteen scouts who sold popcorn with sales totaling \$7,290 for this year! Our troop was the top selling troop in the Meridian district and the fourth highest unit among all the district troops and packs. Great job goes out to all of the scouts that participated. This fundraiser was a great opportunity for the scouts to earn money in order to offset next year's registration and pay for scout outings and summer camp. 40% of the sales support our Mount Diablo Silverado Council and as a whole, our district was able to make 99.1% of last year's sales numbers.

Top sellers:

Marvin Mitchell, Willie Wiedenmann, Gautam Ramesh, Tim Aikin, Brett Screechfield, John McMurry, Charlie Lio, Brandon Yep, Krishna Peri

Marvin Mitchell led the Troop with sales of \$2,310!

Special thanks to **Rand Mahoney** who was in charge of sales at the district level and to Scott Marvin for assisting with the popcorn pick up.

Scout Sunday Feb. 3 and Scout Sabbath Feb. 9

By Rand Mahoney

Scouting is based on duty to God, duty to nation, and duty to others.

Scouting embraces all faiths and requires reverence and respect of its members. With this as our foundation we continue to grow, and as we grow we continue to improve our communities and ourselves.

2008 is the 98th anniversary of the founding of the Boy Scouts of America, which was incorporated on Feb. 8, 1910. The Sunday near February 8 (the anniversary of scouting) is designated as Scout Sunday and the following Saturday is designated as Scout Sabbath. It is appropriate for us to commemorate Scouting during a regular religious service of your choosing.

This year, Scout Sunday is Feb. 3 and Scout Sabbath is Feb. 9. The Scout Sunday or Sabbath observance may be as simple as the Scouts just attending a religious service of their choice in uniform. Anything beyond that, which may include participation in a service, should be approved by your presiding priest, rabbi or minister.

The following links are excellent resources for further information.

Scout Sunday:

<http://www.scouting.org/relationships/05-961/>

Scout Sabbath:

<http://www.scouting.org/relationships/15-208/>

In addition, Danville Town Council will declare Feb 4th to 10th as Scout week in Danville. Scouts are invited to attend the Council meeting ceremony (wear your uniform) on February 6th at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers, 201 Front Street, Danville.

New Eagle Liaisons Take Over

We have 2 new Troop 805 Eagle Court Liaisons. Barbara Valdriz and Barbara Miyao will now be taking over the duties of making sure our Eagle Scouts receive proper Recognition for earning this prestigious award. They can be contacted at: EagleLiaison@troop805.org

We want to thank Karla Angle and June Liu who have been handling this very important position for the Troop for many years and for keeping everything so organized!

This Month's Activities Theme: Wilderness Survival

Outings

Mt. Diablo Day Hike

When: Saturday, February 9 9:30
What: Day hike; will complete Mt. Diablo leg of the Rim of the Bay series
Where: Mt. Diablo
Adult in Charge: Mr. Church
Patrol in Charge: Panthers
Permission slip due: 2/5/2008

Winter Campout

When: February 16-18
Where: Sierra Nevada
Adult in Charge: Mr. Mahoney
Patrol in Charge: Pine Trees
Permission slip due: 2/12/2008

Meetings

February 5 Troop Meeting

Where: Sycamore School*
When: 7:15pm-8:30pm
Opening: Ligers
Activity: VERY IMPORTANT—OA Elections-Maximum attendance crucial; survival skills

Patrol Corners: Yes

Closing: Eagles

February 12

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:15-8:30 pm
Opening: Eagles
Activities: Form new Webelos patrols; dodgeball (bring a softball, no tennis balls or basketballs) survival skills

Patrol corners: No

Closing: Ligers

February 19

Where: Sycamore School
When: 7:15-8:30
Opening: Panthers
Activities: Round Robins-First aid
Patrol corners: Yes
Closing: Pine Trees

February 19 – Parent mtg (summer camp discussion only)

February 26 PLC/Board of Review

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Troop 805's 2008 Summer Camp

By *Kent Screechfield*

Troop 805's 2008 Summer Camp is scheduled to take place the week of **July 27th through August 2nd** and the second payment is due at the **February 12th** Troop meeting.

This year's camp will be held at Camp Cherry Valley, operated by the San Gabriel Valley Council. Cherry Valley is an all-year camp located on the beach at Cherry Cove near Twin Harbors on Santa Catalina Island and is reached by boat.

