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Troop Tidings

Congratulations

Please join the Troop
in congratulating

**Christopher
Oki**

on achieving the Rank
of Eagle Scout.

Christopher is the 40th
Eagle Scout to be
awarded in the Troop.



Parent Meeting Minutes

By Josette Dala

June 15, 2004

Attendees: Octavio Ricart,
Josette Dala, Al Banisch, Ed Angle

1. Troop Secretary will send flowers to Neil Matsunaga. He is in the hospital.
2. Court of Honor is 7/20 at The Wolfe Ranch (since deferred).
3. Budget Motion by Octavio Ricart: Dues are a flat \$150.00 per year for returning scouts. New scouts are \$125.00 for the first year. All scrip money goes to the Troop with no reimbursements for camp. This will take effect 1/1/2005, therefore the camp reimbursements will be sent this year. Motion seconded by Al Banisch. All attendees were in favor. Motion passed.

4. Parent Committee would like to note that the dues structure just passed will create a \$2,000 per year shortfall so participating in the Scrip program is still important.
5. Adjournment.

Troop 805 Annual Planning Meeting

By C Liu, SPL

Our troop held our Annual Planning Meeting on Saturday, August 28 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. Many thanks to the scouts who attended with suggestions and ideas from their patrols and to the adults that aided in the background: Jonathan Angle, A Hillyer, Michael Lee, Robert Meyer, Chris Oki, Nick Ricart, Will Valdriz, Mr. and Mrs. Oki, Mr. And Mrs. Lee, Mr. Carstensen, and Mr. Meyer.

At the annual planning meeting we decided to try out some changes to the troop's to help it run more effectively. Here are some notable changes we made:

- o **Patrol attendance competition:**
To encourage patrol spirit and increase attendance at meetings, we will start a patrol attendance competition, which will begin the meeting of August 31. At each court of honor, the patrol with the largest number of attendance wins a prize such as a pizza dinner.

- **PLC change:** PLCs will be held either before or after the regular meeting time and there will be a regular troop meeting the same day. That way, we can incorporate the meeting plans of the troop program resources designed for a four-week month. Also, PLCs will plan two months in advance (e.g. planning November at the September PLC). This way, we have a month cushion to make any appointments or contact any merit badge counselors, and troop members will have a better idea of what will be held at meetings.
- **Court of Honor:** Court of Honors will be held the second meeting of the month (Jan/Apr/Jul/Oct) to prevent a conflict for the July court, which falls on or around July 4 with the current schedule.
- **Meeting Structure:** Each month we will try to have a merit badge to work on during patrol corners or some other activity. Scout wanting to work on this merit badge can do this while others are doing a different activity.
- **Recruitment:** Our goal is to recruit two new patrols next year. We plan to assign scouts to follow up with Webelos after a Webelos visit.

We also planned out next year's outing calendar. On this calendar are the traditional Ski Trip, Snow Camping, Whitewater Rafting, and Scouting for Food outings, as well as Sunol Backpacking, California Caverns, Yosemite and Half Dome, Sunset Beach, Sea Kayaking, and the U.S.S. Hornet. Troop 805 will be returning to Camporee with a Pre-Camporee before that, taking on new places like 5 Lakes Basin, the Pacific

Crest Trail, Advance Camp for Merit Badges, and sporting with Golf and Bowling in the winter. For those older scouts seeking High Adventure outings, we will return to Seabase in August and have a half-fifty in Lassen.

New Member of the Order of the Arrow

By Steven Oki

Let's welcome our newest member to the Order of the Arrow,

Nick Ricart

Nick was voted to be a candidate to the OA last April and completed his required ordeal in August at Camp Wolfboro.



The OA members are a select group of boys that have been voted in by at least 50% of the attending scouts at the

Troop annual OA election.

OA eligibility requirements are:

The scout must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping under the auspices and standards of the BSA within two years immediately prior to the election.

- One long term camping experience defined as 6 consecutive days and nights of camping.
- The remainder met through short term camping.

To complete the membership requirement the scout attends a 2-day Ordeal.

