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# Troop Tidings

## April Court of Honor

Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM

Sycamore School

### Menu:

Fried Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Potato Salad  
Rolls  
Drink and Dessert

Music Badge participants – don't forget your instruments and music!

## Sign-up for Camp Marin Sierra 2004 begins!

A sign-up letter and registration form for the Troop 805's 2004 summer camp was recently sent out to the troop e-mail list. If you missed it, or accidentally deleted it, a copy of the letter and registration form will be available on the troop's web site, [www.troop805.org](http://www.troop805.org).

The sign up deadline for an early registration discount is May 15th, so please get your registration form and check (payable to Troop 805) sent in (see the letter for the details). The cost is \$215, prior to May 15th, and \$240 after that. For more information, contact Bob Schleicher at [bullswin5@aol.com](mailto:bullswin5@aol.com).

## Parent Meeting Minutes

*By Josette Dala*

### Minutes for 3/16/2004

1. Approve minutes from February meeting. Lori Wolfe move. Lynn Lawton second. All approved.
2. Treasurer's Report: Our balance is approximately \$10,000.
3. Summer camps will be Philmont and Marin Sierra.
4. No scoutmaster minute.
5. The Scrip program was described to the new parents in attendance. Discussion about dues. The parent committee does not want to change Scrip or dues until the entire membership is aware of proposed changes. Octavio Ricart will prepare a paper outlining the issues. This paper will be distributed to all members. Vote deferred.
6. Court of Honor will be 4/6 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a uniform exchange and Class B T-shirts for sale.
7. We will not be attending the upcoming Camporee.
8. Mrs. Angle will be counseling the Music merit badge on Friday 3/26 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
9. The Troop calendar has changed. Check the website for an updated calendar.

- 10. New parent communications. The Parent Committee will ask Mr. Matsunaga to give new parents training about Merit Badges. Octavio Ricart will prepare a new parent information packet.

## Junior Leader Training Conference

By Susan Oki



JLTC is a 6 or 7-day course intended for youth leaders in the Boy Scout program. It is an intensive

practical experience in Scout craft and Leadership Skills set in a model troop situation, and is intended for Scouts who are 13 years old or older and have achieved at least the First Class rank.

Our Boy Scout Council offers two (2) opportunities for JLTC during the summer:

June 20-26: Brownsea JLTC  
Camp Lindblad

July 12-17: Muir JLTC  
Sugarloaf

If you'd like to hear more about JLTC experiences talk to one of the scouts who attended in a prior year: Billy Andrew, Brian Dunican, Bobby Helmer, Joe Lawton, Michael Lee, Christopher Oki, or Will Valdriz.

If you'd like to be considered as a candidate for JLTC, contact the Scoutmaster.

## Important Note from the Adult Quartermaster

By Alan Carstensen

Scouts, Scouters and Parents Troop 805 needs your assistance. Over the past couple of years, Troop 805 has lost a substantial amount of camping equipment. This includes not only equipment checked out for monthly outings, but also items used during weekly meetings. Most significant missing items include green kits (estimated to be missing 6 to 8) and Troop tents (missing approximately 6 to 8).

As I prepare the equipment budget for this coming year, I'm struck by impact replacing these items will have on our ability to purchase other equipment such as tent bags, and new backpacking equipment. For example, replacement cost of the green kits alone is somewhere in the range of \$30 to \$40. Replacing this one single item category represents nearly 30 to 35% of last year's entire equipment budget. We need to recover as much of this equipment as we can.

The policy on the return of checked out equipment is as follows: All equipment should be returned, in clean condition, no later than two meetings after the outing. Also, it is the Scout's responsibility to contact the Scout Quartermaster for inspection and check in of equipment. It is not appropriate simply to bring equipment to the meeting and leave it in the back of the room. If the scout Quartermaster is not present when you return equipment, please see Mr. Carstensen, the Adult Quartermaster.

## This Month's Activities – First Aid and Advancement

**April 6 – Troop Court of Honor**  
**6:30 – 9:00 pm**  
*Sycamore Elementary MPR*

*Celebrate the accomplishments and successes of the Troop.*

**April 13 – Troop Meeting**  
*Cancelled due to Spring Break*

**April 20 – Troop Meeting & Parent Meeting**  
**7:15 – 8:30 pm**  
*Sycamore Elementary MPR*

*"Search & Rescue". Come see how your Patrol would handle a rescue operation.*

**April 24/25 – Pinnacles Weekend**  
*Pinnacles National Monument*

*Organized by our Dragon Patrol -- a one night campout, hike and exploration at the Pinnacles National Monument.*

*Permissions slip can be found on the Troop website – deadline for signing up is **April 10**.*

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**April 27 – Troop PLC**  
**7:15 – 8:30 pm**  
**Sycamore Elementary MPR**

*The planning meeting for our May activities. Mandatory attendance for Patrol Leaders and key Junior Leadership staff.*

For more details of any of these activities see your Patrol Leader or SPL.