The terrain is steep, grass-covered hillsides next to a warm-water cove ringed by sea cliffs. Facilities include snorkeling, boating and swimming in Cherry and Pirates Coves, as well as rifle and archery ranges. The campsites have tents on platforms with cots. There are showers and meals are served in a dining hall.



As usual, this will be a great opportunity for the boys to enjoy the fun and adventure of camp life, and to make significant progress towards advancement in rank, amid the beauty of the Ocean.

Check out the Cherry Valley web site to learn more about the camp, and camp programs:

http://www.sgvchsa.org/camping_ccv.php

2008 Family/Friends of Scouting

Troop 805 families will soon be receiving their 2008 pledge cards for the Mt Diablo Silverado Council Family/Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign.

We are hoping for a 100% participation from our troop for this important effort to raise funds to offset the cost of providing Scouting to scouts within the Mt Diablo Silverado Council. The true cost of scouting is much greater than our T805 dues, and FOS support ensures that quality scouting can continue to be experienced by our scouts.

The true cost of additional support the Council provides for each scout is \$175 annually. Some may wish to give more, some less, but participation by every family, at any level, is our goal. Contributions are tax-deductible, confidential, and can be paid in installments, by pledge, or on your Visa or Master Card.

Indeed, we thank you in advance for your consideration of participating in this important 2008 FOS campaign for the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council.

Ira Hillyer, (925) 743-0480

Next Month's Preview Theme: Climbing

Outings

10-mile bike hike

When: Saturday, March 1

What: 10-mile ride

Adult in Charge: Mr. Screechfield

Patrol: Eagles

Rock Climbing

When: Saturday, March 15-Sunday,
March 16

Adult in Charge: Mr. Rolens

Patrol: Pine Trees

Meetings

March 4 Troop Meeting

March 11 Troop Meeting

March 11 Parent Meeting

March 18 PLC/Board of Review

March 25 No meeting (Spring Break)

Bike Repair

By Rand Mahoney

The St. Timothy's Episcopal Church's Annual Adopt-a-Family program had another successful year of cleaning and repairing used bikes. This year they were passed along (in great working condition!) 121 bikes and in 5 years the program has supplied over 771 bikes to the much-deserving people of Contra Costa County.

A special thanks to Marc Taniguchi, Dominic Williams and his family, Robert Horewitz, and Ryan Mahoney for assisting with the bicycle clean-up and repair. It was great fun and an excellent learning experience. If you want to join the fun next time and learn a lot more about bike repair, contact Mr. Mahoney in early Nov. 2008.

Mt. Diablo Day Hike

A day hike at Mt. Diablo will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008. This will complete the Mount Diablo leg of the Bay hike series. We'll meet at the Sycamore Park and Ride at 9:30 a.m. The cost is free. We'll return between 4-5 p.m., and scouts will be dropped off at their homes. (If you want the Rim of the Bay patch and rocker the price for those is \$7.50) We'll learn land navigation skills, use a contour map and compass, and have fun. Questions: Terry Church (925) 389-8820, tchurch@pacbell.net.

Permission slips are to be returned no later than Tuesday, February 5.

Permission slips are on the web-site.

February Parent Meeting- Summer Camp is Topic

The February parent meeting will be devoted solely to summer camp. Please try and attend. It will be led by Kent Screechfield on Tuesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m.

March Parent Meeting (Date change!)

Due to Spring Break, the March Parent meeting will now be scheduled on March 11th. We will be welcoming the new scout parents at this meeting and looking to establish our calendar for parent education for the remainder of the year.

Winter Camping Skills- February 16-18

By Rand Mahoney

Have you wondered what it would be like to camp in frozen H₂O? Well, we won't be camping but we will be practicing some snow camping skills in the Sierra Nevada mountains on February 16-18. During one day, we will practice building some snow caves, survival skills, and outdoor cooking. On another partial day we will have an opportunity for snow play. The rest of the meals and overnight accommodations will be at the Martin's cabin in Arnold, CA.

Space is very limited (10 scouts; 4 adults max.) and is on a first come, first serve basis. The permission slip for this event will be on the website shortly. The permission slip needs to be returned to the Pine Trees Patrol Leader by **Tuesday, February 12th**. For more information, contact Mr. Mahoney at 925.899.3840 or randmaho@pacbell.net.

