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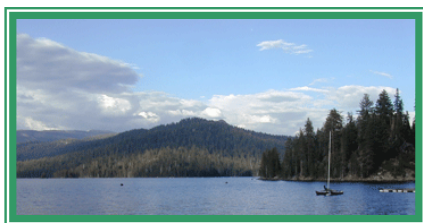
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Danville, CA 94526  
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# Troop Tidings

## 2006 Summer Camp

Troop 805's 2006 Summer Camp is scheduled to take place the week of **July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 5<sup>th</sup>** mark your calendar now, requests for commitment to participate are now available on the Troop website at:



<http://troop805.org/forms/2006-07-30%20Camp%20Kern.pdf>

Commitment forms need to be returned by **January 10<sup>th</sup>**.

This year's camp will be held at Camp Kern, a high Sierra camp operated by the Southern Sierra Council. Camp Kern is located on one of the most famous sailing lakes in North America. It is on the shores of Huntington Lake, 7,000 ft above the San Joaquin Valley floor in the High Sierra Mountains of California. A great drive to camp ends at our parking lot where all troops load themselves and their gear onto one of our two camp barges for a 15-minute trip across Huntington Lake.

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 rugged beauty of the Sierra.

(Check out the Camp Kern web site at:

<http://www.campkern.net/>,

to learn more about the camp, and camp programs.)

## Troop Meeting – Dec 13

### Toys for Tots Collection

As part of the December 13 Troop meeting we will be having a collection for Toys for Tots. Each scout is asked to bring a new UNWRAPPED TOY to donate to this cause.

### Gift Exchange

Our annual gift exchange will also be part of the last December meeting. Scouts are bringing a WRAPPED gift of no more than a \$5. value to the meeting.

### Scout Spirit – Skits & Entertainment

Each Patrol is planning a scout spirit activity as part of our meeting. Talk to you Patrol leader so that you are prepared.

## Court of Honor

**Date: January 10**  
**Time: 7:15 pm**



The January Court of Honor will include potluck desserts and an opportunity to view some of the activities from 2005.

Watch your email for more details.

# Calendar for 2006

Complete details of the 2006 calendar can be found at:

<http://troop805.org/calendar/2006%20AnnualCalendar.pdf>

## Leadership & 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, they can be asked to take on a leadership role, or they can identify a need and ask the Scoutmaster if they can get address it. Scouts in leadership positions are critical to the successful operation of the Troop as a whole. Look for our new **Leadership Team Roster** at the end of this newsletter.



One of the key things expected of any leader is “**Setting the Example**”. They do so by actively participating in Troop meetings and outings — our leaders are required to attend at least 2/3 of the meetings and outings. They similarly “**Set the Example**” by wearing the Scout uniform and by helping whenever they are ask but also looking for opportunities to assist the Troop. Our boy leaders are also asked to establish at least **one** goal for their leadership position. These are activities or tasks relevant to their position of office which helps them make a difference; a mechanism by which they can help the Troop and themselves.

Start looking for ways you can make a difference! All leadership position responsibilities are described on the Troop website build. Don't let you leadership role go un-noticed.

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.

## Skiing!

By Ken Screechfield

The Soaring Eagles Patrol is sponsoring a Troop skiing trip in early February (3-5).

We will be heading up to the Bear Valley Ski Area and staying at the cabin in Dorrington (about 30 minutes from Bear Valley). This trip is a great opportunity to spend a fun day skiing with your friends. Parents, you're also welcome to participate in the weekend ski trip.



To help you in your planning and decision, here is some key info on this trip. More detailed information

will be available on the trip permission slip that will be available at the December 13<sup>th</sup> Troop meeting.

- ❖ Leave on Friday afternoon at approximately 4:30 p.m.
- ❖ Returning to Danville about mid-afternoon on Sunday.
- ❖ Trip limited to a maximum of 20 participants (parents and adults).
- ❖ Scouts 12 years old and younger **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

## This Month's Activities – Cheerful Service

**December 3 – USS Hornet Alameda CA**

Organized by our Cobra Patrol – an opportunity to learn about this floating museum with your fellow Patrol members.

**December 6 – Troop Meeting 7:15 – 8:30 pm**  
**Sycamore Elementary Outside**

Opening: Badgers  
Activity: Snow Camping  
Game: TBD  
Closing: Cobras

**December 10 – Troop JLT 8:45 am – 2:30 pm**  
**St. Timothy's Church**

Troop Leadership training for ALL Junior leaders in the Troop. See newsletter for more details.

**December 10 – Bowling Danville Bowl**

Organized by our Badgers Patrol – an opportunity to have some fun and compete against your fellow Patrol members.  
**Registration deadline Dec. 6**

**December 13 – Troop Meeting 7:15 – 8:30 pm**  
**Sycamore Elementary MPR**

Opening: Eagles  
Activity: Toys for Tots  
Gift Exchange  
Talent Show  
Closing: Dragons

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**December 20 – NO Meeting**  
Christmas

**December 27 – NO Meeting**  
Christmas

**January 3 – No Meeting**  
New Years

**January 10 – Court of Honor**  
7:15 – 8:15 pm  
Sycamore Elementary MPR

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

- ❖ Dinner and both breakfasts at the cabin will be provided. Friday dinner and meals at the ski area will be the responsibility of the scout.