This Month's Activities – Patrol Spirit & Development

by JT Moranski

September 7 – Troop Meeting 7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary Blacktop

Opening: *Phoenix*

Activity: *Patrol Flags & Patrol Yells*

Bring materials for Patrol flags. Award to the patrol with the best patrol flag and patrol yell

Game: *Basketball: Dragons*

Closing: *Dragons*

September 14 – Troop Meeting 7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary Blacktop

Opening: *Eagles*

Activity: *Knot Instruction*

Game: *Knot relay competition*

Closing: *Badgers*

September 17-19 – Flume Trail Lake Tahoe

Organized by our Dragon Patrol -- a two night campout, and 25 mile bike hike and exploration along the Flume Trail.

Permissions slip deadline: **Friday September 10** – to Mrs. Lee

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September 21 – Troop Meeting & Parent Meeting

7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR

Opening: Cobras

Activity: Physical fitness competition

1. Push-ups
2. Fireman's Carry
3. Backpack run/walk
4. Sit-ups
5. Coil & Throw a rope

Closing: Phoenix

September 28 – Troop PLC

6:30 – 7:15 pm ; prior to meeting

Sycamore Elementary Stage Area

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

September 28 – Troop Meeting

7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR

Opening: Dragons

Activity: Instruction on first aid, search and rescue in patrols

Closing: Eagles

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

Nick was our only candidate this year, and was voted in because of his camping skills, and his demonstration of scouting values. Let's congratulate Nick in a job well done!

Sharks on the Move

By Susan Oki

Are you saying to yourself, "Does the Troop seem smaller?"



Yes, the Shark's are off to college and on to another phase in their lives.

So where are they going?

- Billy Andrew – University of the Pacific
- Kevan Carstensen – Cal Poly Pomona
- Alex Moroz-Smietana – Oregon
- Drew Scanlon – UCLA
- Mark Totten – UC San Diego
- Eric Wostenberg – UCLA

We certainly will miss them but we hope they'll come back to visit when their next home from school.

September Outing – The Flume Trail

By Jeanne Lee

Are you looking for something different to do on September 17th through the 19th?

If so, join us for a scenic bike. Are you working on, or even just thinking

about working on the Cycling Merit badge then this ride is just for you.

The Flume Trail Mountain Bike Ride and Camping Trip will be two nights camping at Sugar Pine Point State Park on the beautiful shores of Lake Tahoe. We will be doing Dutch oven cooking on Saturday night, which means "Moose and Squirrel" for dessert.

The bike ride is a 25 mile mountain bike ride on the eastern side of Lake Tahoe. The ride begins at Spooner Lake and heads north past Marlette Lake. We'll stop and have lunch Marlette Lake and continue northward along the flume Trail, which ends up at Hidden Beach along the eastern shore of Lake Tahoe. Then we will ride back to Spooner Lake.

Philmont Scout Ranch Trek - A High Adventure Outing

By Jeanne Lee

The Philmont trek was a high adventure backpacking trip. The trek was 11 days long. The trek to Philmont began many months before the official Trek date of July 15, 2004. We did a couple of shakedown trips, one we went backpacking in the Sunol Wilderness, and the other was to Loch Leven Lakes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

We flew to Albuquerque on July 13th, toured old town Albuquerque, visited a couple of museums, and went to the top of Sandia Peak. The next morning we drove to Philmont, which is just outside of Cimarron, New Mexico.

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“Philmont Scout Ranch Trek - A High Adventure Outing”

Philmont Itinerary Details and Features:

Day #1 - Headquarters. We met our Ranger, collected our gear and food, and packed for our big adventure.

Day #2

Vaca Camp (trail), 7,440', Ranger Training where we learned all about setting up our camp, bear bagging our food and most importantly “The Bearmuda Triangle”.

Day #3

Deer Lake Camp (trail), 8,220', 3.0 miles

Shotgun shooting & reloading (at Harlan Camp). There was a most spectacular lightening (and thunder) show around Deer Lake.

Day #4

Cimarroncito Camp (staffed), 8,160', 7.3 miles.

Rock climbing, environmental program, Showers

Day #5

Sawmill Camp (staffed), 9,180', where we did .30-06 rifle shooting and reloading, Showers

Day #6

Comanche Peak Camp (trail), 11,100', we had some hail and lots of rain, but the view was spectacular. The hike was hard as we had to carry all of our water up the peak.