Parent Meeting Minutes

By Susan Oki

DECEMBER 4, 2007

Attendance:

Jennette Cabot, Alan Carstensen, Kevin Chew, Marlene Foster, Ira Hillyer, Shang-Rou Hsieh, Don Martin, Scott Marvin, Scott McMurry, Susan Oki, Latha Ramesh, Shinji Taniguchi, Anne Wiedenmann, Carol Williams, Lori Wolfe, Richard Yep

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm

1. Treasurer Report:

- a) Alan Carstensen distributed and discussed the financial statement.
- b) Cash flow statement was reviewed.

2. Awards Report:

- a) Lori Wolfe reviewed the Awards process, and reminded parents that the scouts were expected to give a one (1) week notice for scheduling a Board of Review.
- b) Court of Honor will be January 8, 2008; the last chance for inclusion of advancement items was noted as December 18, 2007.

3. Fundraiser:

- a) Popcorn Sales are now complete.

4. Committee Chair Report: New Parent Volunteers

- a) Secretary/Newsletter Editor: Jennette Cabot
- b) Webmaster: Shinji Taniguchi
Hospitalization Support
 - a) Glen Aikin will be going into hospital for heart surgery and needs support in the form of transportation and meals.
 - b) Troop looking to get someone to coordinate.
ACTION: Scott McMurry volunteered.

Summer Camp

- a) Cherry Camp reservation are filling possible secondary

summer camp (Camp Kern, ...) being looked at.

ACTION: Kent Screechfield to determine need and make preliminary reservation.

- b) Transportation options need to be looked at for Camp Cherry valley. In previous years Troop flew down on Jet Blue or equivalent.

ACTION: Don Martin will investigate options and costs for Cherry Valley.

Summer Camp meeting to be convened to discuss with attending families.

5. Scoutmaster Report:

- a) *State of the Troop – December 4, 2007*

The Troop is progressing very well and Tom V. is the new SPL and Colin G. as the ASPL in training for the SPL position in May 2008. We just had our new fall elections and Troop Leadership Training last weekend and Colin and Tom did a great job presenting during the most of the training. The new leadership team has put together their goals that I will be reviewing with Tom to make sure they are SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely). Tom had his first Patrol Leaders' Council and the schedule is fairly light due to the holidays but the focus remains on recruiting new Webelos scouts and working on our theme for the month. Our Troop meeting and outing attendance continues to be very strong with lots of adult help when needed which is always appreciated. Our last six outings have 1/3 to over half the scouts in attendance which has been great. We also had a great time bowling last Sunday and two parents told me they will be joining and when do we

send in the money! Our next outing is Chabot Space Center on the 15th and plans for January include a 15 mile bike ride and skiing the end of the month if it every snows.