As with all trips to the snow, remember to dress in layers to stay comfortable. A base layer is needed against your skin to “wick” the moisture away, two “warmth” layers for the upper body and an “outer” layer that is water resistant. You can enhance the “outer” layer by spraying on a fresh coat of durable water repellent (e.g. REI’s Elements, Marmont PreCip, Columbia’s Entrant, GoreTex, etc.) Wearing two “thinner warmth” layers instead of one “thick warmth” layer allows the individual to:

- ❖ Adjust the amount of clothing worn to suit the level of exertion, weather, etc.
- ❖ Have an additional layer for moisture protection (such as water seeping through the “outer” layer).

Questions?  
Contact Kent Screechfield at [kscreechfield@lowney.com](mailto:kscreechfield@lowney.com) or 736-5870 up until 9PM.

## Thanks to the Troop



Thanks to the Troop for the kind thoughts and bouquet of balloons during my recent hospitalization.

Neal Matsunaga

## Troop Leadership Training

The Troop Leadership Team will meet on **December 10** for Leadership Training. This is a



**MANDATORY** participation event for the following Leadership positions:

- ❖ Senior Patrol Ldr. (SPL)
- ❖ Asst. Senior Patrol Ldrs. (ASPL)
- ❖ Patrol Ldrs. (PL)
- ❖ Scribe
- ❖ Quartermaster (QM)
- ❖ Instructor
- ❖ Troop Guide

The training will take place as follows:

**Location:** St. Timothy’s Church  
1550 Diablo Blvd.  
Danville CA 94526

**Date:** **December 10, 2005**

**Time:** 8:45 am to 2:30pm

Lunch will be provided.

The above positions need to confirm their attendance with the SPL by December 6<sup>th</sup>.

# Golf Tournament Extraordinaire

The tournament was a great success and may turn out to be an annual



event. The day started with an opportunity to practice some skills at the range, and ended

at the golf course with a tournament and putting contest. The scouts competed on a raw score, and a Callaway adjusted score.

The top three results in each category were:

### Raw Score Competition:

- ❖ Chris O. (30)
- ❖ Lucas H. (44)
- ❖ Adam H. (50)

### Callaway Adjusted Score Competition:

- ❖ Lucas H. (29)
- ❖ Tim A. (31)
- ❖ Colin G. (32)

A number of other (including some humorous) awards were also distributed:

- ❖ Tim A. – Best Golf Story
- ❖ Dylan D. – Best Water Skier
- ❖ Ian F. – Best use of Green
- ❖ Colin G. – Best “Fore” Caller
- ❖ Lucas H. – Most Improved  
– Longest Drive  
– Long Putt
- ❖ Adam H. – Best Sportsman  
– Closest to the Hole
- ❖ JT. – Most Tanned

- ❖ Chris O. – Best Lumberjack
- ❖ Brett S. – Most Impressive Score  
– Short Putt

## Service Project – Ivy Pulling at the Methodist Church

The following letter was written by Ken Nicholson, District Commissioner, thanking the area scouts for their participation in a Service Project at one of our sponsors, the United Methodist Church on Danville Blvd. Troop 805 participants included Trevor W., Nick R., Thomas V. and Susan Oki.

It was truly an amazing sight! Over 75 Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and parents spent their Saturday morning pulling overgrown ivy at the San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church.

When we arrived we learned that the Pulling of the Ivy was needed because it had become a haven for rodents in the preschool area of the church. Removing the ivy reduced the risk of disease to the toddlers that play in the yard.

There was a true sense of Scout spirit as everyone worked together to make the area safe. Because so many Tigers, Cubs, Webelos and Scouts came to help, the job was done early. And they did a superb job. It looked so great that the church's representative couldn't believe it.

We had Scouts from the following units:

Pack 53, Pack 72, Pack 228, Pack 805, Pack 536, Pack 800, Pack 201, Pack 882

Troop 36, Troop 60, Troop 201, Troop 1630, Troop 1776, Troop 815, Troop Troop 805, Ship 72

We even had help from Pack 239 of the Iron Horse District, who was doing a project toward their religious emblem!

The Methodist Church has been sponsoring our monthly leader's roundtable meetings for at least the last 10 years and it was great to see all the Scouts come out to thank the church with this much needed service project.

I'd like to personally thank all of the leaders that helped get the word out to the Cubs and Scouts. Many thanks also to the parents that saw the importance of participating in the service project. Most of all, thank you to everyone that helped with the Pulling of the Ivy.

Here's wishing you all the best the holidays can bring to you and your family.

Most sincerely,  
**Ken Nicholson**  
District Commissioner

## 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

# New Leadership Team