Day #7 - Hike over Comanche Peak (11,326') and Mt. Phillips (11,741')

Comanche Camp (trail), 9,600', the view was excellent from the top of Mt. Phillips

Rocky Mt. Fur Company (at Clear Creek - staffed) provided us with a tour of a typical fur trapper’s cabin.

Day #8

Homesteading (at Crooked Creek - side hike, staffed), we did our service project at Crooked Creek. We helped dig a saw pit. We also had a tour of the homestead, tried our hands at chopping wood. We spent the night at Buck Creek Camp (trail), 9,160'.

Day #9

Beaubien Camp (staffed), 9,340'. Beaubien was the largest staff camp that we stayed at during the trek. They had Horseback Riding, Western Lore, a Chuckwagon Dinner, and Showers. The Chuckwagon Dinner was the best. The only downside was having to scrub the 150 gallon stew pot.

Day #10

Lookout Meadow Camp (trail), 9,420'. There was so much rain that any of the possible side hikes to the peaks: Trail Peak (10,250'), Rayado Peak (9,790'), or Crater Peak (9,740') became impossible.

Day #11

Zastrow Camp (staffed), 6,950'. Land navigation/GPS use, Rededication to Scouting ceremony, Dutch oven dessert. We had a brief stop at Abreu for root beer, peanuts and to play cards.

Day #12

Headquarters – we caught the bus, personally, I’ve never been so glad to see a school bus in my life. We turned in our equipment, showered, and went into Cimarron for pizza at Simple Simon’s Pizza. We walked around Cimarron like tourists. Our closing campfire was abbreviated due to the severe weather (rain, hail, thunder).

The Philmont crew was: Bryan Davis, Sean Carstensen, Brian Dunican, Michael Isaeff, Michael Lee and Michael Spahn. The adult trek advisors were Robert Davis, Sean Davis, , John Dunican, Albert Lee, Jeanne Lee and David Spahn.

Next Month’s Preview – Electronics & Radio

by JT Moranski

October 5 – Troop Meeting with Webelos

7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR

Opening: *Badgers*
Activity: *JLT Challenges, Cook-off (Iron Chef)*
Closing: *Cobras*

October 12 – Court of Honor
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR

October 19 – Troop Meeting
7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR

Opening: *Phoenix*
Activity: *Radio; Kayaking MB if Radio MB cannot be arranged (safety afloat)*
Game: *Basketball (Cobras)*
Closing: *Dragons*

October 26 – Troop Meeting
7:15 – 8:30 pm

Sycamore Elementary MPR

Opening: *Eagles*
Activity: *Radio; Kayaking MB if Radio MB cannot be arranged (safety afloat)*
Game: *TBD (Badgers)*
Closing: *Badgers*

October 26 – Troop PLC
8:30 – 9:00 pm; following meeting
Sycamore Elementary MPR

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

Summer Camp – Loose Ends

By Susan Oki

Don't leave those partial merit badges incomplete! Pick up your partial blue cards from the Scoutmaster, check the Troop website for the current list of Troop 805 Merit Badge Councilors, select a councilor, and make an appointment to get those final requirements handled.

Partials are available for:



Name	Merit Badge
Banisch, J	Basketry
Dala, A	Basketry Communication Wood Carving
Green, M	Leatherwork Archery
Garnick, S	Archery
Hillyer, A	Fishing
Meyer, R	Communication First Aid
Moranski, JT	Archery Wood Carving
Ricart, Nick	Wood Carving



Advancement Opportunity

Alan Meyer

The Livermore Amateur Radio Klub (LARK) is interested in developing a course to provide young adults (12-18 boys and girls) with the

necessary skills to support the emergency response services in the

Tri-County area. LARK approached Troop 805 and offered to collaborate with our Merit Badge Councilors to develop this training program.

This will be a progressive course leading to a number of radio licenses and the Electricity, Electronics, Radio, and Emergency

Preparedness merit badges. Currently, we intend to begin this course in late September or early October.

We are currently planning on a "lock in" at the Rocknasium Climbing Gym in Davis Ca. Rocknasium offers their facilities for the hours between 10:00 pm and 6:00am for Scouts to spend the night climbing.

They will also offer the climbing merit badge for those interested scouts.

The Red Cross offers courses in First Aid and CPR. These courses cover much of the First Aid MB requirements. Check out the local Red Cross web site at

<http://chapters.redcross.org/ca/scv/CPRClassSchedule.html>

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.