6. Other Business:

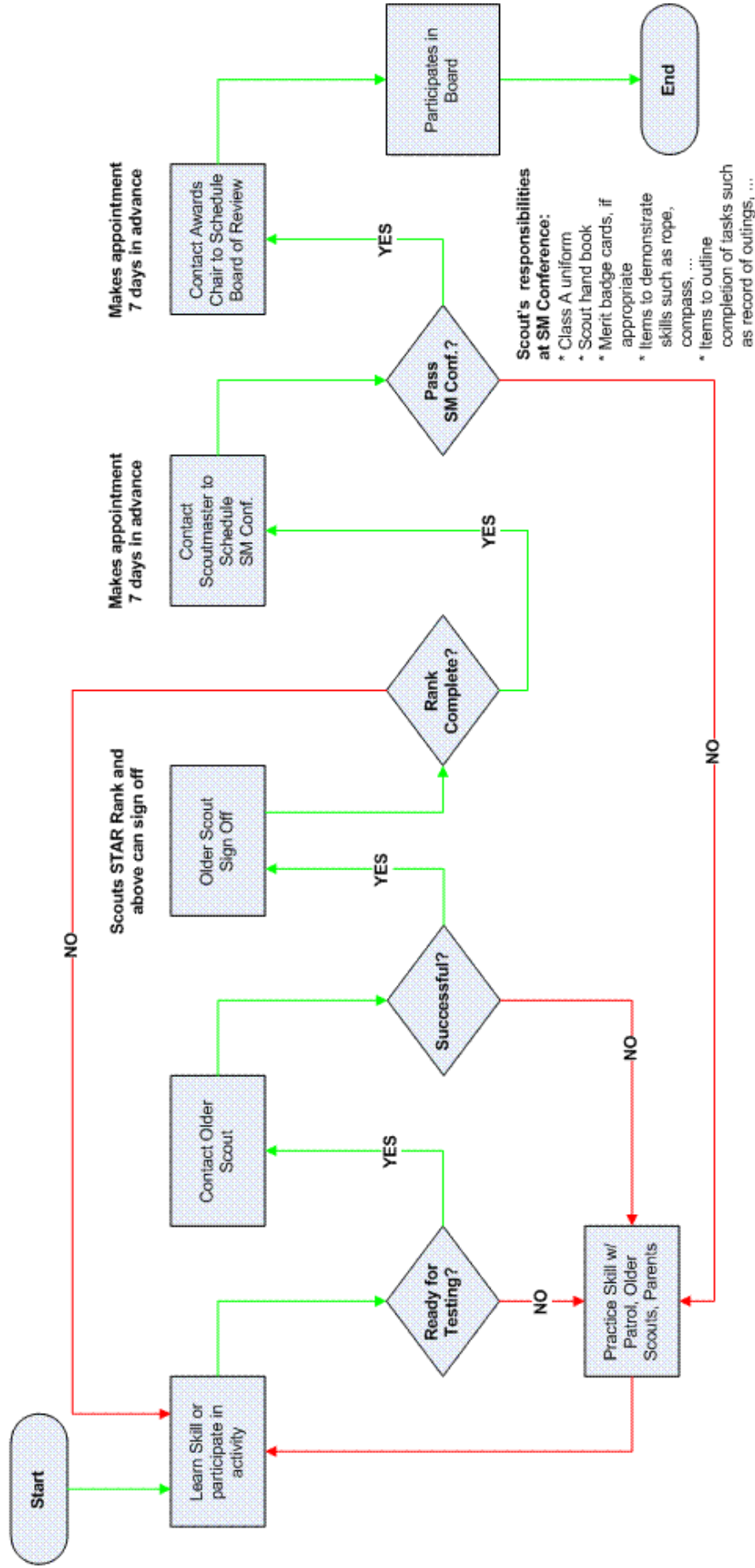
- a) Court of Honor will be held January 8th, 2008; scouts have selected Pizza with Potluck desserts.
- b) Parent Meeting Schedule:
 - i) No Parent Meeting in January due to the Court of Honor.
 - ii) February 19th (*maybe deferred to due to Committee Chair conflict/vacation*)
 - iii) March 11th (*including New Parent Welcome*)

7. Parent Orientation/Training:

- a) Uniform Review: Distributed uniform inspection sheets and reviewed placement of patches and other items.
- b) Suggestions for Topics: Scout Training, Scout Skills Instruction – Adult Help

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Scout Advancement Cycle



January - December, 2008

Troop 805 - Yearly Planner

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January

- 12 15-Mile Bike Hike
- 26 Skiing - Bear Valley
- 27 Skiing - Bear Valley
- 28 Skiing - Bear Valley

February

- 9 Day Hike
- 16 Winter Campout
- 17 Winter Campout
- 18 Winter Campout

March

- 1 10-Mile Bike Hike
- 15 Rockclimbing
- 16 Rockclimbing

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April

- 4 Scout Skills - Sugarloaf
- 5 Scout Skills - Sugarloaf
- 6 Scout Skills - Sugarloaf

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May

- 25 Camporee
- 26 Camporee
- 27 Camporee
- 3 15-Mile Bike Hike
- Kiwanis Big-K (TBD)
- 4 Kiwanis Big-K (TBD)
- 16 Yosemite w/Pack 802

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June

- 7 Troop NYLT
- 14 Day Hike
- 27 Canoeing
- River Rafting
- 28 Canoeing
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- 29 Canoeing
- River Rafting

July

- 4 4th July Parade
- 12 25-Mile Bike Hike
- 13 25-Mile Bike Hike
- 27 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp
- 28 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp
- 29 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp
- 30 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp
- 31 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp

August

- 1 Cherry Valley - Summer Camp
- 9 Annual Planning Mtg.
- 10 Day Hike
- 16 Beach Campout
- 17 Beach Campout

September

- 13 Rifle Shooting
- 27 Spelunking
- 28 Spelunking

October

- 11 Day Hike
- 25 Sea Kayaking
- 26 Sea Kayaking

November

- 8 Sunol Backpacking
- 9 Sunol Backpacking
- 15 Scouting for Food

December

- 6 Troop NYLT
- 7 Bowling
- 13 15-Mile Bike Hike

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