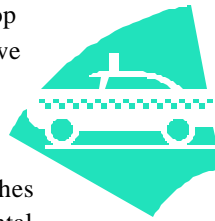
Please, check your garages, closets, and yes, even under beds. I'm hoping by the middle of April, we are able to recover a significant portion of these missing items. Please help us in recovering this wayward equipment.

Thank you

## Permission Slips are IMPORTANT!

By Susan Oki

Every time the Troop arranges an outing we ask that a permission slip is completed for each scout who wishes to participate. Parental permission is required by Boy Scouts of America, and provide us with critical information should an emergency arise. In recent times we have received many incomplete forms – we need your support in making sure these important documents are appropriately filled in.



The critical information the Troop MUST have on your scout is:

- **Emergency Contact**  
We need to have the **NAME** and **PHONE** number of an individual who can be contacted in the event of an emergency when you, the parents, are unavailable.
- **Doctor**  
We require details on your sons **DOCTOR** and again the **PHONE** number to use to contact this physician. Merely providing us with a name is not sufficient.
- **Insurance**  
Information on the **COMPANY**

and **POLICY** number for medical insurance. A health care organization needs this for obvious reasons.

- **Allergies & Other Comments**  
Any relevant notes on your sons' **ALLERGIES** and other issues that the Troop Adult Leaders need to be aware of. The lack of this information can be life threatening.

Other information which is important and is used to complete the required BSA Tour Permit, if a parent plans to assist by chaperoning & driving on an outing, is:

- **Driver**  
The **NAME** and **CDL#** of the driver needs to be defined and this should be the individual who truly does drive. Substituting another adult/parent is not possible as it would require a BSA Tour Permit update.
- **Vehicle**  
The **MAKE, MODEL,** and **INSURANCE** coverage of the vehicle you will drive on the outing. Again, substituting another vehicle is not possible.
- **Cellular Phone**  
So that the drivers can maintain contact on an outing we are now asking for **CELL PHONE** details were available.

Sometime this key data is already printed on the permission slip other times it needs to be filled in. The accuracy and completeness of this information is important.

Please take the time to ensure we have the details we need to maintain a safe outing for our scouts and adults. Your support in completing the forms, fully, helps us with outing

preparations and enables us to focus on the outings themselves.

## Kiwanis Service Project



Many hands make light work, and that was certainly the case for our

Kiwanis Service Project. The whole project was completed in record time.

An event organized by our Order of the Arrow scouts, we assisted the Kiwanis in constructing 5 benches for the SRVUSD Venture School. The project was completed by our scouts in just over an hour, a far cry from the three hours we expected.

Scout participants:

- Andrew Dala
- Colin Garavaglia
- Joe Lawton
- Curtis Lui
- Robert Meyer
- Christopher Oki
- Brian Perry

Adult participants:

- Josette Dala
- Steven Oki
- Susan Oki

## SPL and PL Election

Our SPL and PL elections are scheduled for May; see the Troop calendar for the dates.



The job descriptions for these positions and the other

leadership roles can be found on the Troop Website at:

<http://www.troop805.org/Resources/ltjobs.html>

If you are interested in running for the SPL position please see the Scoutmaster.

## Scout Skills Weekend

Do you remember what your responsibilities are for the Toten Chit or Fireman



Chit? Do you understand why we use the three bowl method for cleaning dishes? How about packing a backpack or

building a fire? What about the rules of Euchre?

The scouts that attended the Scout Skills weekend successfully learnt all of this and much more.

Special recognition to our newest scouts:

*Adam & Colin*

who **WON** our fire building competition.  
Way to go!

Scout participants:

- Andrew Dala
- Colin Garavaglia
- Scott Garnick
- Adam Hillyer
- Robert Meyer
- Christopher Oki
- Brian Perry
- Craig Schleicher

Adult participants:

- Steve Garavaglia
- Ira Hillyer
- Steven Oki
- Susan Oki

## 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.